

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

12 November 2023

“Watch early for wisdom”: wise words, and ones that the foolish bridesmaids of the Gospel should have taken to heart. This is the ultimate in ‘putting off till tomorrow...’, since the reading is about the end of time, when the Son of Man will come again. Then there will be no tomorrow. If a thing is worth doing, it’s worth doing today. Quite often we contemplate the end of time with anxiety and fear: this is not what God wants. Look at the Psalm, where we hear of desperate longing, a thirst for the Lord, that cannot wait. We should not just wait for the Lord with patient endurance, but with impatient longing: what could we desire more than the coming of the Lord, the rising of the dead and an eternity of joy and glory?

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: Wisdom 6:12-16 - Wisdom is bright ... readily seen by those who look for her. She looks for those who are worthy of her.

Psalm 62: 2-8 - for you my soul is thirsting, O God my God / O God, you are my God for you I long / So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / I will bless you in my life / On my bed I remember you:

Second: I Thessalonians 4:13-18 - We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13 - The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE: This week we pray for the people of the parish of St. Robert of Newminster, with Fr. Boniface Ambe, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for St. Peter’s High School and for the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. May they ever seek the wisdom that comes from God.

4. BAPTISM: We welcome into the Divine Mercy community: Maeve Patricia Earnshaw, who was baptised in the Parish last weekend.

5. NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: During the month of November we offer prayers for the Holy Souls. There is a box at the back of each church for parishioners to drop in the names of their departed loved ones. The Tree of Remembrance is 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.

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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. Thank you very much for your continued support. The SVP.

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

8. 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.

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. 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. 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 a Placement in Tanzania. Poster at the 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.

11. 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 Christi) or Trish (St Herberts).

12. CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL: There will be an Open Evening on Tuesday 21st November at 5.30pm. This is for New Parents who wish to apply for a place in Reception for their child for September 2024.

13. SVP – THANK YOU: Thank you to the gentleman from Corpus Chisti church for his generous donation to the SVP. It is very gratefully received.

14. YOUR TRAVEL TO CHURCH: As the Diocese of Salford works to reach its goal of being net zero by 2038, we're looking to find out more about the travel patterns of people across the diocese.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 576; Offertory: 362; Communion: 757, 500; Recessional: .97

ST HERBERT’S: Entrance: 97; Offertory: 699; Communion: 165, 656; Recessional: 514.

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16. 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.

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

18. MASS FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: *St Bernadette's, Bury New Road, Whitefield, Manchester, M45 7SX, Tuesday 21st November, 7.30pm:* Each month, our diocesan vocations team travels to a different deanery to hold a special Mass to pray for the future of the priesthood in our diocese. The next Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood is set to take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st November at St Bernadette's in

Whitefield. All are welcome to attend.

19. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: This week, Hawk class led a wonderful Armistice Assembly. They taught us the importance of Remembrance Sunday and the meaning behind it. Thank you to Mrs Bailey and Mrs Hince for their help in supporting the children. Well Done Hawk Class! As a school, we took part in 'Parliament Week'. We are in the process of launching our new Pupil Parliament and we are delighted to have received 110 applications to join our new team. We will now begin the process of interviews over the next few weeks. We also remind our parish family that we continue to recycle batteries safely at Corpus Christi. Batteries can be dropped off at our school office, or at the back of Church. We thank you for your support with this.

20. SUNDAY SMILE

A local church's Saturday Social was as popular as ever. This was largely due to the comedian and his one-liners. Here are just a few: (9)

I got a new pair of gloves recently, but they're both 'lefts', which on the one hand is great, but on the other it's just not right.

I didn't think these new orthopaedic shoes would help me, but I stand corrected.

Unfortunately, my dad passed away when we couldn't remember his blood type. His last words to us were, "Be positive."

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 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

RIP: Deceased members of the Clarkin and Dean families; Fergus and Mary Reynolds, Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.