

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B**

21 April 2024

There were two remarkable moments in the story of the Old Testament where God saved his people; one was in the escape from Egypt – we'll keep that for the Easter Vigil. The other was the end of their second exile, this time in Babylon, which we hear of today. There was an even greater moment when God saved his people: in Jesus Christ his Son – and we hear Jesus tell Nicodemus about that today. To understand "being saved", we must ask "What from?" Saved from slavery, from exile, from human enemies – these are all clear. But the last and greatest salvation brought by Jesus is harder to understand: saved from sin and death. These threaten us as much as any other enemy, and our salvation in Jesus is as real as any other.

**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 4:8-12** - Peter tells the rulers and elders that his healing are in the name of Jesus the Nazarene - the stone the builders rejected becomes the cornerstone - this is the only name by which we can be saved...

**Psalms 117** - The stone which the builders rejected becomes the cornerstone chosen / give thanks to the Lord for he is good / I will thank you for you have given answer / Blessed in the name of the Lord is He who comes.

**Second I John 3: 1-2** - We are already the children of God, but what we are to be in the future is not yet revealed.

**Gospel: John 10: 11-18** - Jesus says "I am the good shepherd, the one who lays his life down for his people ... I know my own, and they know me".

**3. 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

**4. 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.

**5. SALFORD DIOCESE VACANCIES**

**Chef - Cathedral House (replacement role):**

**Appointment Type:** Part time, permanent; **Working Hours:** Weekend Hours; **Location:** Cathedral House, 250 Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE; **Salary:** £21,840 - £24,343 per annum (subject to pro-rata); Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

**Parish Hall Supervisor - Holy Family and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (replacement role)**

**Appointment Type:** Part time, 12 months fixed term; **Working Hours:** 15 hours per week **Location:** St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Audley Range, Blackburn and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish Hall, Highercroft, Blackburn; **Salary:** £12 per hour; Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

**6. SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**ST GEORGE – 23 APRIL:** St George was martyred at Lydda (Israel), in the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. His cult, which predates the legend of his slaying the dragon, spread quickly through East and West. King Richard I of England placed his army under his protection, and in 1222 his feast was proclaimed a national holiday.

**ST MARK – 25 APRIL:** St Mark was a cousin of Barnabas. His close contact with St Peter is reflected in the composition of the Gospel that bears his name. Traditionally, he is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria in Egypt.

**7. 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](mailto:walsingham@pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**8. 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/](http://www.gmconsult.org/environment-team-policy-and-strategy/greater-manchester-s-plan-for-nature/)

**9. SCHOOL NEWS**

**Corpus Christi:** This week, our sacramental children took part in their first session in preparation for their First Holy Communion in May. They recently made their first

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 661; Offertory: 366, 641; Communion: 165; Recessional: 147.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 146; Offertory: 156; Communion: 656, 414; Recessional: 678.

Reconciliation and are now preparing for their First Holy Communion. We keep them in our prayers as they begin the next stage of their Sacramental Journey.

Our children in Wren Class celebrated their class saint day and charity on Tuesday. They enjoyed learning more about St Bernadette. They created some wonderful fact file and beautiful artwork. On this day, they also enjoyed learning more about Oxfam and the amazing work they do.

This week, we also held our popular event 'Break the Rules Day'. It is always a successful event that the children enjoy.

Also, well done to our children in Swallow Class, who lead a fabulous class assembly for the whole school and their family members. They were brilliant!

**St Herbert's:** This week has been a busy week for sports. On Wednesday the school football team continued their winning streak. They played against St Paul's C.E.school and beat them 5-0 - we hope they continue to win especially as Wembley is only two weeks away!

Also on Wednesday Years 1 and 2 took part in the Catholic schools multi skills competition - we came 1st and 3rd. Fantastic!

Lower Key Stage 2 began the new topic for the half term, Ancient Greeks, by holding the Olympics. This involved

traditional sports such as races, shot-put and javelin throws. The children had a fantastic time. Meanwhile Upper Key Stage 2 had a very busy morning diving into their class book about villains! They created fact files on the chosen villain then came together to act out a villainous scene. The children had lots of fun and we have budding actors!

**10. SUNDAY SMILE**

*A local church recently held its annual Paschal Party to celebrate Easter. The food was delicious, music enjoyable, and the parish comedian entertained with his one-liners. Here are a selection (14):*

If I got 50 pence for every maths exam I've failed, I'd have £8.30 now.

I recently saw a documentary on how ships are held together. It was riveting!

Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.

England doesn't have a kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I know they say that money talks, but all mine seems to say is 'Goodbye.'

So, does it matter if I don't know what armageddon means? It's not the end of the world!

**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
- 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:** Marie Essi Apedo Lisa, Patrick  
**RIP:** Agnes Conroy, Pauline Berne  
**Anniversary:** Peter Riley, Vincent Grobelnik, Ann-Marie Grobelnik, John Flynn, Clare Drogan, Elizabeth Drogan, Mary Leyland

**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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**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.