

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

10 September 2023

'No man is an island...' How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our 'debt of mutual love'. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is 'the answer to every one of the commandments.'

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, help us never to abandon your ways. As you have loved and shown us your mercy, may we sincerely express our love for God by loving our neighbour and being merciful to them. Jesus, King of Divine Mercy, we trust in you.

2. READINGS

First: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 - The prophet explains that God will hold him responsible for failing to pass on information from God.

Psalms 94 - O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your heart / Come ring out our joy to the Lord / Come in and let us bow and bend low.

Second: Romans 13 8-10 - All the commandments are summed up in a single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself ... love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20 - Jesus outlines a process for resolving conflicts in the community - approaching the offender first and then the elders. ... "Where two or three meet in my name, I am there."

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE: This week as a Diocese we pray for the parishioners of the parishes of St. Ambrose and St. Bernadette, with Fr. Peter Tierney, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, Loreto High School, and the Marist Sisters. May they be inspired by the example of St. Ambrose Barlow, born in their parish, and helped by his prayers.

4. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING: Sunday, 24 September following the 11.00 am Mass, our usual Coffee/Tea and Cake will be available in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research. Please come for a catch up with fellow parishioners and support this very important Charity. We look forward to seeing you there.

5. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM – 13 September 2023: St John Chrysostom 'golden mouthed' was born in Antioch in 349. He became Bishop of Constantinople in 397 but, because of his steadfast preaching, he faced opposition from the Empress. He died in exile in 407.

SAINT CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN – 16 September: both lived in a time of turbulence in the Church: they were

at the forefront of the debate on reconciling those who had denied the faith under persecution. Together they struck a middle course and guided the Church onward by writing and preaching. Cornelius died in exile in 253; Cyprian was martyred in 258.

6. MASS FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM - Saturday 23rd September 2023, 3pm; St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, M4 4FA

A special celebration Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham will be taking place on Saturday 23rd September. Our afternoon of prayer begins at 2.30pm with the Rosary, before Mass begins at 3pm. There will also be an opportunity for confession. Everyone is welcome to join us for refreshments after Mass.

7. DIOCESAN PILGRIMATE TO WALSINGHAM – SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 4th May 2024

The Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce the date for our next annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. Next year's day pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 4th May. We are also pleased to once again offer an overnight option, following the popularity of this year's two-day pilgrimage. To register your interest, please

email walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

8. KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA NATIONAL RELICS TOUR – SAINT ANDREW, SAINT MARGARET, ST COLUMBA:

An exciting opportunity to pray before the relics of three inspiring saints is heading to our diocese this month. The Knights of St Columba are proud to be accompanying the sacred relics of Saints Andrew, Margaret, and Columba on a tour of churches across the country, including a number of parishes in our diocese. Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass in honour of the visit at St Mary's, Horwich, at 7pm on Monday 11th September.

Find out more about the tour and where you can join in prayer at <https://ksc.org.uk/national-relics-tour-2023-september/>. We start at 9am and finish by 10am for a cuppa and cake. New volunteers always welcome. See notice at back of church.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 361; Offertory: 443, 362; Communion: 134, 509; Recessional: 557.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 736; Offertory: 523; Communion: 628, 681 Recessional: 290.

9. HOPE IN THE FUTURE CELEBRATION

EVENT: *Tuesday 3rd October 2023, 6:30pm - 9pm*
The Edge, Riveredge, Wigan WN3 5AB

Join the Diocese of Salford's Formation Department for a special event celebrating our six-year Hope in the Future journey.

The event will include inspiring talks from Bishop John and lay missionary Pippa Baker, music from One Hope Project, opportunities for small-group discussions and idea sharing, and a quiet time of prayer led by Bishop John.

The event is free of charge and open to all and is ideal for those who have been involved in Hope in the Future in their parish, deanery, or school, those who would like to learn more about it or begin their own journey, and for individuals seeking to grow as Missionary Disciples.

Register your place

at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/hope-in-the-future-celebration-event/

10. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: After a well-deserved rest this summer, the children and staff have returned excited for the new

academic year. They have enjoyed spending time in their new class and spending time with their new teacher. All the children have been working extremely hard this week and are excited about all the exciting learning opportunities planned this year. We look forward to spending time with our parish family this year and sharing masses together. We are also looking forward to our new school year mass on Thursday 28th September and hope to see you all there. Here's to an exciting year ahead. Stay with us Lord on our journey.

11. SUNDAY SMILES

A parishioner needed some crockery from a parish centre cupboard that was seldom used, and was secured with a combination lock. She didn't know the combination, but the priest offered to give it a try. Fr. O'Malley placed his fingers on the lock's dial and raised his eyes heavenwards for a moment. Then he confidently spun the dial, smiled and opened the lock. The parishioner was very impressed with his demonstration of faith and so asked him, "Did you receive guidance from above, Father?" "In a way", replied the priest, "you see the numbers are written on the ceiling!"

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

- MONDAY:** Both churches closed.
- TUESDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** **St Herbert's Primary School:** Mass at 9.00 am
St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; **Parish Mass at 10.10 am**
- THURSDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
- FRIDAY:** **St Herbert's:** Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
- SATURDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 5.00 pm; Mass at 5.30 pm
- SUNDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
St Herbert's: Private Prayer 10.30 am; Mass at 11.00 am

CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE BEFORE OR AFTER MASS ON REQUEST

MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo

Special Intention: Family & friends of Jean Allen (RIP)

Lately Dead: Marie Larkin, Jane Louisa Santoro, Gerrard Barrett, Mary Baker

RIP: Mario McDonnell, Patricia Steveson, Rita Walton, Holy Souls in Purgatory

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish: Wade Stevens, Luke Burke, John McCarthy, Gerard Healey, Mary Gowran, Margaret Lawless, Edith Hamilton, David Roberts, Agnes Conroy, Mrs Monica Anne Turner, Angela Delph, Dorothy Buckley, Nora Hickey, Sheila Cavey, Nancy Pinto, Mrs H Fallas, Anthony McDermott, Jean Winterbottom, Maxine Bennett, Dominic Boardman, Angela Fairgrieve, Jack Hulme, Peter Wooldridge, Nikki Winnard, Pauline Powell, Phillip Lees, Andrew Lees, Mary O'Connor.



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ARE YOU...

- New to the Parish?
- Know someone who is sick or in hospital?
- Can you help the parish or us you?
- Like a visit from the priest?

Please speak to Fr Lawrence after mass or at any convenient time.