

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

11 February 2024

Thankfully, we do not encounter leprosy in our culture. It can therefore be difficult to enter into the real depth of today's readings. We have to understand that leprosy meant exclusion, rejection and the end of "normal" life. For your leprosy to be cured would be like being given a second chance at life. What is the cause of exclusion and rejection in our society – or even in the Church? Who are those who must "live apart"? And how can we put into effect in our day those most touching of the words of Jesus, when asked if he wants to cure the leper: "Of course I want to!"? Contemplating exclusion and rejection in our world can be hard work: Saint Paul guides the way: the Christian path is not to work "for my own advantage, but for the advantage of everybody else".

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: Leviticus 13: 1-2m 44-46 - The Lord tells Moses and Aaron what to do if someone in the community has leprosy - that the person must be unclean and live outside the camp.

Psalm: 31 - You are my refuge O Lord, you fill me with the joy of salvation / Happy the one whose offence is forgiven / But now I have acknowledged my sins / Rejoice in the Lord.

Second: I Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1 - Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God ... work for the advantage of everybody so they may be saved.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45 - Jesus heals a leper, and orders him not to tell people what was done. But the man does tell people, so Jesus is besieged and has to go to places where no one lives.

3. MASSES ON ASH WEDNESDAY – 14 February:

St Herbert's: Parish/School Mass at 10.00 am

Corpus Christi: School Mass in Church at 1.30 pm

Corpus Christi: Parish Mass at 6.30 pm.

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

5. BAPTISM: We welcome to the Divine Mercy Parish community, Luca, who was baptized in the Parish last weekend.

6. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING: This Sunday 11th February 2024, following the 11 am mass, Please come and join us for tea/coffee and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

7. MEETING OF THE PARISH SVP – SUNDAY, 11 FEBRUARY: A meeting of the Parish SVP will take place this Sunday, 11 February in St Herbert's Parish Centre after 11.00 am mass.

8. 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS – A JOURNEY OF PRAYER FOR LENT: Are available at the back of both churches. £1.00 (St Herbert's – please put the money in the 'Booklets' Wall box.) Thank you.

9. DEANERY STATION MASSES:

Tuesday, 20 February at St Edward's, Lees at 7.00 pm (The Bishop will attend and preach at this Mass.)

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.

10. LENT TAIZE SERVICE AT ST AIDAN & OSWALD:

You are warmly invited to a Lent Taizé Service at Ss Aidan & Oswald's Church on Sunday 18th February at 7.30pm. Vaughan St entrance.

11. 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.

12. ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING: will be held on Saturday, 24 February at 10.00 am at St Herbert's Church.

13. CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT CORPUS CHRISTI:

There will be no Children's Liturgy at Corpus Christi for the next two Sundays as the school is on half-term break. We resume normal service on 25th February.

14. GREGORIAN CHANT – A WORKSHOP FOR SINGERS:

A wonderful opportunity to discover more about Gregorian Chant is coming to St Augustine's, Grosvenor Square, Manchester, this month. Dr Rosemarie Darby, from the St Philip Neri Singers, will lead the workshop on Saturday 24th February (11.30am – 4pm), helping singers to learn more about this enchanting style of music and how it can be used to

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 131; Offertory: 641, 801; Communion: 240; Recessional: 286.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 390; Offertory: 175; Communion: 447, 511; Recessional: 604.

complement the Liturgy. For details of registration, or for more information, please contact Dr Rosemarie Darby by email: stphilipnerisingers@yahoo.co.uk

15. ST JOSEPH'S PENNY AND LENT APPEAL:

Caritas Salford has lots of information and resources on its website about how you can join in with this year's Lent and St Joseph's Penny appeals. Get the latest news and resources - as well as your free St Joseph's Penny box to collect coins to donate during Lent - at www.caritassalford.org.uk/SJP

16. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: We have had an extremely busy week here at Corpus Christi. We launched our week with our "Express Yourself" day in support of children's mental health week. Children's Mental Health Week is a mental health awareness week that empowers, equips and gives a voice to all children and young people in the UK.

As part of our Children's Mental Health week, we had our half-term well-being Wednesday surprise. This half-term all the children (and staff) took part in Zumba lessons, it was great fun, and everyone had a great time.

Our choir this week visited the AO Arena, Manchester for the annual Young Voices performance. The Young Voices the experience is not simply a children's choir concert, it is largest children's choir concert in the world. Our choir performed alongside other choirs in the large arena and performed for their family, friends and audience. They were a credit to us, and their behaviour was impeccable.

St Herbert's: School has been a little busy these last few weeks. The school football team is the U11@The NLTrust North West Regional Champions. They now go on to represent O AFC in Chesterfield in the next round and, if successful, will go to Wembley for the finals. Fingers crossed we are successful!

We had a special assembly to celebrate a Safer Internet Day. This is a special celebration which aims to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all.

Year 6 took part in Young voices at the Manchester Arena, where 8000 enthusiastic children formed the largest school choir in the world. They sounded amazing and our children had a fantastic time singing and dancing although they were very tired the next day!

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed
TUESDAY:	St Herbert's: Requiem Mass at 1.15 pm for Sheila Catherine Allen (RIP) 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
THURSDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am Corpus Christi: Requiem Mass at 2.00 pm for Ellen Louise Whittaker (RIP)
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

MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo

Special Intention: Leon Lewis Williams

Lately Dead: Gerard Traynor, Edward Dervin, Margaret (Nellie) Howe, Kevin Joseph McPhillips

RIP: Marie Corless, Sheila Catherine Allen, Ellen Louise Whittaker

Anniversary: Mary Riley

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:
Leon Lewis Williams, 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.