

**PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B**

**19 May 2024**

We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

**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 2:1-11** - The Holy Spirit comes to the apostles, they receive the gift of speaking in many languages and the on-lookers are amazed to hear the apostles speak in them.

**Psalm 103** - Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth / Bless the Lord my soul / You take back your Spirit they die / May the glory of the Lord last forever.

**Second: Galatians 5:16-25** - Die to self-indulgence and live according to the fruits of the Holy Spirit, viz, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.

**Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15** - Jesus tells the disciples that the Spirit of truth will come to them and lead them to the complete truth.

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

**4. BAPTISMS:** We welcome into the Divine Mercy community, Martha Mae Barlow-Smith and Rose Elizabeth Gaudiano, who were baptized in the Parish last weekend.

**5. PARKINSON'S OLDHAM SPRING FAIR:** Will take place this Sunday, 19 May from 12.00 noon until 2.00 pm in St Herbert's Parish Centre. Stalls – Tombola, Gifts, Cake & Bake, Bric-a-Brac, Toys and more. New this year – Play Your Cards Right!

**6. 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 this weekend at both Churches. Ticket numbers are limited, so please get them as soon as possible.

**7. CORPUS CHRISTI PIETY STALL:** First Holy Communion cards and gifts are now on sale at the Piety Stall.

**8. SPONSORED RUN CARITAS:** Aiden Evans (age 7) is going to run a mile round Alexandra Park to raise money for Caritas. This is something he has decided he would like to do himself, to raise money for charity. If you would like to sponsor him, his sponsor form is at the back of church. Thank you. Lisa Evans (Mum)

**9. QUARANT'ORE AT SALFORD CATHEDRAL TEMPORARY CHURCH (5<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024):** During this Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Year of Jubilee, you are invited to join us at Salford Cathedral's temporary church for a special time of prayer - 40 Hours of Adoration of Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We will pray for a special intention each day. The times of Holy Mass, Confessions and Exposition during Quarant'ore can be found at <https://salfordcathedral.co.uk/>. All are welcome to join us!

**10. LAUDATO SI' WEEK:** This week (19-26 May), we mark Laudato Si' Week - an annual campaign celebrating the anniversary of Pope Francis' environmental encyclical. This year's theme is "Seeds of Hope", which calls us to be those seeds of hope in our lives and in our world, rooted in faith and love. To find out more about the campaign and how you can celebrate it in your parish, school, or at home, please visit <https://laudatosiweek.org>

**11. MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING DAY:** '*Directions for Men*', a mental health charity, in conjunction with St Anne's Parish, Fairfield, is offering a free Mental Health and Well-being day on Tuesday 21 May from 1.00 to 4.00 pm in St Anne's Parish Hall, Ashton Old Road, Manchester, M11 1GR. Everyone is very welcome to drop in during the afternoon. Refreshments will be provided.

**12. SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**ST RITA –22 MAY:** was born in Cascia, Italy, in 1381. She endured an abusive marriage for eighteen years until her husband was murdered in a local feud. Her two sons died shortly afterwards. She was professed as an Augustinian nun and worked hard to end the feuds between local warring families, in which she was successful. She died in 1457 and is patron saint of abused wives and mothers.

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 210; Offertory: 273, 362; Communion: 759; Recessional: 453.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 209; Offertory: 182; Communion: 185, 630; Recessional: 672.

**ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH - 25 MAY:** was born in 673 and was educated by the Benedictines. He joined the monastery and began a life of great erudition, producing many writings: particularly on the Scriptures and History of the Church in Britain. He died in 735.

**13. SCHOOL NEWS**

**Corpus Christi:** This week our Year 6 children completed their SATs. We are so proud of all their hard work in preparation for the SATs and their mature attitude towards them. We are extremely proud of them all. They now prepare for their trip to France following the half term. In Reception, they have been learning about people who help us and their aspiration for the future. This week they welcomed a police officer into school, who spoke about his role, and he even had a special visitor with him, Axel the police dog. The children loved asking questions and learning more about the police. They also came to school dressed as what they want to be when they grow up. On Saturday, our sacramental children made their First Holy Communion. We ask our parish family to keep them in their prayers during this very special time.

Stay with them Lord on their journey.

**St Herbert's:** This week we held a very special assembly for Mary, our mother. Each class was given a title that Mary has been given. They completed a piece of art work ,a prayer and researched the role, e.g. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Finally, two children from the Sacramental Programme class crowned Mary. After school parents were invited to view the display of Mary which was surrounded by the amazing artwork. The children from Year 3, who are due to make their First Holy Communion, had the final meeting – “Do this in Memory of Me”. The children are getting very excited to be soon receiving the blessed Sacrament. On Friday the whole school gathered with the Parish family to celebrate Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus. Year 6 finally completed the SATs papers - every morning they came in early to have breakfast with their friends, to have a chat and settle any nerves before they sat down to complete the papers. They took it all in their stride and after Friday’s paper they watched a DVD with snacks - a treat for all their hard work. We were very proud of them all.

**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  
**Corpus Christi: Requiem Mass at 12 noon for Dorothy Winifred Buckley (RIP)**  
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**FRIDAY:** **St Herbert's:** Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am  
**Corpus Christi: Requiem Mass at 12 noon for Christine Baker (RIP)**  
**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

**MASS REQUESTS**

Missa pro populo

**RIP:** Dorothy Winifred Buckley, Christine Baker

**Anniversary:** John Michael McDonnell, Henry Skibinski, Pilar Gacutan

**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.