

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

14 July 2024

There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time – one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the “revelation” of the Son of God – people realising who this “Jesus of Nazareth” actually was – and this continues today, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew’s Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord’s public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen – even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God’s work.

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

1st Amos 7:12-15 - Amos explains that he didn't decide to be a prophet by himself, but that he did what God told him to do, even though the establishment didn't want him there.

Psalm 84: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help / I will hear what the Lord will say / Mercy and faithfulness have met / The Lord will make us prosper.

2nd - Ephesians 1:3-14 - a poetic description of the beautiful way God deals with us - God chose us as His own.

Gospel - Mark 6:7-13 - Jesus sends the disciples out in pairs, taking nothing with them, to preach repentance and to heal - in the same way that the prophets did of old.

3. SEA SUNDAY APPEAL: There will be an appeal for Sea Sunday this weekend at both Corpus Christi and St Herbert's churches. Thank you.

4. PARISH SVP: The SVP currently holds a Food Pantry at Corpus Christi on every 2nd Friday in the month. We are now expanding our Food Pantry service by holding one at St Herbert's on 4th Friday of every month in the Parish Centre. The first one at St Herbert's will take place on Friday, 23 August from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

We are, therefore, asking Parishioners to help us with this by donating food items. These can be left in the SVP box at the back of St Herbert's Church. Suggestions for donations: Coffee, Tea, Cordial, Long Life Milk, Sauces (Curry and Pasta) and Rice. Donations of other food/household items are also very welcome. Thank you very much for your support.

5. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This Sunday will be our final lesson with the children before staff take a break during the summer holidays. The dining room in the house is always full of children and helpers each Sunday. Thank you, too, to the parents for bringing their children regularly and special thanks to the teachers and assistants for their preparation and commitment each week. We will resume again in September.

6. 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).

New Year's Eve Dance with Franny Ward - St Herbert's Parish Centre.

7. SALFORD LOURDES PRE-DEPARTURE MASS: Join us on Sunday 21st July as we gather together in prayer for the Pre-Departure Mass of our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Whether you're travelling to Lourdes or are looking to join in prayer at home, you are welcome to the Mass at 5.30pm at St Patrick's church, Collyhurst.

Mass will be celebrated by Canon Michael Cooke along with clergy from the diocese, with music from our wonderful Lourdes Choir. There will be refreshments and a chance to catch up with friends after Mass.

8. CARITIAS DIOCESE OF SALFORD SUMMER APPEAL: Our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, has launched its summer appeal as new research reveals child poverty to be at an all-time high across Greater Manchester and Lancashire. To find out more about the appeal and how you can support families across our diocese, please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/child-poverty

9. STAY IN THE KNOW: Want the latest news from parishes and schools across the diocese? Would you like to keep up to speed with upcoming events and key projects and resources from the Diocese of Salford? Head to the Diocese of Salford's website at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk> or find us on Facebook, Instagram, and X!

11. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

ST BONAVENTURE – 15 July: St Bonaventure was born in Italy in 1218. He became a Franciscan and eventually Minister General of the Order and Cardinal Bishop of Albano near Rome. He is remembered for his spiritual teaching. He died in 1274.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 286; Offertory: 641, 443; Communion: 462; Recessional: 297.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 43; Offertory: 801; Communion: 334, 724; Recessional: 353.

ST APOLLINARIS – 20 July: St Apollinaris was a disciple of St Peter, first Bishop of Ravenna (Italy). He died near the end of the first century.

12. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: At the start of the week, our children in Years 3,4 & 5 spent some time with Maria Hall. They looked at different forms of biblical and scripture meditation and talked about the importance of scripture.

This week our Year 6 children performed their Year 6 musical - Matilda! The show was sensational! The children were absolutely amazing and we are extremely proud of them all. Thank you to the members of the parish that came to watch and support the children.

This week some of our children have also been on their end of year school trip. The children in Reception visited Smithills Farm in Bolton, and the Year 4 children stayed overnight at Gulliver's World. They all had an amazing time, and their behaviour was exceptional.

Well done to our children who also performed in their end of term showcase for Rocksteady and those who took part in the termly showcase for our dance club.

St Herbert's: It's been a busy time for Year 6 as they spent two days at their chosen Secondary schools. They came

back full of excitement which is a good sign. Please keep them in your prayers as they take the next step in their learning journey. This week Year 5 went to York and visited the Jorvik Viking Centre, where they travelled back to the year AD 975 and became fully immersed in the Viking Age. On Wednesday, Key Stage 1 visited the Museum of Science and Industry where they were able to handle a variety of artefacts. Finally, on Wednesday the children who are due to start reception in September came to visit. It was lovely to meet them. On Thursday morning all the new nursery children visited with their parents. They enjoyed playing in their new classroom.

13. SUNDAY SMILE:

As the school year draws to its close, St. Thomas the Dubious High School has been having its lunchtime joke sessions. The latest jokes had to be school-based. Here are a few they heard.

- Q. Why did the pupil eat his homework?
- A. Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake!
- Q. Did you hear about the maths teacher who's afraid of negative numbers?
- A. He'll stop at nothing to avoid them!
- Q. How do you get straight 'A's in an exam?
- A. By using a ruler!
- Q. Why does a maths book always look so sad?
- A. Because it has so many problems!

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

Special Intention: Noreen Butterworth, Private Intention (Sick), Conrad Apostol & Family

Lately Dead: Trevor Owen, Cath Garside, Angelita Triumfo Figueroa, Honesto Garalde, Restituto Jun Chua Jr.

Anniversary: Vera Howarth, Mary Fawley

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:

Noreen Butterworth, 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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- 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.