

11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

16 June 2024

How does a tree grow? The scientists can give us their answers, but the miracle of life on our earth, in all its dazzling complexity and variety is exactly that - a miracle. God is responsible for the miracle of Nature and growth - how, we don't know, but we accept God's guiding hand as a fact of our faith. This mysterious growth in Nature is used as a parable today, for the life of the Church and the Kingdom of God. Just as a seed, planted and watered, turns by miraculous processes into something different and bigger and beautiful, so the seed of the Gospel will grow into something else, by some means we can never fully understand. And that is the grace of God, encouraging, prompting and helping all men and women of good will to swell the coming Kingdom of our God.

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: Ezekiel 17:22-24 - Prophecy that the Lord will take a shoot from the highest branch of the cedar and plant it on the high mountain of Israel.

Psalm 91 - It is good to give you thanks O Lord / The just will flourish like the palm-tree / planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish.

Second: Corinthians 5:6-10 - Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34 - Jesus tells parables describing the Kingdom of heaven - the Parable of the Sower in which the kingdom is like the harvest, and the Parable of the a Mustard Seed.

3. "Mercy Brothers SVP Fundraiser: Clergy-based band The Mercy Brothers are holding a fundraising concert to help support development of the Young Vincentian programmes in Salford and Shrewsbury dioceses. The concert will take place on Friday 21st June at Our Lady's Parish Centre, Flint Street, Stockport SK3 8GE at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 per person and can be purchased on the day or online at <https://tinyurl.com/mercybrothersconcert> "

4. DIVINE MERCY GARDEN PARTY/BARBECUE:

Will take place in Corpus Christi Gardens on Sunday 23rd June 2pm.- 5pm. Ticket by Admission Only. All tickets have now been sold. We look forward to seeing you all on the day. Please can you all pray for a fine day.

5. UP AND COMING EVENTS AT PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY:

23rd June Divine Mercy - Garden Party and BBQ (Corpus Christi) A few tickets remaining.

4th October - Family Night (St Herbert's) more details later.

24th November - Christmas Fayre (St Herbert's)

1st December - Christmas Fayre (Corpus Christi)

Parish Christmas Meal @ San Rocco date to be arranged.

15th December - Brass Band 2pm-4pm (Corpus Christi)

6. Day for Life – 16th June 2024: On Sunday 16th June, we celebrate the Day for Life. This year's theme is "The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life", which allows us to reflect on end-of-life care in the midst of national debates on assisted suicide. A wide range of resources can be found on the Bishops' Conference of England Wales' website at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

The Day for Life has also received a special blessing from the Holy Father, which can be found via this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-gives-his-blessing-to-day-for-life/>

7. Madonna Del Rosario procession:The annual Madonna Del Rosario procession, organised by the Manchester Italian Association, will take place on Sunday 7 July 2024. The procession will begin at 1.15pm from St Michael's (former church), George Leigh Street, in Ancoats. It will continue through Manchester City Centre to St Peter's Square. All are welcome to join this wonderful celebration.

8. 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 12.00pm on Saturday 22nd June, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Moorside Road, Swinton M27 9PD. All are very welcome to attend as we pray together for the future of the priesthood in our diocese.

9. Diocesan Day Retreat: The Fire & The Well & The Cloak:As part of our Day Retreat Programme, another session is taking place on Saturday 6th July at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella Catholic Church, Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall, PR5 5AA. The theme for this session is "The Fire and The Well and The Cloak". It will explore the spirituality of the wonderful Saint Brigid and her compelling symbolism. It will start at 11.30am and will finish at 3pm and costs £20. Find out more and register at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-july-2024/>

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 647; Offertory: 522, 801; Communion:133; Recessional:202.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 634; Offertory: 641; Communion: 419, 511; Recessional: 303.

10. SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

SAINT ROMUALD – 19 JUNE: when his father killed a man, Romuald lived life doing penance for the crime. He was a hermit, founding monasteries and restoring solitary religious life. He died, aged 75, in 1027.

SAINT JOHN FISHER – 22 JUNE: born at Beverley (Yorkshire) in 1469, died at London on 22 June 1535. As Bishop of Rochester he combined pastoral ministry with study and writing.

11. SCHOOL NEWS:

Corpus Christi: After a two week half term break, the children have returned to school ready for their final half term on this academic year which is set to be extremely busy.

Our Year 6 children are currently in France on their school residential trip, and they are having a wonderful time. They have visited the Eiffel Tower, Montdidier Market, Albert Museum and the Chocolate Factory.

Our Year 5 and 6 children in school have taken part in an Italian themed week at school. They have been taking part in Italian dancing, pizza making and have visited an Italian

talian restaurant.

The whole school have taken part in a multi-faith week. This year we have been looking at Islam and the Muslim Faith. We were very lucky to have a special visitor come to school on Monday and deliver an assembly all about Islam. The children were engrossed from start to finish and asked some wonderful questions. Our Year 3 children visited the local Mosque and were a credit to us. Their behaviour was exceptional. They were all extremely respectful and were interested in learning more about the Muslim faith. Once again, they asked some wonderful questions.

It has been a very busy week, and we look forward to the busy half term ahead.

St Herbert's: We have returned after a two week break . The children were excited to be back -they all look well rested! The first week back has been quite busy. The Nursery class went on their school trip to Little Play Town and they had a wonderful time. Year 4 have had their multiplication check -again they rose to the challenge. The children in year 1 have had their phonic screening and we are really proud of how they approached it. Thank You for the food that was left for us. We really appreciate it and so do our families.

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

Lately Dead: Edith Hamilton, Derek Hacking, Michael Connell, David Tierney.

RIP: Sister Anne McCoy

Anniversary: Jean Allen (1st anniversary), annie Byrne.

Special Intention: Andrew Tierney.

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, 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.