

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B**

**12 May 2024**

On this Seventh Sunday of Easter the gospels each year are taken from Chapter 17 of Saint John's Gospel - the "priestly prayer" of Jesus at the Last Supper: this long prayer is a farewell message, where Jesus prays for all that the Church will have to be and do in the millennia after his Ascension – in other words, the time we are in now. This is his prayer for us. The specific message this year is all about the continuity of the Church, using the example of Judas (the one who "chose to be lost") being replaced so that the College of Apostle may be twelve in number. Since we have just celebrated the Ascension last Thursday and are now praying for the coming of the Spirit next Sunday, our minds should be full of this mystery of the ever-renewed Church throughout the ages, as Christ prays for us.

**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 1:15-17, 20-26** - Peter leads the brothers to choose someone to take the place of Judas as a witness to the resurrection.

**Psalm 102** - The Lord has set his sway heaven / My soul give thanks to the Lord / For as the heavens are high above the earth.

**Second: I John 4:11-16** - Since God has loved us so much, so we should love one another ... God is love, and anyone who lives in love lives in God.

**Gospel: John 17:11-19** - Jesus prays to the Father for the people who he has been given, knowing that he will soon be returning to the Father and that his people will need protection from the evil one.

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

**4. BAPTISMS:** We welcome into the Divine Mercy community Elias Cillian Foy and Ezra Gabriel Foy, who were baptised in the Parish last weekend.

**5. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING:** Everyone welcome to join us for Tea / Coffee and Refreshments after 11.00am Mass on 12th May.

**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 are on sale at both Churches. Ticket numbers are limited, so please get your tickets as soon as possible.

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

**8. PARISH SVP:** We are very grateful for and would like to thank a parishioner for his donation to the Parish Pantry. It is thanks to donations from parishioners that we were recently able to purchase white goods for a local family after they had put in a request for help. Your continued support for the Parish SVP is very much appreciated.

**9. DIOCESAN MASS FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD:** The Diocese of Salford's Vocations team invites you to join our next Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood. The Mass will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd May, at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Moss Side. All are very welcome to attend as we pray together for the future of the priesthood in our diocese.

**10. WHIT WALK:** The annual Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walk is set to return for another year of prayerful celebration. Taking place on Monday 27th May, the walk will begin at 10am from Manchester Cathedral Gardens, and the group will process to St Peter's Square for an Act of Worship. Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome to attend!

**11. 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.

**12. SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**ST JOHN I, POPE – 18 MAY:** John comes from a strange and dark period of history at the beginning of the sixth century. The Roman Empire in the West was in ruins and was ruled by Theodoric the Goth. Meanwhile the glory of Rome lived on in Constantinople. There, the Emperor (Justin) began a ruthless persecution of the Arians: Theodoric, who was himself and Arian, sent the Pope to restrain the Emperor, but

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 662; Offertory: 641, 175; Communion: 681; Recessional: 290.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 493; Offertory: 524; Communion: 312, 588; Recessional: 311.

was furious when John returned – accusing him of plotting. He had him imprisoned at Ravenna for the rest of his life. John is, therefore, honoured as a martyr.

**13. ROSARY AROUND THE CAMPFIRE:** Please join us for a peaceful hour of prayer and reflection as we host a special praying of The Rosary at our Laudato Si' Centre on Monday 20th May at 1pm. All are welcome to join as we settle on our tree trunks around the campfire to share in an ecological reflection on the Sorrowful Mysteries. Please register your interest at <https://tinyurl.com/rosaryLSC> and feel free to bring your own chair or blanket for additional comfort.

**14. SCHOOL NEWS**

**St Herbert's:** We travelled down to Wembley early on Sunday to play in the final of the National League Cup, representing Oldham Athletic. Well I'm delighted to say we won !!! The boys were 1-0 down but came back to win 2-1. We are so proud of them and it was a fantastic day for all.  
On Tuesday the chess team travelled to Hulme to play.

Unfortunately despite a great effort we lost by two points but the boys never gave up. They continued to battle until the very end. Well done! On Wednesday, as part of their science topic Key Stage 1 walked to Chadderton Hall Park to identify common plants and flowers in the UK - it was a hot day but all the children enjoyed it, especially playing in the park at the end.

On Monday Year 6 begin the SATs test. They have tests every morning up to Thursday. Please keep them in your prayers, so that they do their very best.

**14. SUNDAY SMILE**

According to the Bible. Noah took two of every animal into his ark. However, he must have been a brave man to sail in a wooden boat with two termites on board!

A doctor was examining a patient in A and E and asked him if he had any religious beliefs. The patient assured him, "None, whatsoever, doctor." The doctor then glanced at his notes and turning to the patient said, "I think you might want to reconsider that."

**WEEKDAY CALENDAR**

<b>MONDAY:</b>	Both churches closed
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Rosary at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>St Herbert's:</b> Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Rosary at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>St Herbert's:</b> Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer at 5.00 pm; Mass at 5.30 pm
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am <b>St Herbert's:</b> Private Prayer 10.30 am; Mass at 11.00 am

**CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE BEFORE OR AFTER MASS ON REQUEST**

**MASS REQUESTS**

Missa pro populo

**RIP:** Agnes Conroy, Jim Ryan

**Anniversary:** Jack Rennie, George Wrigley, Claudie Wood

**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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**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.