

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B**

**5 May 2024**

There are two obvious themes to today's readings: Saint Peter summarises many of the ideas of Easter - baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God's love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the great discourse at the Last Supper and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus's life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends.

**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 10:25-26, 34-45, 44-48** - Peter visits Cornelius' household, and the Holy Spirit is poured out even on the Gentiles and they speak in tongues. "God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him." So, Peter ordered them to be baptised.

**Psalms 97** - The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations /sing a new song to the Lord /All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Second I John 4:7-10** - Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ... God's love was revealed: ...God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him...

**Gospel: John 15:9-17**- Jesus says: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you.

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

**4. CORPUS CHRISTI COFFEE MORNING:** Come and join us for our monthly Coffee Morning, This Sunday May 5th, 2024 after the 9.30 am Mass. Teas, Coffee and Home-Made Cakes! Everybody Welcome!

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

**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. MEETING OF THE SVP:** The next meeting of the SVP will take place today after the 9.30 am Mass in Corpus Christi Presbytery.

**9. PARISH SVP FOODBANK – FRIDAY, 10 MAY:** The Parish SVP Foodbank takes place on every second Friday of the month between 2 pm and 4 pm in Corpus Christi Presbytery. The next one will be held on Friday, 10 May. Please spread the word if there's anyone you know who may benefit from the Pantry.

**10. YOUNG ADULTS' MASS:** The Diocese of Salford's Mass for Young Adults returns to St Augustine's in Manchester on Sunday, 12th May. Mass begins at 5.30pm, with opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4.45pm. Guest celebrant will be Fr Gerard Fieldhouse Byrne, Director of St Luke's Centre, who will also join us after Mass for an insightful talk on mental health in this month of mental health awareness. All are welcome to attend!

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

**12. 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.

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 462; Offertory: 443, 122; Communion: 425; Recessional: 343.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 649; Offertory: 492; Communion: 105, 284; Recessional: 353.

**13. LAUDATO SI' AWARDS:** The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for its inaugural Laudato Si' awards aimed at recognising and rewarding school children who have demonstrated exceptional care for the environment. Schools are invited to send in nominations of any student who has gone above and beyond for the Laudato Si' message.

Find out more and send in your nominations at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lsc-awards-2024/>. Deadline for submissions is 24th May.

**14. 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](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk).

**15. SCHOOL NEWS**

**Corpus Christi:** Last Saturday, our Laudato Si team led their annual 'BIG' Corpus clean up in the local area. Many

families came out to support our event and they spent time cleaning the streets of Chadderton around school. Thank you to anyone who came out to support us. We are very proud of the mature attitude that the children demonstrated and their passion and commitment to look after our common home. This week our Pupil Chaplains led a beautiful service for the crowing of Mary. Every child came into school with a flower to present to Mary during her crowning. During the month of May, our Pupil Chaplains will be leading Friday prayer groups all about Mary and the dedication to her during May.

**St Herbert's:** At last the sun has been shining this week! As May is the month of Mary the children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 held a May procession in honour of Our Lady. They all presented flowers to her. The Altar looks beautiful. The football team has been training hard for the cup final at Wembley this weekend - let's hope they bring the cup back for Oldham Athletic! Throughout the last year, Year 4 has been having brass band lessons and on Friday they performed for the whole school. We were very impressed! We would like to say a big thank you for your continued support in giving food for our vulnerable families - they are truly grateful as are we. Thank you.

**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

- Lately Dead:** Tess Thompson
- RIP:** Agnes Conroy, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Veronica Short
- Anniversary:** Jack Huntington
- Birthday Anniversary:** Mary Cathrine Nangle, Francis Elwell

**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.