

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

22 October 2023

Everyone on this earth belongs to God. All are made in his image. Therefore, it is right that all men and women, 'from the rising to the setting of the sun', should know the God to whom they belong. The only desire of our God is that all should know and love him and find in him the fulfilment that they seek. Even a pagan king like Cyrus is used to further this knowledge of God - just as Jesus uses Caesar's head to make the point again: all belong to God, and the mission of all who acknowledge that belonging is to help others to find it. This is exactly what we see Paul, Silvanus and Timothy doing, as they write to the people of Thessalonika, to whom they carried the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 - The Lord anoints Cyrus, who he has called by name ... so that all may know from the rising of the sun to the setting that apart from God there is nothing.

Psalm 95 - Give the Lord glory and power / O sing a new song to the Lord / The Lord is great and worthy of praise / Give the Lord: you families of people / Worship the Lord in his temple.

Second: I Thessalonians 1:1-5 - Paul greets the church and says: that they are constantly remembered in his prayers ... for their faith: in action .. you have been chosen ... because the Good News came: to you as power and the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21 - Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE: Let us pray: this week for the people of the parish of the Sacred Heart and St. Francis, Gorton, for their parish priest, Fr. Kevin Murphy, and for: Deacon Davie Nalikata. We pray for their parish primary schools: and for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph. May they give: the Lord glory and power.

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

5. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING: will take place in the Parish Centre following the 11:00 am Mass this Sunday, 22nd October. All are welcome please come and join us for a catch up with refreshments Tea and Coffee.

6. DEFIBRILLATOR – ST HERBERT'S SACRISTY: Following recent essential maintenance, the designated church Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is available for use in the event of an emergency. The unit is permanently located in the Sacristy and signage to that effect is displayed in the church porch and Sacristy door marked AED. A regular testing procedure is now also in place. A demonstration on how to use the Defibrillator will take place at this weekend's Coffee Morning on Sunday, 22 October in St Herbert's Parish Centre after 11.00 am Mass.

7. WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Today we mark World Mission Sunday - a day on which our Church comes together in prayer and practical support for missionaries who bring the love and hope of Christ to those in situations of poverty and

injustice. We invite you to join us today in praying for the mission of the Church throughout the world. For more information about World Mission Sunday and how you can get involved, please visit <https://missio.org.uk/world-mission-sunday-2023/>. Baskets will be available at the back of each church for donations. Thank you.

8. CHRISTMAS MEAL: San Rocco has been booked for Tuesday, 5 December at 12.30 pm. It is a 3-course lunch costing £25.50. A deposit of £10 will be required this weekend, 21/22 October, with the final balance and menu choice on 11/12 or 18/19 November. A list will be put up at the back of both churches for those who wish to attend.

9. 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.

10. DIOCESAN SYNOD – THE BIG LISTEN: Last weekend saw the launch of the first key stage of our diocesan synod - The Big Listen. Over the coming months, we're inviting you to help us reflect on the needs of our community today and how our diocese is being called to respond. To find out more information about the diocesan synod and how to get involved at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/>

11. HARVEST THANKSGIVING: Many thanks to parishioners who donated items of food at last Sunday's Harvest Masses. These will go into the parish food bank.

12. 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 652-3930 asap.

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

14. PLAYGROUP: will be closed for half-term and will reopen

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 361; Offertory: 443; Communion: 165, 133; Recessional: 568.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 361; Offertory: 352; Communion: 284, 256; Recessional: 120.

on Thursday, 2 November at 1.00 pm.

15. 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.

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

17. SAINTS OF THE WEEK – SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE – 28 October: The name of Simon is placed eleventh in the list of apostles and nothing is known of him except that he was born at Cana and was known as the Zealot. Jude, also known as Thaddaeus, was the apostle who, at the Last Supper, asked the Lord why he showed himself only to his disciples and not to the whole world.

18. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: It has been a very busy week this week at Corpus Christi. The staff and children are looking forward to their half-term break next week. This week, classes across the school took part in their half-termly well-being activity. The children absolutely loved their visit from Druhm official. We said goodbye to Mrs Schofield this week after 34 years at

our school cook. She will be greatly missed by our school and parish community. Owl Class did a fantastic job delivering a wonderful assembly for her this week. The children enjoyed their annual 'Ugly Bug Ball'. Thank you to our PTA for running the event and supporting the school. We also commissioned our new Laudato Si team. They were presented with their official tie and certificate. They made their official pledge to the team, and we look forward to the work they will be doing this year.

St Herbert's: On Tuesday we held our harvest festival which was wonderful as we shared it with grandparents who filled the hall. The pupil chaplains led the celebration and were amazing. Thank you to our grandparents who attended. We hoped you enjoyed it. Children in year 3 met the Sacramental programme leader and they are all excited for the journey ahead. Stay with them Lord on their journey. Class 5 and 6 celebrated Mass with Parishioners on Friday. It was a lovely occasion.

19. SUNDAY SMILE: *A local church's Harvest Supper was a great success, the comedian keeping everyone amused with his one-liners. Here are just a few. (8)*

This policeman came up to me with a pencil and a piece of very thin paper. He said, "I want you to trace someone for me." Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.

Thanks for explaining the word 'many' to me, it means such a lot.

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
- 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: Peter Stone, Rita Murphy

RIP: William Ambrose

Anniversary: Sheila Robinson

Birthday Anniversary: Harry Lawless

Birthday Mass: Barbara Mallinson

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.