

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

4 August 2024

We continue reading from John 6: this is the aftermath of the miracle, and we see the beginnings of a misunderstanding that will develop over the next four weeks. People have seen the miracle, but not the message: they have seen the sign but not what it points towards. The bread that was given is a sign of the Bread of Life, which is the teaching, the words and the very person of Jesus, as the revelation of the Father. His mission is to draw people back to his Father, to found a new Covenant or relationship. As the weeks go by, we will see that the people's hunger is simply for spectacle and miracle, not for the much harder teaching of living nourished by God's word and the presence of his only Son. For us, the People of the New Covenant, these passages must make us think of how we receive the Lord in the Eucharist. Are we nourished by his presence, so that all the hunger and thirst of our lives is answered by the One who is the Bread of Life?

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 16:2-4 - God provides manna from heaven for the people following Moses and Aaron in the desert.

Psalm 77 - The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 - give up your old way, a spiritual revolution - put on a new self.

Gospel: John 6:24-35 - "I am the bread of life, he who comes to me will never be hungry."

3. COFFEE MORNING – CORPUS CHRISTI: Come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning, this Sunday 4th August 2024. Tea, Coffee and Homemade Cakes. Everyone Welcome!

4. PARISH SVP MEETING: There will be a meeting of the SVP this Sunday, 4 August after the 9.30 am Mass in Corpus Christi Presbytery.

5. PARISH SVP FOODBANK – FRIDAY, 9 AUGUST: The Parish SVP Foodbank (Corpus Christi) 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, 9 August. Please spread the word if there's anyone you know who may benefit from the Pantry.

6. 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.

7. DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2025: We are delighted to announce a number of pilgrimages to celebrate the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee, including a pilgrimage to Rome in September. Bookings for the pilgrimage, led by Bishop John, will open on Monday 5th August.

Please email info@northernstartravel.com or call 0161 773 2115 to book your place. Please note, places are extremely limited.

For more information on our other pilgrimages at home and overseas, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/jubilee-pilgrimages/>.

8. SALFORD LOURDES PILGRIMAGE CENTENARY WINDOW: Our Salford Lourdes Coordination Team is delighted to announce the commission of a beautiful stained-glass window, which will be installed in our newly-restored cathedral, commemorating the centenary of this much-loved pilgrimage. You can be part of this wonderful legacy by donating in memory of a loved one, as a gift, or in your family name, with names being recorded in a special commemorative book. To find out more, visit <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/centenary-window>.

9. ACCESSIBILITY AND YOUR PARISH: Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, supports people in our diocese to develop their understanding of accessibility, disability and inclusion of people with access needs. Being accessible is important to maximise positive experiences and so everyone has opportunities to participate in ways that suit them. Caritas is looking for people from our parishes to help advocate for positive accessibility with a view to encouraging positive solutions. If you are interested, please email accessibility@caritassalford.org.uk or visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer to find out more.

10. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

ST THERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS – 9 August: St Theresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) was born in

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 110; Offertory: 175, 801; Communion: 641; Recessional: 202.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 583; Offertory: 175; Communion: 349,500; Recessional: 120.

Germany in 1891 and was killed with her sister, Rosa, in the gas chambers of Auschwitz in 1942. A convert from Judaism, she became a Discalced Carmelite, and embraced in her life the cross of Jesus.

ST LAWRENCE (DEACON AND MARTYR) – 10 August: St Lawrence was a deacon in Rome in the time of Pope Sixtus II. Responsible for the charitable work of the Roman church, he was asked, when arrested, for the treasure of the Church: he pointed to the poor, hungry, lepers, widows he served. Tradition tells that he was killed by being roasted on a grid.

12. JOB VACANCIES - Diocese of Salford

Maintenance Operative: Appointment Type: Full-time, Permanent; **Working Hours:** 35 hours per week to be worked Monday to Friday; **Location:** Around the diocese; **Salary:** £21,840 – £24,343 per annum (depending on skills and experience); Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>

Skilled Maintenance Operative: Appointment Type: Full-time, Permanent; **Working Hours:** 35 hours

per week to be worked Monday to Friday; **Location:** Around the diocese; **Salary:** £29,525 – £32,735 per annum (depending on skills and experience); Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>

Grant and Bid Writer (Replacement Role): Appointment Type: Full-time, Permanent; **Working Hours:** 35 hours per week to be worked Monday to Friday; **Location:** Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP; **Salary:** £36,338 - £40,289 per annum (depending on skills and experience); Find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>

13. SUNDAY SMILE

Fr. Dermot O'Flaherty was asked by one of his parishioners, "Is it true, Father, that the Irish are now very wealthy?" With a smile, his response was, "{ 'm not so sure about that, but their capital is always Dublin!"

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: Cheryl Moran
Lately Dead: Rhona Jones, Margorie Ihennedy, Renee Prince
R.I.P: Holy Souls in Purgatory
Anniversary: Eileen Huntington

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, 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.