

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

14 April 2024

This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one - the Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant - God dwelling with man. Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - himself - since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.

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: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 - Peter reminds the people that it was the Israelites who handed over Jesus to Pilate - but that God raised him from the dead, and that they are witnesses to this. He calls them to repent and turn to God.

Psalm 4 - Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord / When I call, answer me O God of justice / It is who Lord who grants favour / What can bring up happiness / I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once.

Second I John 2:1-5 - If anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ who ... is the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48 - Jesus appears again to the disciples and eats with them. He then opens their minds to understand the scriptures, and that they are witnesses to the resurrection.

3. COFFEE MORNING – ST HERBERT'S: will take place this Sunday, 14 April following the 11.00am Mass. Coffee and tea will be available in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to join us for a catch up.

4. FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY: We hope you enjoyed the lunch last week in celebration of the Parish of Divine Mercy Feast day and enjoyed catching up with friends. Thank you to Shirley for helping serve the drinks and to Carol and the ladies for helping clearing up.

5. RED MISSION BOXES – ST HERBERT'S: The Red Mission Boxes will be emptied on Thursday 25th April 2024 in St Herberts Parish Centre between 7.30 pm and 8 pm. Lilian Lally

6. YOUNG ADULTS MASS: The Diocese of Salford's Mass for Young Adults returns to St Augustine's in Manchester this Sunday 14th April. Mass begins at 5.30pm, with opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.45pm. Join the team after for a catch up and a bite to eat before we hear from the diocesan communications team for

a short talk about faith and the media. All are welcome to attend.

7. EASTER GARDEN: When visiting St. Herbert's Church, you are invited to see the Easter Garden which has been created in the Sacred Heart Chapel. This portrays all the events of Holy Week and Easter. It is particularly informative for our younger people.

8. CEMETERY MASS: A special outdoor Mass will take place at St Joseph's RC Cemetery, Moston, on Monday 27th May. The Mass, led by Canon Paul Daly, will begin at 11am. An additional Mass is also due to take place at the cemetery on Monday 26th August, 11am. In the event of wet weather, Mass will take place at St Dunstan's church.

9. DIOCESE OF SALFORD'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: There are still a few places available for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham, taking place on Saturday 4th May, for both overnight and day options. If you would like to join, 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. LOCAL NATURE RESERVE SURVEY: As part of the preparation of the Greater Manchester Local Nature Recovery Strategy, GMCA have launched a survey to engage the public, local community groups and organisations, with the strategy. Everyone can take part in the survey, which can be found by visiting www.gmconsult.org/environment-team-policy-and-strategy/greater-manchester-s-plan-for-nature/

11. TALKS ON THE CONSTITUTION OF VATICAN II: Our series of weekly talks on the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council continue into April and May. The talks have been organised as part of our preparation for the 2025 Year of Jubilee, in response to Pope Francis' invitation to learn more about these important documents.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 110; Offertory: 122, 175; Communion: 538; Recessional: 731.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 649; Offertory: 652; Communion: 256, 325; Recessional: 492.

To find out more and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/>

12. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: This week we returned to school after a lovely Easter break. We are in our final term of this academic year, and it is set to be a busy one indeed.

This week teachers met with family members for parent consultations. It was lovely to speak about their child's academic progress and share their amazing work.

On Tuesday, we welcome Maria Hall back into school. She worked with the children in Years 3, 4 and 5 and share her knowledge and experience of planning and celebrating the Word of God.

St Herbert's: All the children have returned to school after their Easter break well rested. Year 6 have been wonderful this week as they had a week of practice SATs papers in preparation for the real ones in May.

They approached them with confidence. Well done! We have had several new children starting at St Herbert's and we hope they will be very happy with us. Let's hope as the term progresses the weather improves so the children can have their play outside. Please will you continue to support us in giving food for our vulnerable families. Thank you.

13. SUNDAY SMILE

Father Watson was speaking to his parish men's group and asked one man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" The man replied, "Of course I do, Father." The priest replied, "Then please stand over there against the wall."

The priest then asked a second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" "Certainly I do, Father," was the man's reply. The priest said, "Then you also stand over there against the wall." Father Watson then turned to old Sid Barnes and said, "Do you want to go to heaven? To the priest's surprise, Sid said, "No, I don't Father." The priest was amazed and said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

Old Sid promptly replied, "Oh, when I die, yes, Father. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

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
THURSDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am St Herbert's: Requiem Mass at 12.00 noon for Agnes Conroy (RIP)
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

Special Intention: Odiejel John Akhayene

RIP: Agnes Conroy, Pauline Berne

Anniversary: Mary Dooley, Mary & Michael Ryan, Mary Cathrine Nangle

Birthday Anniversary: Bernard Nangle, Tony Robinson

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:

Darren Gallier, Margaret Lawless, Sheila Cavey, 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, 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.