

**SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL , APOSTLES YEAR B**

**30 June 2024**

Peter and Paul are the two great heroes of the Apostolic Age - Peter for leading the first Christian communities and binding them in unity, a role that springs from his profession of faith in Caesarea Philippi, and Paul for travelling throughout the Roman Empire as the Apostle to the Gentiles, ensuring that the Gospel could be heard by all. They both ended up in Rome, the heart of the Empire, where they crowned their lives of witness by shedding their blood for Christ. As the ancient hymn for this feast day ("Decora Lux aeternitatis") says: ""Rejoice, O Rome, this day; thy walls they once did sign With princely blood, who now their glory share with thee. What city's vesture glows with crimson deep as thine? What beauty else has earth that may compare with thee?" In celebrating the death of these apostles and martyrs, we celebrate the triumph of life and death offered fully to 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: Acts 12:1-11** - Peter is imprisoned by King Herod, but the church prays fervently and an angel sets him free so he can continue leading the church.

**Psalm 33 - From all my terrors the Lord set me free** / I will bless the Lord at all times / Glorify the Lord with me / Look towards him and be radiant / An angel of the Lord is encamped.

**Second: II Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18**- Paul's reflections on the crown promised everyone who serves God: ... I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ... The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be proclaimed.

**Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19** - Jesus asks "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ... "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ... "But who do you say that I am?" ...Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ... you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.

**3. DIVINE MERCY GARDEN PARTY/BARBECUE:** Held in Corpus Christi Gardens.

We would like to say a Big Thankyou to everyone who attended on Sunday and helped to make it a Huge Success.

Also Thankyou to everyone who worked so hard setting up and preparing everything ! Along with the weather helped to make it a Fantastic Day.

**4. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING:** will take place in the Parish Centre after 11.00 am on Sunday, 7 July. All welcome.

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

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. SPONSORED RUN FOR CARITAS:** Aiden Evans has now completed his sponsored run and would like to collect his money to send off to Caritas. Thank you to all those who sponsored him (Lisa Evans).

**7. Can you help bring back a child's smile this summer?** Over 330,000 children in our diocese are now living in poverty. Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has found demand for its services to support them and their families has grown significantly recently, with hardworking families significantly affected and experiencing acute crisis.

This is unacceptable in 2024 - can you help? Find out simple ways you can take action, or make a donation to help children in your area now here: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/childpoverty](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/childpoverty)

**8. Young Adults Mass:** The Diocese of Salford's Mass for Young Adults returns to St Augustine's in Manchester on Sunday, 14th July. Fr Mark Paver will lead the Mass at 5.30pm which will be followed by a relaxed social. Join other young adults from across the diocese this July as we gather together for our final Young Adults Mass before the summer break. All are welcome to attend!

**9. Mass for Vocations:** Join us for our Monthly Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood at 7.00pm on Thursday 11th July at St Mary Magdalene's RC Church, Burnley. Whether you would like to explore more about a vocation to the priesthood, or simply pray for the future of the priesthood in our diocese, you are more than welcome to attend.

**10. ELECTION REFLECTION:** In 1801, three Chadderton men were sentenced to seven years transportation to Botany Bay, Australia. Only one was to return home to his wife and family. In 1819, two Chadderton men were killed by the military at the infamous Peterloo Massacre in Manchester. What had these men done to deserve such consequences? They were all just ordinary, hardworking inhabitants of Chadderton, who simply wanted to share in the government of their country – the *Right to Vote!* (Michael Lawson; Secretary, Chadderton Historical Society).

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 234; Offertory: 641, 175; Communion: 133; Recessional: 647 .

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 647 ; Offertory: 284; Communion: 256 , 246; Recessional: 169.

**11. PARISH SVP FOODBANK – FRIDAY, 12**

**July:** 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, 12 July. Please spread the word if there's anyone you know who may benefit from the Pantry.

**12. PARISH SVP MEETING:** will take place on Sunday, 7 July in the Parish Centre after the 11.00 am Mass.

**13. SCHOOL NEWS**

**Corpus Christi:** This week our Year 6 children gathered with fellow CFOS schools for their Year 6 Leavers Mass at St Mary's. It was lovely to share this beautiful mass with our CFOS schools and reflect back on the time Year 6 have spent with us.

On Wednesday, Robin Class held their first 'Stay and Pray' session for their families. They invited their families to share Wednesday Word all about 'Hope' with them and join with them for their weekly celebration of the Word.

Our Laudato Si team also held interviews this week for Year 3 pupils who would like to join the team next year. The children took part in an application and interview process.

We are very proud of the mature attitude they demonstrated.

**St Herbert:** On Saturday Year 3 made their first Holy Communion. It was wonderful to come together with their families to celebrate the Blessed Sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers. Year 6 had a special Mass with Bishop John and all other catholic year 6 students in Oldham to celebrate the end of their Primary school journey.

As well as their special Mass they had a fantastic time at Robinwood ,where they built rafts, went on a big swing and zip wire to name but a few. They came back happy but very tired. At the end of the week the whole school took part in a choral speaking competition. The children were amazing and it was clear they enjoyed performing.

**14. SUNDAY SMILE:** The Year Seven pupils at St. Thomas the Dubious High School have just had another of their lunchtime fundraisers for charity. For a small donation, a pupil could tell everyone his/her favourite joke. Here are a few of them:

Who is the penguin's favourite Aunt? Aunt-Arctica!

Why are ghosts bad liars? Because you can see right through them!

**WEEKDAY CALENDAR**

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| <b>MONDAY:</b>    | Both churches closed   |
| <b>TUESDAY:</b>   | <b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer at 6.30pm; Mass at 7.00pm  |
| <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<br><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

**R.I.P:** David John Tierney & Anthony P.J

**Special Intention:** Ligy Tony's Family.

**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.