

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

18 August 2024

Despite the fact that the theme of Mass today continues that of last Sunday, there is a new twist: in recent weeks we have been looking at the Bread of Life in a very figurative or spiritual way: today we come right down to (literally) fleshy realities: food and drink, flesh and blood. As we shall see, this is too much for the Jews to swallow, and they will desert Jesus after what he says today. How far we have come from a few weeks ago when the crowds flocked over the lake to find Jesus after the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand! Despite the complexity of the message, and the reaction of the crowd, there is an elegant simplicity about it all, which the first reading and the response to the psalm highlight: there we hear a simple invitation: “Come and eat, come and drink!” and “Taste and see.” Ignorance and folly disappear when they are surrendered to the generosity of God, and we taste the eternal life that Jesus gives us in himself.

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: Proverbs 9:1-6 - Wisdom has built herself a house, prepared a banquet, sent invitations.

Psalm: Psalm 33 - Taste and see that the Lord is good / I will bless the Lord at all times.

Second: Ephesians 5:15-20 - be careful about the sort of life you lead - sing together to God.

Gospel: John 6: 51-58 - I am the living bread, he who eats my bread and drinks my flesh lives in me, and I in him.

3. PARISH INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION – CORPUS CHRISTI:

You are invited by Young@Church (Youths at our Parish) to our 'Parish International Celebration' on **Sunday, 15 September from 2:30 pm**. We're children of One Father in Heaven, yet are native from different countries and different cultures but Christ has called us together into this Parish to celebrate as children of The Living God. So together let's reveal the glory and value of the Father in our cultural styles: by bringing your food, music, dance, etc... to share. **RSVP!** Tickets are on sale from this Sunday after Holy Mass: £5.00 - adult; £2.50 - child; children under school age free of charge. Contact: Patrick 07591214756.

4. PARISH SVP: Thank you very much for the two anonymous donations of money to the SVP and to those who have donated food/household items to the Parish Pantry. Your donations are very much appreciated.

5. PARISH SVP: The SVP Food Pantry at St Herbert's Parish Centre this **Friday, 23 August from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm**. Please spread the word to anyone who might benefit from it.

We are 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.

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)

7. LOOKING FOR A LATE CATHOLIC GAP YEAR?:

Do you know anybody who is Catholic, aged around 18 to 22 and still not got anything lined up for the year ahead? Castlerigg Manor (the Diocese of Lancaster retreat centre, located in the Lake District) is still looking for young people to join their youth ministry internship scheme. The scheme provides comprehensive training and experience as well as accommodation and food for the year, and a stipend each week. Anyone who is interested can check out castleriggmanor.com >> join the team, or Email Jack Regan – director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

8. CEMETERY MASSES:

Two Masses to remember our deceased loved ones will be taking place at the end of August. Canon Paul Daly will celebrate Mass at St Joseph's RC Cemetery, Moston, at 11am on Monday 26th August. A second Mass will take place on the same day at Wardley Cemetery, beginning at 12 noon. All are welcome to join.

9. SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC) CAMPAIGN:

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children is leading a campaign calling on the government to end the two-child credit cap. To find out more about this campaign and to sign the petition, please visit <https://www.spuc.org.uk/end-benefit-cap>

10. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St PIUS X, POPE – 21 August: born in Riese (Italy) into a poor family in 1835, he was ordained and worked as parish

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 121; Offertory: 362, 175; Communion: 628; Recessional: 461.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 476; Offertory: 362; Communion: 628, 164; Recessional: 604 .

priest for 17 years before being made spiritual director at the Seminary, then Bishop of Mantua, patriarch of Venice, and finally Pope in 1903. He sought to renew Christian life, by emphasizing charity and the Eucharist; he worked to avoid war in 1914, but died shortly after its outbreak.

ST ROSE OF LIMA – 23 August: was born in Peru in 1586. She entered the third order of St Dominic and became known as a great mystic. She died, aged 31, in 1617.

11. DIOCESE OF SALFORD – VACANCIES

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>

12. SUNDAY SMILE

Actual signs outside American churches:

What's missing from CH ** CH? UR!
 Having trouble sleeping? Try one of our sermons.
 Whoever stole our Air Conditioning Units, please keep one. It could be hot where you're going.
 Come as you are. You can change inside.
 Do not criticise your wife's judgement - see whom she married
 Experts made the Titanic. Amateurs made the Ark.
 Sinners wanted. Apply within

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
St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 5.30 pm; Mass at 6.00 pm
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: Elsa Templo Chu, Zenaida Templo Bo, Erlinda Oliver, Elizabeth Newbould

Lately Dead: James Stott

Anniversary: Margaret Wood, Doreen Heyes, Jim Healy

Wedding Anniversary: Mary & Bernard Nangle

Birthday Anniversary: Sheila Robinson

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.