

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

8 October 2023

A short reflection on today's second reading.

This warm and affectionate little passage was probably originally the end of a letter from Paul to the community at Philippi which he loved so well. It is a lovely conclusion to a letter. Paul encourages them in every way to be cheerful in the Lord, but especially to be grateful. If we really appreciate that the Lord is near, we cannot worry, and the peace of God will rest upon us. Then also gratitude and thanksgiving will be our mode of thought, penetrating all our thoughts on every subject. May we ever be grateful to God, and may God grant us peace of mind. Amen.

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 5:1-7 - The prophet compares Jerusalem with a vineyard that only produces sour grapes. ... The Lord of hosts expected justice but found bloodshed, expected integrity but found only a cry of distress.

Psalms 79 - The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel / You brought a vine out of Egypt / Then why have you broken down its walls / God of hosts, turn again we implore, and we shall never forsake you again...

Second: Philippians 4:6-9 - If there is anything you need, pray for it ... fill your minds with everything that is true, noble, good ... then the peace of God will be with you.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43 - Parable of the wicked tenants who killed the vineyard owner's son - the stone the builders rejected became the keystone - the kingdom will be given to a people who will produce its fruit.

3. BAPTISMS: We welcome into the Divine Mercy Parish community Eddie George Claffey and Nancy Eva Claffey, who were baptised in the Parish last weekend.

4. CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Please take an envelope today and return next week. You can give online at cafod.org.uk. Thank you.

5. RED MISSION BOXES – ST HERBERT'S: For the foreseeable future the Red Mission boxes will only be emptied once a year. The date for the next collection will be April 2024. The exact date will be announced in the Parish newsletter closer to the time. Lilian Lally.

6. RED COLLECTION BOXES – CORPUS CHRISTI: The recent notice about annual collection of red box monies only applies to St. Herbert's box holders. Corpus Christi box holders can continue to hand in their donations as normal. Many thanks. Maria McDonough.

7. HARVEST FESTIVAL: This year's Harvest Festival will be celebrated at all Masses in the Parish next 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.

8. 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 the next Coffee Morning on 22 October in St Herbert's Parish Centre after 11.00 am Mass.

9. SVP FOOD PANTRY: will take place on Friday, 13 October in Corpus Christi's Sacristy from 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm and 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm.

10. 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.

11. 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!

13. 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 £10.0 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.

14. ST HERBERT'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE: A meeting will be held in the Sacristy on Thursday, 12 October at 6.00 pm to organise the fayre. Please come along and help us make it a success. Thank you.

15. PLAYGROUPE: 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.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 110; Offertory: 362; Communion: 538; Recessional: 461.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 675; Offertory: 699; Communion: 397, 284; Recessional: 169.

16. MASS FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD:

Friday 20th October, 7pm; St Edward's, Spring Lane, Lees, OLA 5AJ: Each month, our diocesan vocations team travels to a different deanery to hold a special Mass for the future of the priesthood in our diocese. Whether you're discerning a vocation to the priesthood, know someone who is, or would like to pray for vocations to our diocese, we would love to see you there!

17. SAINT OF THE WEEK:

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN – 9 OCTOBER: was born in London in 1801. He was, for over 20 years, an Anglican clergyman and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. His studies of the early Church led him towards Catholicism, into which, in 1845, he was received and ordained in 1847. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. He was praised for his humility, care of souls and contributions to the intellectual life of the Church. St John Henry Newman died in Birmingham on 11 August 1890.

18. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: This week our children in Eagle and Hawk Class enjoyed learning more about their class saints on their feast day. The children enjoyed learning about St Therese of Lisieux and St Francis of Assisi. We welcomed our parish family into school for our first community lunch of the

academic year. Our Mini Vinnies enjoyed sharing lunch with them. We hope the parish had a lovely time too.

Thank you to our Mini Vinnies who led our Harvest assembly this week. Our families were extremely generous and thoughtful with the donations made for our harvest collection. We will be donating our collection to the SVP in the parish who run our community/parish pantry. We look forward to working more with them in the future.

On Wednesday 18th October, we will be holding a special assembly for Mrs Schofield who is retiring. Some of you may know Mrs Schofield, who has worked at the school for many years. Members of the parish are welcome to attend our special assembly at 9am in the school hall.

St Herbert's: St Herbert's pupil chaplains attended Hope in the Future's schools' celebration at Wigan. They reflected on how they can be ambassadors for Christ and how they want their Church to look going forward. The day concluded with Bishop John celebrating with a liturgical prayer and worship.

This week we celebrated "Little Way Week". The children were asked to do 5 little acts of kindness and the pupil chaplains presented children with act of kindness certificates.

Year 6 were invited to audition for their Christmas show, It's Christmas". Lots of talented children waiting eagerly for the list.

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 St Herbert's: Funeral Service at 11.00 am for Robert Byrne (RIP)
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: Maureen de Melchar
Lately Dead: Anthony Summers, Eric Harrison
RIP: Robert Byrne
Anniversary: Raymond Mazza, Paul Mansell, Cyril Howarth
Birthday Memories: Elsie Elwell

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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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.