

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

28 April 2024

Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to “belong” to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

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 9:26-31 - Saul is introduced to the disciples by Barnabas and joins them in preaching - he angers the Hellenists and his life is in danger so he is sent to Tarsus. But the churches in Judea, Galilee and Samaria are left in peace to build themselves up.

Psalms 21 - You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly / My vows I will pay before those who fear him / All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord / And my soul shall live for him, my children shall serve him.

Second I John 3:18-24 - His commandments are these: believe in the name of his son, Jesus ... and love one another as he told us to...

Gospel: John 15:1-8 - Jesus says, "I am the true vine ... you are the branches, remain in me ... it is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit".

3. BAPTISM: We welcome into the Divine Mercy community Keisha Kutenda Nhariwa, who was baptised in the Parish last weekend.

4. ROSARY: During the month of May the Rosary will be said before weekday Masses.

5. DIVINE MERCY GARDEN PARTY/BARBECUE: This will take place in Corpus Christi Gardens on Sunday 23rd June from 2pm-5pm. Tickets £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. Children under school age free of charge. For further details, please see the Posters at the back of either Church. Tickets will be on sale from the weekend of 4th/5th May at both Churches. Ticket numbers are limited, so please get your tickets as soon as possible.

6. 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.

7. MEETING OF THE SVP: The next meeting of the SVP will take place on Sunday, 5 May after the 9.30 am Mass in Corpus Christi Presbytery.

8. MASS TO MARK DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF ABUSE: Tuesday 30th April is the Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse. Celebrated each year on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter, it is a day on which the Catholic Church in England and Wales holds in particular prayer all who have been abused, in whatever way, by another, whether within the Church or any other setting. It is a day not only to recommit ourselves as Church to learn from past mistakes and make the Church a safe setting for all but also a day to reflect on the Church's ministry of healing and welcome to Survivors/Victims.

At 6pm on Tuesday 30th April Bishop John will celebrate Mass to mark this Day at St. Patrick's, Livesey Street, Collyhurst. All are warmly invited to join him.

9. VOLUNTEER REGISTRATIONS FOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE CLOSING SOON: There's not long left for volunteers to register for our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in our centenary year.

Head to <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk> to find out more and register before 30th April. Aged 18-35? We'd love to welcome you along on our Young Adults Pilgrimage. Email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

10. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS – 4 May: on this day in 1535 three Carthusian monks died at Tyburn, the first of many martyrs. Of these, 42 have been canonized and a further 242 declared blessed, but the number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith over a century and a half cannot be reckoned. They came from every walk of life; among them rich and poor, married and single, women and men. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith and courage.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 194; Offertory: 133, 801; Communion: 500; Recessional: 461.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 325; Offertory: 801; Communion: 184, 681; Recessional: 684.

11. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: On Monday, we launched our week with a special assembly led by our Laudato Si team all about Earth Day. They shared an important message about looking after our planet and talked about the difference we can make with little changes. Classes across the school came into school in green to support out 'Go Green' campaign, and they carried out a range of Earth Day activities to help deepen their understanding about looking after the planet. Our Laudato Si team also ran a special competition for Earth Day. Children designed Earth Day posters sharing the important message. The entries were fantastic!

On Tuesday, we celebrated St George's Day, learning many interesting facts about the patron saint of England.

On Wednesday, the children were treated for our well-being with a trip from a local theatre. They performed the show 'Little Princess'. The children and staff absolutely loved it.

We are all looking forward to our annual Corpus Clean Up this Saturday. Many families have signed up to support our community clean up. We are off into the local area to tidy the streets of Chadderton and do our part in making a difference.

St Herbert's: This week was an exciting week for Upper Key Stage 2 as they had a visit from Rob Biddulph, a children's author and an illustrator. He explained how he was inspired and how his love for writing grew. The children drew with Rob and at the end of the afternoon got their books signed. We also had a visit from Darren Royale, the CEO of Oldham Athletic, who came to wish the team good luck for their trip to Wembley. He walked around the school and classes and was very impressed with what he saw. Early years celebrated Earth Day - Planet versus Plastic. The children learnt that we must take meaningful action to safeguard the planet's precious resources. Reduce, reuse, recycle.

10. SUNDAY SMILE

Bent over and obviously in great discomfort, an old man with a walking stick hobbled slowly through the church and into the sacristy. Meanwhile the choir was practising. Ten minutes later the old man came back into church, walking upright and moving with grace and speed. "Goodness me," the choir master exclaimed, "has the priest just healed you by faith?" "No," the old man said with a smile. "He just gave me a walking stick that wasn't six inches too short!"

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

- MONDAY:** Both churches closed
- TUESDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Rosary at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
- WEDNESDAY:** **St Herbert's:** Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
- THURSDAY:** **Corpus Christi:** Rosary at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
- FRIDAY:** **St Herbert's:** Rosary 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:** Aiden Evans, Maria Mullen
- Lately Dead:** Barbara Dawson
- RIP:** Agnes Conroy
- Anniversary:** Marie Healy

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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

Pat Gallier, 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.