

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

21 July 2024

At both beginning and end of this section of the Gospel we are reminded that the foremost duty of the disciples is to be with Jesus: 'they were to be with him' (Mark 3.14), whatever else they do. At the beginning the disciples who had been sent out on their mission return to Jesus, and at the end the much larger crowd 'from every town', who had searched for him so determinedly and successfully, are welcomed and pitied by Jesus. Furthermore, he begins to teach them. The final quotation, 'like sheep without a shepherd' is a clear allusion to the Israelites after the death of Moses, who would be like sheep without a shepherd until Joshua is appointed as leader (Numbers 27.17), and more widely to the LORD sending a shepherd to replace the careless and self-indulgent shepherds of Ezekiel 34.

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: Jeremiah 23:1-6 — Shepherds who neglect their flocks are condemned, as God promises to intervene for the sake of the people — just as a good shepherd would do.

Psalm: Psalm 22 (23) - The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Second: Ephesians 2:13-18 - Christ, by his blood, ends hostility and brings people together.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34 - Jesus encourages the apostles to rest, but takes pity on the people also.

3. 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), Rice, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit. Donations of other food/household items are also very welcome. Thank you very much for your support.

4. 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.

5. Diocesan Pilgrimages for 2025 Year of Jubilee:

We are delighted to announce a number of pilgrimage opportunities in celebration of the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

Jubilee. From Lourdes and Lindisfarne, to Walsingham and Rome - and a wealth of opportunities on our very doorstep - there is something for everybody in this upcoming Year of Jubilee. Bookings for Rome will open on Monday 5th August with bookings for our other pilgrimages opening soon. Please stay tuned for further information on how to book or find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>

6. 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!

7. Caritas 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

8. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

ST MARY MAGDALENE - 22 July: was one of Christ's disciples, present at his death. On Easter morning she was the first to whom the risen Redeemer appeared.

ST JOACHIM and ANNE - 26 July: are the names traditionally given to the parents of Our Lady, grandparents of Jesus.

9. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: This week our Year 6 children have been enjoying their final week with us here at Corpus Christi, and we hope they have made many memories along the way. The children have been busy with their graduation celebrations, their final school mass and their leavers

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 661; Offertory: 362, 516; Communion: 628; Recessional: 730.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 557; Offertory: 272; Communion: 307, 397; Recessional: 672.

assembly. They have been extremely busy, but it has been lovely to see they reflect back on their time with us and look forward to their next journey.

This week has also been filled with many celebrations. We said goodbye to staff who are retiring and staff who are moving on to pastures new, as well as celebration staff members who are getting married this summer.

Staff and children are very much looking forward to their summer break and look forward to seeing our parish family when we return in September. We hope you all have a lovely summer.

St Herbert's: Our final week and what a busy one !!!! On Friday our super football team won the league beating Mills Hill 4-2 having been 2-0 down. They dug deep, and worked together to bring another trophy home ! On Tuesday evening year 6 had their leavers Mass. It was lovely to celebrate the end of their primary journey with their families. Please keep them in their prayers as they continue at their chosen secondary schools. On Wednesday the whole school came to Church to celebrate the end of the school year-the children offered a gift from their class to say thank you to God. Seeing the gifts offered on the Altar made us appreciate how lucky we are at St Herbert's school.

Thursday was prize giving, which again was an opportunity for us as a school to celebrate the success of our pupils. Finally on Friday yr 6 held their leavers assembly for parents and the whole school. What a wonderful performance from an amazing group of children. Stay with them Lord on their journey. We will be back in September, let's hope the sun shines for us all.

13. SUNDAY SMILE: The end of year exams at Thomas the Dubious High School have provided the staff with their usual smiles at some of the answers. Here is a selection:

If teeth are not cleaned regularly, plague is the result.

Samuel Morse invented a code of telepathy.

In the middle of the 18th-century, all the morons moved to the State of Utah.

The Middle Ages were called the Dark Ages because there were too many knights.

Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. He said, "In onion there is strength."

Radium was discovered by Madman Curie.

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

ANNIVERSARY:

- Mario McDonnel (1st)
- Paul Lawless
- Anonymous

SPECIAL INTENTION:

Jim Stott, Private Intention

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.