

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

15 October 2023

The Church's year is drawing to a close: in a few weeks we will be thinking very clearly about the end of time - but here we have a preview. The parable of the banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the looking forward to the end times which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are baptised, we go to Church, we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith is that the Bridegroom will come again; let us be careful that the same parable is not addressed to us.

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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: Isaiah 26:6-10 - On this mountain, the Lord will prepare a banquet ... remove the mourning veil ... destroy death forever. ... It will be said "We exult and rejoice that he had saved us..."

Psalms 22 - In the Lord's own house I will dwell for ever and ever; / The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want / He guides me along the right path / You have prepared a banquet for me / Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me.

Second: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 - Paul reflects on his life and notes that there is nothing he cannot master with the help of the One who gives him strength: He acknowledges the companionship he received and prays that God will fulfil the Philippians needs.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14 - The parable of the wedding banquet: the invited guests would not attend - the servants gathered guests from the highways ... many are called, few are chosen.

3. PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN: will be read at the Sunday Masses on 14th and 15th October. Copies of the letter are available at the back of each church.

4. BAPTISMS: We welcome into the Divine Mercy Parish community Annie Elizabeth and Harmony Rose Grace who were baptised in the Parish last weekend.

5. CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD'S Family Fast Day Appeal. Together we are supporting families and communities in Pakistan to get help where they need it most. It's not too late to give online at cafod.org.uk. Thank you.

6. HARVEST FESTIVAL: This year's Harvest Festival will be celebrated at all Masses in the Parish this weekend the 14th/15th October. Parishioners are kindly asked to bring along items of food, non-perishable, and place them before the altar. These will then be given to the SVP foodbank for distribution.

7. SVP MEETING: The next meeting of the SVP will take place on Sunday, 22 October in St Herbert's Parish Centre after the 11.00 am Mass.

8. YOUNG AT CHURCH - Singing is Praying Twice: For those who have shown interest in forming a YoungAtChurch music

group, you are kindly asked to meet after 11.00 am Mass this Sunday at St Herbert's Church for 10 minutes maximum, to discuss and agree on a day for our regular practice. All are invited.

9. SOCIAL COMMITTEE: DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- UP AND COMING PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

St. Herbert's Christmas Fayre - Sunday 26th November 2023.

Corpus Christi Christmas Fayre - Sunday 3rd December 2023.

Parish Christmas Lunch, San Rocco Restaurant - Monday 4th December 2023

Mossley Brass Band, Corpus Christi School Hall - Sunday 17th December 2023.

New Year's Eve Dance, Live Singer and Hot Supper, St Herbert's Parish Centre

CHECK THE NEWSLETTER FOR FURTHER DETAILS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS!

10. CHRISTMAS MEAL: San Rocco has been booked for 5 December at 12.30 pm. It is a 3-course lunch costing £25.50. A deposit of £10 will be required on 14/15 or 21/22 October with the final balance and menu choice on 11/or 12 November. A list will be put up at the back of both churches for those who wish to attend.

11. 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 from the weekend of 21st/22nd October. 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.

12. 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.

13. WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: World Mission Sunday this year will take place on 22nd October. On this day, the whole Church unites together through prayer for its missionary activity, and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is: 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move' (based on Luke 24). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis encourages us all to set hearts ablaze with God's love and compassion for 'everyone has the right to receive the Gospel and

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 110; Offertory: 175; Communion: 628 ; Recessional: 529.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 226; Offertory: 789; Communion: 261, 125; Recessional: 718.

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we as Christ's followers have the duty to proclaim it without excluding anyone.'

For more information about World Mission Sunday and how you can get involved, please visit <https://missio.org.uk/world-mission-sunday-2023/>. Please take an envelope from the back of church and baskets will be available at the back of each church next weekend.

14. PLAYGROUP: is held every Thursday during term-time at St Herbert's Parish Centre from 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. £2.00 includes refreshments. All welcome.

15. SAINT OF THE WEEK: St Luke, Evangelist – 18 October: St Luke was born into a pagan family, was a convert to the faith and was a companion of St Paul. He composed the third Gospel and its sequel, the Acts of the Apostles.

16. THE NIGHTINGALE SINGERS: Coming up in St Vincent's Parish Centre, Caldershaw Road, Norden, Sunday 21st October at 7.30pm, a Concert by The Nightingale Singers, featuring a variety of Choral items. Tickets are available from Graham Sivills at graham@nordendesign.co.uk or **0787 584 2218**. Cost will be £10 per person including refreshments. Children free. The Concert is raising funds for CAFOD.

17. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: On Tuesday, children and staff came to school dressed in yellow in support of world mental health day. We raised £120 for 'Young Minds' charity. Thank you to all our families for their generous support and donations. On Thursday, we were very lucky to be treated to a special assembly by the "mad science" team. The children were captivated from start to finish and loved watching all the different science experiments. Next week is our final week of this first half term, and what a busy half-term it has been. Next week we look forward to many exciting activities including our half-termly wellbeing days.

St Herbert's: This week we held a Rosary celebration - each class spent time saying a decade of the Rosary and reflecting how we can serve God by following her example. After school parents were invited to join us in this celebration. It was lovely to see so many parents taking part. The reception class went to Foxdenton Park as part of their topic "Community". It was rather wet, but this didn't deter the children from exploring the park, where they fed the ducks, looked at the hall, visited the sensory garden and played in the play area. Upper key stage 2 held a Viking topic day. There were lots of wonderful costumes and they all had a fantastic day! As you know a 5 A- side football team were invited to play at Oldham Athletic at half time and we are glad to report they won 4-1 against St Edwards. We would just like to say thank you for your continued support in providing food for our vulnerable families. It is greatly appreciated. Stay with us Lord on our journey.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Rosary at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert's: Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am St Herbert's: Funeral Service at 12.00 noon for Margaret Alice Costello (RIP)
THURSDAY:	Corpus Christi: Rosary at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
FRIDAY:	St Herbert's: Rosary 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: Darren Gallier, Edward Kavanagh
RIP: Margaret Alice Costello, Deceased members of the Allen & Crosby families; Deceased members of the Larkin & Walsh families
Anniversary: Una Howe
Birthday Anniversary: Martin Francis Ward
Thanksgiving: Marc Apostol

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish: 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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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.