

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

14 January 2024

What does it mean to be a follower of the Lord Jesus? Surely to listen and hear his voice, and to go where he leads us. Today, as we enter the “ordinary” season of the year, we begin our story of Jesus’s life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfils his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: “Come and see.” This echoes the calling of Samuel - a simple call, by name, which Samuel does not understand: discipleship is about trust, which Samuel shows simply by saying “Speak, Lord; your servant is listening. The Psalm also underlines this, as we (the disciples of the Lord) sing together: “Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.” We hear his call, and we freely go to him, to listen again to the words of the Master.

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: Samuel 3:3-10, 19 - The Lord calls the boy Samuel, and Eli teaches him how to respond to the call.

Psalm: 32 - Here I am Lord, I come to do your will / I waited for the Lord / You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings / In the scroll of the book it stands written / Your justice I have proclaimed.

Second: I Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20- Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit - use it to glorify God.

Gospel: John 1:35-42 - Andrew and Simon Peter become Jesus' disciples - Jesus tells Simon Peter is to be called Cephas, meaning Rock.

3. PRESENTATION MASS on Sunday, 14 January at the 9.30 Mass at Corpus Christi Church for the Corpus Christi Primary school children on the Sacramental Programme.

4. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING: This Sunday, 14th January 2024. Everyone is most welcome to join us today after the 11am mass for tea/coffee and refreshments.

5. LADIES' DINNER DANCE: On Friday 26th January the annual Parish Ladies Evening will be held at St Herbert's Parish Centre. This is a four-course meal provided by Greenwoods catering with a glass of wine followed by dancing with Cliff's Disco. Price £26 pp. If you have never been or would like to know more please see a committee member. This is a very popular event & usually attended by around 120 ladies from our parish and beyond. It's a great opportunity to socialise and meet other ladies from our community. All places need to be confirmed and paid for by Sunday 14th January.

6. DIOCESAN SYNOD – BIG LISTEN CLOSING THIS WEEK: Over the past few months, parishes, schools, groups, and individuals have been coming together to discern the future of our diocese through the Big Listen stage of our diocesan synod. This key phase is critical in identifying priority themes to help us become the Church God is calling us to be. To ensure all voices are heard, we're seeking to engage with as many people as possible. To get involved, please submit your

response online this week by visiting <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/>

7. CARITAS SALFORD EVERY STEP CAMPAIGN: If you're looking for a new challenge for the New Year, why not check out the Caritas Salford website? Their brand new Every Step campaign is encouraging us all to pledge to do something this year that pushes us out of our comfort zone, and there are lots of ways you can get involved. Whether you take on a baking challenge, a 10k run or the ultimate quiz-a-thon, there's something for everyone, and the charity also has places in the Great Manchester Run and Manchester Half Marathon as well as a range of other runs available. Visit the website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/every-step/> for more information.

8. PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: The Diocese of Salford is now accepting bookings for our 2024 pilgrimage to Walsingham. If you would like to join next year's pilgrimage, bring along a group, or help as a volunteer, please fill out a booking form, available at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-2024>. You can get in touch by calling 0161 817 2214 or emailing walsingham@pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

9. SVP UPDATE: At Christmas the SVP distributed 13 food hampers to parishioners and families around the greater Manchester area. The people who received the hampers were extremely grateful and we would like to thank all the parishioners who donated and continue to donate to the food pantry.

Also due to the very generous donations we have received we were able to offer additional financial support to a local family who applied for help through the SVP. Thank you again for your continued support.

The next meeting of the SVP is on 11th February after 11am Mass, in St Herbert's Parish, to coincide with the coffee morning. Anyone interested in joining us would be very welcome. We are very keen to develop other community support services but need more members to make this viable. Members can offer as much or as little time as they have to spare and we aim to keep meetings to a minimum (currently 5 or 6 per year).

Thank you all again. The SVP

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 234 ; Offertory: 443, 362; Communion: 538; Recessional: 259.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 736; Offertory: 362; Communion: 560, 500; Recessional: 672 .

11. SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Wulston: 19 January: St Wulstan was born in Warwickshire c. 1008 and died in 1095. He became a Benedictine monk at the Cathedral Priory of Worcester. In 1062 he was appointed Bishop, one of the few Anglo-Saxons to survive in high office following the Norman Conquest. He was renowned for his care of the poor and sick and the high standards he asked of his clergy.

12. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: Happy New Year to our parish family and we hope you have all had a lovely Christmas. We are excited to see what 2024 brings.

The children and staff returned this week, refreshed and ready for the busy half term ahead. The children have enjoyed engaging in all their new topics and are excited for all the learning opportunities ahead.

This week, during Wednesday Word, all the classes participated in a prayer and liturgy all about 'New Year-New Start'. They used scripture to inspire them to make a change this year and put Christ at the centre of all they do. On Sunday, we present our new cohort for this year's

Sacramental Programme to our parish family. We ask our parish to keep the children and their families in your prayers. Stay with them Lord on their journey.

13. PARISH ADMINISTRATOR – OUR LADY OF HOUE, SALFORD: **Appointment Type:** Part-time, permanent; **Working hours:** 12 hours per week, worked Tuesday to Friday; **Location:** St Luke's Presbytery, 13 Swinton Park Road, Irlam o' th' Height, Salford, M6 7WR; **Salary:** £12.60 per hour. Find out more and apply at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

14. SUNDAY SMILES

A teacher of infants was observing her class drawing their pictures. As she went among them she asked one little girl, "What are *you* drawing?"

The girl replied, "Miss, I'm drawing God."

"That's lovely," said her teacher, "but no-one knows what God really looks like."

Continuing to draw her picture, the girl said, "Well Miss, they certainly will in a minute."

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY: Both churches closed
TUESDAY: **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY: **St Herbert's:** Divine Mercy Chaplet at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
St Herbert's: Funeral Service at 12.00 noon for Joan Adamson (RIP)
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
St Herbert's: Requiem Mass at 12.00 noon for Joan Bower (RIP)
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

Lately Dead: Frank Carlisle, David Ogden

RIP: Joan Adamson, Joan Bower, Celestina Mazuryk, Michael Lalley, Jesus Apostol

Anniversary: Caroline Fanning, Jamie Kalthoerber, William Ambrose, Antonietta Zelenzuk

Birthday Anniversary: John Southworth, William Ambrose

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish: Sheila Cavey, Agnes Conroy, Louise Whittaker, 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.