

**22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**1 September 2024**

We now return to St Mark, for the rest of the year. The Gospel brings out one of the central problems of all religion: the way in which peripheral laws and customs gradually take over the more fundamental commandments, and the way in which “externalism” and a concern with superficialities gradually suffocates a true “internal” faith which is lived out. Here we see the angry Jesus: he calls them “hypocrites”, as he condemns their “worthless worship”. He teaches a central truth: it is what comes from within that determines whether we are clean or unclean, good or evil. The commandments of God, which Moses puts before the people with such great pride, become the source of justice when they are given a place in the heart. When other rules and regulations about how to wash and what to eat displace them, then they are stifled and justice is practised no longer.

**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: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8:** "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it; that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you."

**Psalms: 14** - The just will live in the presence of the Lord / Lord who shall dwell on your holy mountain.

**Second: James 1:17-18, 21-22,27** - Live true to the true Law.

**Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23** - The Pharisees challenge Jesus because his disciples don't follow their interpretation of the law. Jesus condemns them for their hypocrisy and use (abuse) of God's Law to oppress people. He lists the things that defile people, knowing that some of these sins were being committed by his listeners.

**3. PASTORAL LETTER:** A Pastoral letter from Bishop John will be read at all masses this weekend. Copies are available at the back of each church for those who would like to read the letter at home.

**4. CORPUS CHRISTI COFFEE MORNING:** Come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning, this Sunday 1st September 2024 after the 9.30 am mass. Tea, Coffee and Home-Made Cakes. Everyone is Welcome!

**5. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Our lessons with the children will restart on Sunday 8th September. There will be a short meeting for all teachers after Mass, please, to issue the new Calendar.

**6. CORPUS CHRISTI A TEAM AUTUMN CLEANING:** Church cleaning will continue on Mondays as follows: 2, 16, 30 September; 14, 28 October; 11, 25 November; 9, 23 December.

Nick opens up at 8.45 am and we finish by 9.30 - 9.45am for a cuppa and cake. New volunteers always welcome.

**7. 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: Adult - £5.00; Child - £2.50; children under school age free of charge. Contact: Patrick 07591214756. Please support our young people in this event.

**8. 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)

**9. SVP UPDATE:** September marks SVP Awareness Month and it will be approximately 18 months since we established an SVP conference in the Divine Mercy Parish. Here is a little update.

We currently have 4 full members and 6 volunteers. Our first project was to resurrect the food pantry. We held the first one in Corpus Christi presbytery in February 2023. It is held monthly, and we now have between 10 and 15 families attending every month. We have now extended this to twice monthly and we held our first pantry at St Herbert's parish centre this month.

In addition, last Christmas we donated 15 food hampers to families in need.

We have also helped 3 local families from Chadderton. One family needed Christmas presents for their 3 children. The other two families have been provided with essential

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 558; Offertory: 801, 443; Communion: 133; Recessional: 644.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 390; Offertory: 122; Communion: 256, 254; Recessional: 303.

household items and clothing.

All our beneficiaries are very grateful, but we couldn't have done it without the kind and generous donations of food and money we have received from the public, parishioners and parents of our school children.

We would love to welcome new members so if anyone is interested in joining our small but friendly SVP conference our next meeting is after 11am Mass at the next coffee morning in St Herbert Parish Centre.

Thank you all for your continued support. God Bless.

**10. CARITAS SALFORD SPONSORED WALK:**

Caritas Salford is organising a sponsored walk around beautiful Whalley, Lancashire, on Saturday 14 September. The walk will cover a moderately challenging route of 14km, with a shorter option available for those who prefer. Every step you take will also help local people experiencing homelessness, poverty and discrimination. To sign up to join the walk, visit: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/lancswalk](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/lancswalk)

**11. CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** To mark the important milestone of their 40th anniversary, the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) is holding a free conference in Oldham on Saturday 21st September. The 'Agenda for Change' conference will build on the experiences and learning of the past 40 years and put forward a strategy for bringing about greater equality and creating a racially-just Church and society. Find out more at [www.carj.org.uk](http://www.carj.org.uk)

**12. POLITE REMINDER:** Please remember that any cheques for St Herbert's Church or Corpus Christi Church should now be made payable to The Parish of Divine Mercy. Thank you.

**13. SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**St Cuthbert, Bishop – 4 September:** St Cuthbert was born c. 643 and died on Farne on 20 March 687. A shepherd boy, he became a monk at Melrose. After the Synod of Whitby in 664, he became Prior of Lindisfarne, and won over the community to Roman customs. In 676 he left the monastery to live in solitude on the island of Farne. For the last two years of his life he served as bishop of Lindisfarne but returned to his island to die.

**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

- Lately Dead:** Anthony McDermott
- RIP:** James Stott, Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Anniversary:** Claire Kershaw, Edward Coonan
- Birthday Mass:** Matt Proctor

**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, 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.