

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR B

25 February 2024

We spool forward a few centuries in the story of the Old Testament, to arrive at Abraham, “our Father in faith”. Today we hear of another Covenant (like last week) - even though the word is not used. God promises Abraham descendants like “the stars of heaven”, and the showering of blessings. This shows how much God loves Abraham and all his children. This love is proved for us in Jesus: God loves us so much he sacrificed his only Son (just as Abraham was willing to do); but this is not all: Jesus also rose from the dead, to stand at God’s right hand and plead for us. All this is revealed in the story of the Transfiguration, where Jesus is seen in the glory that is rightfully his as the only Son of God. Not until after the Resurrection will the disciples see this fully again.

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: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 - God tests Abraham by asking him to sacrifice Isaac ... Abraham offers, but God provides a substitute at the last minute, and showers blessings on Abraham for not refusing.

Psalm: 115 - I will walk in the presence of God in the land of the living / I trusted even when I said ... Your servant: Lord, your servant am I / My vows to the Lord I will fulfil.

Second: Romans 8:31-34 - With God on our side who can be against us ... since God did not spare his only son, we may be certain that he will not refuse us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10 - The Transfiguration - a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son the Beloved, listen to him".

3. STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent at 9.30 am before the 10.00 am Mass at St Herbert’s.

4. CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: CAFOD Family Fast Day was on Friday, 23 February. This Lent your donations to CAFOD’s Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people, like James, the fisherman, with resources, tools and training to feed their families. Please give using the envelope, or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have all that they need to feed their families. Thank you.

5. ‘WALK WITH ME’ BOOKLETS – A JOURNEY OF PRAYER FOR LENT: Available at the back of both churches. £1.00 (St Herbert’s – please put the money in the ‘Pamphlets’ Wall box.) Thank you.

6. DEANERY STATION MASSES:

Tuesday, 27 February at St Ann’s, Ashton at 7.00 pm
Tuesday, 5 March at St Patrick’s, Oldham at 7.00 pm
Tuesday, 12 March at St Mary’s, Failsworth at 7.00 pm
Tuesday, 19 March at St Joseph’s, Mossley at 7.00 pm

No Parish Mass at Corpus Christi on these days.

7. ST HERBERT’S FEAST DAY – PILGRIMAGE TO ST HERBERT’S ISLE: Our annual pilgrimage to Derwent Water is planned for Saturday 13th April 2024. If you have never been this is a wonderful day of prayer, reflection and fun. Everyone is welcome. The coach will leave St. Herbert’s Church at 8.30am. There is a short stop at Tebay services before alighting from the coach at Derwent Water, Lakeside, Keswick. Fr. Lawrence will say Mass overlooking St. Herbert’s Island. Afterwards, there is free time in Keswick before our return at 4pm. We usually arrive back by 6.30pm. This is a slightly later date so hopefully we will be blessed with fine weather. There is a Saturday market and lots of cafes in the town and the boats should be in operation on the lake if you wish to take a boat trip. The approximate cost will be £16 depending on take-up. Please add your name/number of people/phone number to the lists which will be at the back of each church.

8. DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES IN OUR CENTENARY YEAR: Bookings are now being taken for this year’s diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, marking our centenary year. The pilgrimage, led by Bishop John Arnold, will take place between 26th July and 1st August. Find out more and book online at <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/travel-accommodation>

9. DIOCESE OF SALFORD’S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: There are still places available for this year’s diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham, taking place on Saturday 4th May, for both overnight and day options. We welcome applications from individuals and groups and would be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to volunteer. Please fill out a booking form, available at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-2024> or you can get in touch by calling 0161 817 2214 or emailing walsingham@pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

10. MAKE A CHANGE TO CHANGE A LIFE – CARITAS SALFORD: Whether you’re making a change to your diet, fasting, amending your behaviour or adapting your

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 361; Offertory:443, 175; Communion: 164; Recessional: 147.
ST HERBERT’S: Entrance: 700; Offertory: 523; Communion: 605, 462; Recessional: 353 v.1-4.

thoughts and focus...as you pray, fast and give this Lent, the change you're making could also help to change a life. By remembering Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity during Lent, your donations and prayers will make a real difference to the lives of the local people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire they support. People in our communities facing acute poverty, disadvantage, homelessness and isolation. Find out more about how you can get involved or make a donation now: www.caritassalford.org.uk/SJP

12. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St Gregory of Nysek – 27 February: was an Armenian mystical and lyrical poet. He was ordained a priest and was based at the monastery of Narek. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis.

St David – 1 March: was born in Cardigan c. 520, he founded monasteries and became Bishop and Primate of Wales. He settled his See at Mynyw (Menevia) where he died c. 588.

13. SUNDAY SMILE

St. Thomas the Dubious High School held their half-term assessments last week. Some results brought a smile to many teachers. (13)

Vacuums are nothings. We only mention them to let them know we know they are there.

To germinate means to become a naturalised German.

Pine is an example of a carnivorous tree.

Without the Greeks we wouldn't have history. They also had myths. A myth is a female moth.

If teeth are not cleaned, plague is the result.

Refrain means don't do it. A refrain in music is the part you'd better not try to sing.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

- MONDAY:** Both churches closed
- TUESDAY:** **St Ann's, Ashton: Deanery Station Mass at 7.00 pm**
NO PARISH MASS
- WEDNESDAY:** **St Herbert's:** Divine Mercy Chaplet 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:** Stations of the Cross 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 Melchor
- Lately Dead:** David Droган, James (Jimmy) Gilmartin, Thomas (Tom) Dyle, Michael Meer
- RIP:** Gerard Traynor, Edward Dervin, Kevin Joseph McPhillips, Sheila Catherine Allen, Ellen Louise Whittaker, John Murden
- Thanksgiving:** Nemesia Wrigley

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish: Margaret Lawless, Sheila Cavey, Agnes Conroy, Stuart Williams, Peter Stone, Wade Stevens, Luke Burke, John McCarthy, 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.