

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**19 November 2023**

We must be very careful that the real point of today's first reading is not washed away in genuine concerns over what one can and cannot say about the responsibilities of wives. This is not, in fact, a recipe for 'the perfect wife', but an illustration, from one age, of the virtue of fully employing the talents God gives us. Some things are timeless, such as holding out a hand to the poor, while other talents shift and change. The point is that all of us are gifted in varying ways and degrees: none of us should begrudge anyone else their talents, for fear that we overlook our own. We work wisely and well, looking forward to the master's return, when we can hand over to him not just what he gave us, but also the fruits that our labours have gained.

**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: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31** - The perfect wife - who can find her. She is busy, generous to the poor, and wise. She deserves her share, and public recognition.

**Psalm 127** - O blest are those who fear the Lord / Your wife like a fruitful vine / Indeed thus shall be blessed.

**Second: I Thessalonians 5:1-6** - The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night - but you are all children of the light ... stay wide awake.

**Gospel: Matthew 22 25:14-30** - Parable of the talents ... for everyone who has will be given more.

**3. PRESENTATION MASS FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CHILDREN – ST HERBERT'S:** will take place this Sunday, 19 November at the Parish Family Mass at 11.00 am in St Herbert's Church.

**4. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** Many thanks to Natasha Lamb for laying the parish Poppy Wreath at Chadderton War Memorial last Sunday.

**5. 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 [divinemercyoldham@gmail.com](mailto:divinemercyoldham@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.

**6. ST HERBERT'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> 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. **THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS IN CHURCH AFTER MASS.** 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.

**7. CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS FAIR:** The Fair will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**8. CHRISTMAS MEAL AT SAN ROCCO:** Please make the final payments and select your menu choice for the Christmas meal at The San Rocco Restaurant this weekend.

**9. BRASS BAND CONCERT:** In Corpus Christi School Hall on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 2pm - 4pm. Please come along and enjoy an afternoon with MOSSLEY BRASS BAND. Tickets will be on Sale from this weekend: Saturday/ Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November.

**10. NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION:** in St Herbert's Parish Centre. 7.30pm till late! This year we have live entertainment provided by singer George William & DJ Andy Glynn. A Hot Supper all for £21. See the posters & add your name to the list for tickets at the back of both churches.

**PLEASE SUPPORT ALL SOCIAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER. THANK YOU.**

**11. PRAYER FRIENDS – ST HERBERT'S:** As the children presented today commence their Sacramental Journey, you are invited to pray for them but if you would like to be a Prayer Friend for an individual child, envelopes with a child's first name are available at back of church. Please take one, and remember that child in your daily prayers. Thank you.

**12. QUIZ:** Thank you to those who supported the quiz last Sunday, in person or spirit. We raised over £300. Very much appreciated and Kat sends her thanks. Thank you. Trish

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

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

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 251; Offertory: 801; Communion: 447; Recessional: 706.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 521; Offertory: 251; Communion: 642, 284; Recessional: 290.

**15. QUARANT'ORE AT ST MARY'S, THE HIDDEN**

**GEM:** You are invited to join St Mary's, the Hidden Gem, for a special time of prayer - Forty Hours of Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament - in the days leading up to the feast of Christ the King - Friday 24th November until Sunday 20th November. Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday and Saturday 8am – 10pm and on Sunday 9am – 1.30pm. Further details on the parish website: [hiddengem.me.uk](http://hiddengem.me.uk)

**16. ADVENT CANTATA:** A much-loved choir is heading to our diocese on Saturday 2nd December at 6pm to provide a musical start to the season of Advent. The Forum for the Inculturation of Liturgical Music has become a regular feature at the Parish of the Nativity in Failsworth and Limeside and is back at St Mary's church this December by popular demand. Tickets are £5 per adult and £1 per child and can be bought on the door or booked in advance by emailing [nativityparish@yahoo.com](mailto:nativityparish@yahoo.com)

**17. PLAYGROUPO:** 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.

**18. SCHOOL NEWS: Corpus Christi:** This week, children in Eagle Class delivered an absolutely fantastic assembly all about

the Victorians. The singing, acting, narration and costumes were simply amazing. It was great to learn more about the Victorians.

Our children in Reception had a visit from Oldham Council to help them learn more about road safety and how to keep safe at all times. The children enjoyed their visit and promised to follow the road safety rules.

Next week, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, we will be hosting our EYFS Open Evening. If you, or any one you know are interested about a school place for your child starting in Nursery or Reception next year, please get in touch to book a place.

**St Herbert's:** It's been a busy 2 weeks at school. Year 3 had their Sacramental programme meeting in preparation for the children being presented. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. On Monday we held our Remembrance assembly with special guests, who had served or are serving in the Armed Forces. Each class laid a wreath at the cross. It was a beautiful service and tribute to all those who gave their tomorrow, for our today. Key stage 1 had a topic day - All about materials - the children made some wonderful creations at home - skirts made of paper, handbags out of cardboard which were wonderful to see. Lots of fun was had by all. Thank you for your continued support. Please keep the children, staff and parents in your prayers. Stay with us Lord on our Journey.

**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**

**Special Intention:** Peter Stone

**Lately Dead:** Edward Kavanagh, Francis Watkinson, Edward Prince

**Anniversary:** Bill Delph (First Anniversary), Christopher Shaw

**Birthday Anniversary:** Brenda Mahon

**PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish: Louise Whittaker, Stuart Williams, Peter Stone, Wade Stevens, Luke Burke, John McCarthy, Gerard Healey, Mary Gowran, Edith Hamilton, David Roberts, Mrs Monica Anne Turner, Angela Delph, Dorothy Buckley, Nora Hickey, Nancy Pinto, Mrs H Fallas, Anthony McDermott, Jean Winterbottom, Maxine Bennett, Dominic Boardman, Angela Fairgrieve, 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.