

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

21 January 2024

Where does Jesus begin his ministry? Where John the Baptist left off - preaching a message of repentance, of change, to welcome the new Kingdom of God. There is a simplicity about this message, which is not compromised by anything - today's Gospel has these simple words from Jesus, and then the story of his calling more disciples to follow him and share in the work of spreading this message. Repentance has had something of a bad press - we tend to think of it as an old-fashioned concept. But every age needs to hear this call: to look at what we do and say and assume and realise that there are such things as right and wrong, and that sometimes we follow the wrong path. To follow Jesus, and to accept the Kingdom of God, demands that we make a radical choice, which might well change our lives.

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: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 - The Lord sends Jonah to preach in Nineveh - the people were converted and God repented and did not inflict on them the disaster he had threatened.

Psalm: 24 – Lord make me know your ways.

Second: I Corinthians 7: 29-31 - Our time is growing short ... the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 - Jesus calls the fishermen: Simon and Andrew, and James and John - to follow him.

3. CARITAS SUNDAY: On Sunday 28th January, we will be marking Caritas Sunday by celebrating the work of our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford. To find out more about the work of Caritas Salford and how you can get involved, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/caritas-sunday/>. We invite you to keep our diocesan charity in your prayers over this coming week.

4. EXPLORING PRAYER IN LENT PROGRAMME:

People across the diocese are invited to embark on a special journey of prayer this Lent in preparation for the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee. Taking place on each of the Fridays of Lent between 10am and 12.30pm at Wardley Hall, the sessions include presentations, discussion, and time for quiet prayer and reflection. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/prayer-in-lent/>

5. DAY RETREAT PROGRAMME: INTRO INTO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: The Diocese of Salford's Day Retreat Programme returns in 2024 with a particular focus on Christian Meditation. The retreat

takes place on Saturday 10th February 2024 between 11.30am and 3pm at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella's in Lostock Hall. Places are limited, so please book ahead by calling 01772 335387 or by emailing

office@saintgerards.org.uk.

6. HOMES FOR UKRAINE: Caritas Diocese of Salford invites you to an event that explores a little more about the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Organised by St John of God Hospitaller Services and the Caritas Social Action Network, the event aims to shed light on the impact the scheme has made on families and individuals affected by the invasion and how you can continue to support them today.

The event takes place between 2 and 3.30pm on Saturday 3 February at Salford Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, M3 6DP. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/homes-for-ukraine/>

7. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St Francis de Sales (Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

– **24 January:** was born into a noble family in Annecy in 1597. He was ordained a priest and worked strenuously for the Church by distributing printed essays on the Faith. He became Bishop of Geneva and is patron saint of journalists and writers.

St Angela Merici – **27 January:** was born in the north of Italy c.1470, entered the Third Order of St Francis and founded the Ursulines, devoted to the education of poor girls. She died in 1540.

8. SALFORD DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE CENTENARY FUNDRAISER – THE MERCY BROTHERS: Join us for a family-friendly night of

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 259; Offertory: 522, 443; Communion: 657; Recessional: 307.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 234; Offertory: 366; Communion: 715, 397; Recessional: 740.

musical entertainment with the fabulous 'Mercy Brothers' band on Friday 9th February, 8pm (doors 7.30pm), at The Hough End Centre, Mauldeth Road West, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, M21 7SX. The band is made up of members of the clergy from around the diocese. Tickets are priced at £15 (over 16s) and free for under 16s. Money raised will go to the Centenary Pilgrimage Fund and in support of our sick pilgrims and medical team. To book please visit www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

9. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: Last Sunday, we presented our new cohort of children for the Sacramental programme to our parish family. The children were very excited to start their Sacramental journey and enjoyed performing their hymn to the parish. Next week, they will begin their sessions in preparation for their first Reconciliation. We continue to ask the parish to keep them in their prayers. *Stay with them Lord, on their journey.*

This week, our EYFS children were very lucky to get a special tour around Corpus Christi Church. They enjoyed having the freedom to look around and explore the artefacts and different areas within Church. They demonstrated a high level of respect during their visit and were a credit to us. Well done EYFS!

10. SUNDAY SMILE

A vicar was buying a talking parrot but first asked the shopkeeper, "Are you sure it doesn't scream, yell, or swear?"

"Oh absolutely," the shopkeeper assured him, "it's a religious parrot. Do you see those strings on its legs? When you pull the right one, he recites the Lord's Prayer, and when you pull on the left, he recites the 23rd Psalm."

"Wonderful!" said the vicar, "but what happens if you pull both strings?"

"What do you think I do?" screeched the parrot, "I fall off my perch".

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY: Both churches closed
TUESDAY: **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
St Herbert's: Requiem Mass at 12.15 pm for Celestina Mazuryk (RIP)
WEDNESDAY: **St Herbert's:** Divine Mercy Chaplet at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
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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

Lately Dead: Frank Carlisle, Marie Corless

RIP: Celestina Mazuryk, Michael Lally

Anniversary: Mary & Fred Adams, Jack Huntington

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.