

PALM SUNDAY YEAR B

24 March 2024

In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent – these Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries. We must realise why: Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA); those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus' own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.

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: Isaiah 50:4-7 - The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue ... I offered my back to those who struck me.

Psalm: 21 - My God, why have you forsaken me / All who see me deride me / Dogs have surrounded me / They divided my clothing among them.

Second: Philippians 2:6-11 - His state was divine yet Christ Jesus ... was humbler yet, even to accepting death on a cross. But God raised him high.

Gospel: Mark 14:1 - 15:47 - The Passion, from two days before the Passover when the chief priests were plotting to kill Jesus, and Jesus dining with Simon the leper and being anointed with ointment. Judas approaches the chief priests ... through to Joseph of Arimathea putting the body into a tomb and rolling a stone against the entrance.

3. EASTER LITURGY – 2024:

Maundy Thursday: Corpus Christi at 7.00 pm

Good Friday: St Herbert's at 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil: Corpus Christi at 7.00 pm

Easter Sunday: Corpus Christi at 9.30 am
St Herbert's at 11.00 am

4. WEEKDAY MASS AT ST HERBERT'S ON WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH: There will be no Mass this Wednesday at St Herbert's because of the Diocesan Chrism Mass.

5. GIFT AID ENVELOPES/NON GIFT AID ENVELOPES (St Herbert's) 2024-25: New sets of envelopes are available for collection at the back of each church. If you have changed address recently, please let us know. Thank you.

6. LAUNCH MASS FOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES IN OUR CENTENARY YEAR: The Launch Mass for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes - marking our centenary year - will be taking place at 7pm on Tuesday 16th April at St Patrick's, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, M4 5HF.

Whether you are planning to join us in Lourdes this summer, or will be praying along at home, you'd be most welcome to join us for our Mass next month. For more information on this year's pilgrimage, including how to book, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/booking-lourdes-2024/>

7. PILGRIMAGE ST HERBERT'S ISLE SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2024: Thank you to everyone from the list who has confirmed their place on the coach and made their payments. If you put your name down on the list and still wish to go please confirm by making your payment of £16 pp to Janette Sterritt by Sunday 24th March.

The coach is currently full, however places may become available as soon as the final number is confirmed.

ITINERARY FOR THE DAY: Meet at St Herbert's Church. Coach to leave at 8.30am. Short stop at TEBAY services for comfort break. Alight from the coach at Lakeside Car Park Keswick. Take a short walk to Friars Crag, Derwent Water, where Fr Lawrence will celebrate mass overlooking St Herbert's Island. Free time in Keswick, where there is a market, cafes etc. Return from Booth's Car Park at 4pm prompt.

8. ADVERTISEMENT FOR NEW TRUSTEES OF

CaTEW: The Catholic Trust for England and Wales is sharing an opportunity to join its committed board of trustees. CaTEW provides, through the Conference Secretariat, a centre of knowledge and capability for assisting the Bishops and Dioceses in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and supporting the communities of faith in England and Wales. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/CaTEW-new-trustees.pdf> or email HR@cbcew.org.uk

9. TALKS ON THE FOUR CONSTITUTIONS OF

VATICAN II: In response to Pope Francis' invitation to revisit the Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council, the Diocese of Salford is holding a series of four evening talks after Easter. The first talk takes place on Wednesday 10th April when Bishop John will explore a little more about *Lumen Gentium*. The talk begins at 7pm at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Find out more about the series and register your interest at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/constitutions-talks/>

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 202; Offertory: 801, 641; Communion: 461; Recessional: 672 .

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 113; Offertory: 583; Communion: 307, 715; Recessional: 593.

SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: It has been a very busy week for us at Corpus Christi. This week we were lucky to welcome a fantastic storyteller for well-being Wednesday, who retold the story of the BFG for the whole school. The children absolutely loved it and were captivated from start to end.

Our children in Reception enjoyed celebrating their class saint - St Joseph. On his saint feast day, they also completed a sponsored walk and raised over £50 for St Joseph's Penny. Well done Reception.

Our children in Wren and Owl class joined together to lead our final class Lenten mass on Thursday all about promises. Thank you to our parish family for joining us and for their lovely words following the Mass. The children were a credit to us.

On Saturday our Sacramental children will be making their first Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers.

St Herbert's: On Wednesday the school celebrated Mass with our Parish family as it was St Herbert's Feast Day. It was a wonderful celebration. In the afternoon the children enjoyed a variety of activities to celebrate our Patron Saint.

On Friday we had a very special assembly - Love in Action- this was led by Caritas. The children then had lots of activities based around Love and then ended with a

Prayer and Liturgy in the habitat hub.

In school there have been two topic days - the first being "Hot and Cold Places" in Key Stage 1. They were visited by "The Wild Show" who brought a variety of creatures for the children to hold. Lower Key Stage 2 held a Plants and Europe day and the children arrived in their holiday clothes despite the rain! Thursday was Rock your Socks day where the children and staff arrived in colourful odd socks to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day.

Our football team continued their winning streak - they played against St Aiden and Oswald and beat them 9 goals to 2 despite a very muddy pitch.

Finally, we would like to invite you to our Easter Experience on Wednesday at 3.15 pm in the School Hall. We hope you can join us.

SUNDAY SMILE:

One Palm Sunday, young Oliver had a sore throat and had to stay at home with his mum. When the rest of the family came home from church, they were all carrying palm branches. Oliver asked what they were for.

His father told him that people waved them over Jesus' head when he passed by.

"Wouldn't you just know it," said Oliver, "the one Sunday I miss church. Jesus is there!"

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

- MONDAY:** Both churches closed
- TUESDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** **St Herbert's: NO PARISH MASS**
- MAUNDY THURSDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Mass of the Last Supper at 7.00 pm
- GOOD FRIDAY:** **St Herbert's:** Good Friday Service at 3.00 pm
- SATURDAY:** **Corpus Christ:** Easter Vigil at 7.00 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:** Lilian Healy
- Lately Dead:** Pauline Berne, Michael Taylor
- Anniversary:** Jean Wall (1st anniversary), Robert William Power, Eileen Wright
- Birthday Anniversary:** Jim Healy, Gerard Healey

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:
Darren Gallier, 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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- 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.