

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

29 October 2023

When you look at something like the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and see its 691 pages, or look at the 2,000 pages of the Jerusalem Bible, you can be forgiven for thinking that Christianity is a complicated affair. But Jesus reminds us today that it is essentially very simple: everything can be summed up in two basic rules: love God, love your neighbour. Exodus backs this up by talking about the simple love that we must show to each other. Not that this is easy - love is always costly and involves some degree of sacrifice. We will have to change, to become perfect in love; but it is possible, and when we do, like the people of Thessalonica, we become a great example to people everywhere.

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: Exodus 22:20-26 - The Lord tells Moses to instruct the people how to behave towards the stranger, the widow, the orphan, the poor - and that the Lord will listen to their cries.

Psalms 17 - I love you Lord my strength / Long life to the Lord my stronghold.

Second: I Thessalonians 1:5-10 - Paul reflects that the people took to the gospel with the joy of the Holy Spirit, that they broke with idolatry and were converted to God and are now waiting for Jesus to come from heaven.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40 - The Pharisees put Jesus to the test by asking about the greatest commandment - the answer "love the Lord your God ... and love your neighbour as yourself."

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE: This week let us pray for the parishioners of St. Winifred's, Heaton Mersey, and for Fr. Mark Paver, their parish priest. Let us pray for the parish primary school, for Stella Maris school and for the Sisters of Charity of St. Paul. May they be a community built firm on love of God and neighbour.

4. THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER: This Wednesday is the Feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows:

St Herbert's: 10.00 am
Corpus Christi: 6.30 pm

5. NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: During the month of November we offer prayers for the Holy Souls. A box will be placed at the back of each church for parishioners to drop in the names of their departed loved ones. There will also be a tree of Remembrance at the front of each church. Again parishioners are asked to write the names of their departed loved ones on the labels and to tie them to the tree.

6. PARISH SVP CHRISTMAS PROJECT: The SVP would like to distribute some Christmas food hampers to parishioners who may need a little help over the festive period and are unable to access the food pantry. If you want a hamper or you know of anybody who you think would benefit from one e.g. housebound, low income households etc, please forward your/their details to the parish email divinemercuryoldham@gmail.com

Please provide us with a name and contact number so we can arrange delivery and please ask consent of any nominees.

Donations of festive foods would be greatly appreciated but also items for hamper construction e.g. cellophane, tissue paper, ribbon. On behalf of the SVP, may I thank parishioners and Corpus Christi school for their Harvest donations and continued support. Thank you. The SVP.

7. POPPY WREATH: Any parishioner who would like to lay our Poppy Wreath at Chadderton War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, is asked to contact Michael Lawson on 65-3930 asap

8. BLESSING OF GRAVES: Will take place at Chadderton Cemetery on Sunday, 12 November at 2.30 pm.

9. END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME: Please note that this weekend marks the end of British Summer Time. The clocks will go back one hour, early on Sunday morning.

10. ST HERBERT'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE: will be held on 26th November in the Parish Centre at 12.00pm. We would appreciate gifts/bottles for the Tombola stalls, which can be left in a box at the back of Church. Raffle tickets are being sold after Mass - Lots of wonderful prizes to be won - first prize £100. Father Christmas will be visiting! Most of all we would love you to come along and support the fayre and make it a great success.

11. CHRISTMAS MEAL AT SAN ROCCO: Please note the final date for payment has passed. If you wish to attend, please pay this weekend (29th October), so the final numbers can be given to San Rocco

12. FAMILY QUIZ, 12 NOVEMBER IN ST HERBERT'S PARISH CENTRE: from 12-4 pm, quiz starting at 1pm. £5 adult, £2 child. Pie available for £2. Come along, have fun, and help enable a Paramedic Student to attend Placement in Tanzania. Poster at back of Church. Tickets from Trish Wildy in St Herbert's or ring on 07947 660389. If you cannot come, but would like to support, again, speak to Trish.

13. ALTAR SERVERS: Training for existing and new Altar Servers will be held on Saturday, 18th November at 11am at St Herbert's Church. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please come along. You can also speak to Patrick (Corpus) or Trish (St Herberts).

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 234; Offertory: 122; Communion: 133, 538; Recessional: 461.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 131; Offertory: 122; Communion: 334, 560; Recessional: 274.

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13. CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Fair will be held on Sunday 3rd December 2023 in Corpus Christi School Hall. The doors will open at 10.30 am after the 9.30 am Mass. Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale at all Masses. First Prize £100 plus many more prizes. Price of tickets £1.00 each. The Raffle will take place at the Christmas Fair and we would like to appeal for good quality prizes for the Raffle and bottles for the Bottle Tombola. Please come along and make this event a huge success.

14. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Staff are now having a 2-week break over half-term. We will resume lessons in the presbytery on Sunday 5th November. Many thanks for your support and encouragement.

15. PARKINSON'S UK OLDHAM AUTUMN FAIR: will take place this Sunday, 29 October from 12pm – 2pm in St Herbert's Parish Centre.

16. SAINTS OF THE WEEK - ST WINEFRIDE – 3 NOVEMBER: Very little is known for certain about her except that she lived in the 6th/7th century near Treffynon (Holywell) in Clwyd. Her cult has been widespread since the Middle Ages - centres at Shrewsbury where her remains were enshrined in 1138, and her well at Holywell, which has remained a place of healing and pilgrimage through penal times and today.

17. BINGO: Bingo is back on Thursday nights in St Herbert's Parish Centre lounge at 8.00 pm to start at 8.30 pm. Over 18s welcome.

18. PLAYGROUP: is closed for half-term and will reopen on Thursday, 2 November at 1.00 pm.

19. QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP: *Saturday 18th November, 10am, Sacred Heart Church, Rochdale, OL16 5BX:* A new monthly prayer group is set to begin in Rochdale with a special focus on praying for peace. The Queen of Peace Prayer Group will meet once a month at Sacred Heart Church in Rochdale. The first meeting takes place on Saturday 18th November and will begin at 10am with a welcome session and a talk on Our Lady's messages and the Five Stones of Medjugorje. This will be followed by adoration, praying the Rosary for peace, and the opportunity for confession. The morning will come to a close with midday Mass. All are welcome to join.

20. SUNDAY SMILE: SUNDAY SMILE: *The new Year 7 intake at St. Thomas the Dubious High School, are still causing teachers some concern with their lack of knowledge and attitudes to work. Here is another of the stories heard in the staff room this past week. (9)*

Tommy was late in class but said he obeyed the sign outside school which read, 'School Ahead. Go Slow'.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Rosary at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY: FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)	St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 6.00 pm; Mass at 6.30 pm
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: Peter Stone, James Cromwell

Lately Dead: Francis Watkinson, Andrzej Adamus

RIP:

Anniversary: Leanne Kerfoot, Bridget & Patrick Joyce, Lean Flood

Thanksgiving: Private Intention, Conrad & Agnes Apostol

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish: Peter Stone, Maureen Davies, 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.