

**CORPUS CHRISTI YEAR B**

**2 June 2024**

The key to today's readings is the word "Covenant". A Covenant is a solemn and binding agreement between two parties, which establishes the way in which each party will behave towards the other. It establishes rights and duties and forges a new relationship between two people or groups of people. In the Ancient World, a Covenant was always sealed with a sacrifice and a meal: the sacrifice brought divine blessing on the covenant, and the meal sealed the relationship between the participants. In the Covenant that God forged with his people in the Old Testament, it was expressed very simply: God said, "You will be my people, and I will be your God." God would remain faithful to the people, and they were to remain faithful to God (this is where the commandments come in). This Covenant was sealed in its greatest form on Mount Sinai, as we hear in the first reading. When the Old Covenant had been broken beyond repair, God sent his only Son to establish a New Covenant: the sacrifice and meal of this New Covenant is Calvary and the Last Supper, where Christ is both priest and victim and altar. When we eat and drink this sacred meal at every Mass we are renewed in the New Covenant and the relationship with God, because Calvary and the Upper Room are present once more and the New Covenant is sealed for us anew.

**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: Exodus 24:3-8** - Moses reads the book of the covenant to the people, and they promise to be obedient: he dashes the people with the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made.

**Psalms 115** - The cup of salvation I will raise, I will call on the Lord's name / How can I repay the Lord / O precious in the eyes of the Lord / A thanksgiving sacrifice I make.

**Second: Hebrews 9:11-15** - Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, through his sacrifice, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

**Gospel: Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26** - Jesus disciples prepare for the Passover Meal, and Jesus eats it with them and celebrates the first Eucharist: he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many."

**3. FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI:** I would like to wish all parishioners a very happy and holy feast day. Fr Lawrence

**4. CORPUS CHRISTI- SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING!:** Come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. This Sunday 2nd June 2024 after the 9.30am Mass. Teas, Coffee and Homemade Cakes. Everybody Welcome!

**5. 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. Numbers are limited, so please get your tickets as soon as possible.

**6. NOTICE ABOUT SCAM EMAIL:** The Diocese of Salford has shared a warning about a scam email that has been circulated to some parishes in our diocese, purporting to be from the parish priest. Please be aware that this is not a genuine

email. If you come across any such email, please do not engage with it and simply delete it from your inbox. If you are ever unsure about an email from the parish, please call the parish office and we'd be happy to advise.

**7. PARISH SVP FOODBANK – FRIDAY, 14 June:** 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, 14 June. Please spread the word if there's anyone you know who may benefit from the Pantry.

**8. YOUNG ADULTS MASS:** Our diocesan Mass for Young Adults returns on Sunday 9th June to St Augustine's Church in Manchester. Mass begins at 5.30pm with opportunity for confession between 4.45pm and 5.15pm. Join us after Mass for a catch up with other young Catholics over a bite to eat and a short, personal talk about one man's remarkable journey to faith. All are welcome to attend!

**9. STILL TIME TO JOIN OUR CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES!:** We still have a few places left for any pilgrims wishing to join our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in our centenary year. The pilgrimage, led by Bishop John, will take place between 26th July and 1st August. To find out more and to book your place, please visit [salfordlourdes.co.uk](http://salfordlourdes.co.uk)

**10. 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)

**11. FOUR KEY THEMES ANNOUNCED FROM DIOCESAN SYNOD:** The Diocese of Salford has recently shared the four key themes to have emerged from the Big Listen stage of our diocesan synod, which drew to a close in January. The four themes are:

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 349; Offertory: 516; Communion: 628; Recessional: 110.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 476; Offertory: 560; Communion: 628, 500; Recessional: 290.

- Nurturing Faith in Tomorrow's World - Building Connections
- Enabling Access
- Fostering Christ-like Care.

To find out more about the latest updates, what's next for Our diocesan synod, or how you can get involved, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synod-gathering-1/>

**12. SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE IN IRELAND'S MOTHER AND BABY AND COUNTY HOMES:** The Irish Government Mother and Baby and County Home payment scheme is open for applications to people who spent time in one of 44 institutions that existed across the Republic of Ireland from 1922 to 1998. If you were in one of these homes and would like free and confidential support to apply for a payment or to access counselling, obtain Early Life Records, try to trace a family member, or even for just a chat please contact Patrick Rodgers at Fréa – Renewing Roots on 07432138682.

**13. SAINT OF THE WEEK:**  
**ST BONIFACE – 5 JUNE:** St Boniface was born in Devon about 675 and killed in the Netherlands in 754. After years as a monk and teacher, he went to evangelise

the Germanic peoples. Ordained Bishop, he was given wide-ranging papal commissions throughout Germany and Gaul. He founded monasteries and established dioceses, presided at Synods and liaised with kings. He is remembered as a determined missionary and as a church organiser and reformer, whose work shaped the future of Europe.

**14. SUNDAY SMILE**

*St. Thomas the Dubious High School, had their half-term assessments last week. Some of their answers were as unpredictable as ever. (14)*  
 The zebra is like the horse, only striped, and is chiefly used to illustrate the letter Z.  
 A primate is a Prime Minister's wife.  
 Keats was a poet who wrote on a greasy urn.  
 They gave William IV a lovely funeral. It took six men to carry the beer.  
 Raleigh invented potatoes, tobacco, and also the bicycle.  
 Henry VIII had an abcess on his knee, which made walking difficult.  
 Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas."  
 Water is composed of two gins, Oxygen and Hydrogin.  
 Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water.

**WEEKDAY CALENDAR**

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

**Lately Dead:** Sister Anne McCoy, Pat Gallier, Brido Moloney  
**RIP:** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**Anniversary:** Mary Coonan  
**Birthday Anniversary:** Brian Field

**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.