

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

22 Sept 2024

The tone of the Gospel begins to grow darker: Jesus is now on his way to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested and killed. Despite this, both this week and next week, there is a lighter contrast in the children that Jesus welcomes and blesses. Perhaps this tells us something about Jesus and his mission: despite the gathering clouds, (and possibly even because of that) he is still the manifestation of God's love for all his children, a love that will be most clearly displayed when he faces that death for our sake. There is one quite chilling phrase which links these together, in the first reading, where the plotters against the good man say, "Let us test him with cruelty and torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his." The cold calculation of this is not far removed from the plotting of those who saw in Jesus a threat to their positions - with all his purity of worship and faith, with all his "reproaches for our breaches of the law". There is indeed a storm gathering. But the last line of the first reading, though meant mockingly, will come true: "God will look after him - we have his word for it." And three days after his death he will rise again.

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: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 - The godless condemn a virtuous man to a shameful death, because he will be looked after by God.

Psalms: 53: The Lord upholds my life / O God save me by your name

Second: James 3:16 - 4:3 - Jealousy, ambition, and self-seeking cause disharmony and wickedness. Wisdom is pure makes for peace - peacemakers sow the seeds of holiness. Fighting is caused by desire for what people do not have.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37 - The last will be first and the first last - welcoming even a child in God's name is welcoming God. The disciples had difficulty understanding.

3. St. Herbert's Coffee Morning: The next Coffee Morning being held Sunday 13th October following the 11am mass will be a Fund Raiser for the Macmillan Cancer Support. Gifts of raffle prizes and home made cakes left at the back of church would be greatly appreciated.

4. PARISH SVP: Our next food pantry will be held at Corpus Christi Presbytery on Friday, 27 September from 2 pm - 4 pm. Please spread the word to anyone who may benefit from it.

5. 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.

6. Gregorian Chant Workshop for Singers: A popular choral workshop is returning to St Augustine's in Manchester with a particular focus on Our Lady. The event, led by Manchester University lecturer Dr Rosemarie Darby, will take place on Saturday 26th October between 11.30am and 4pm at St Augustine's church, Manchester. It is of particular interest to parish choirs who wish to expand their repertoire of Marian music.

No prior experience is required but registration is essential by emailing stphilipnerisingers@yahoo.co.uk

7. Northern Diocesan Environment Group (NDEG): The Northern Diocesan Environment Group is organising an online meeting to discuss 'Diocesan and schools Laudato Si' developments; responses to having a Diocesan Climate Strategy in Salford'. The meeting takes place on Thursday 26th September at 7pm and features a member of our diocesan environment team as one of the presenters.

If you are interested in joining this online meeting, please email climate.ndeg@gmail.com and they will send you the link for the Zoom meeting.

8. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – 27 Sept: born in France in 1581, became a priest in Paris where he founded the Vincentians for the formation of the clergy and the relief of the poor. With St Louise de Marillac he also founded the Sisters of Charity. He died in 1660.

ST. LAURENCE RUIZ – 28 Sept: born in Manila in the Philippines in 1600, became a Dominican, and travelled to Japan; he was arrested, taken to Nagasaki and executed in 1637, the first Filipino martyr.

9. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adult (RCIA): For any adults who wish to join the Church, an instruction course will commence Tuesday, October 8. Please inform Fr. Lawrence if you wish to be included.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 133; Offertory: 362, 801; Communion: 462; Recessional: 147.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 675; Offertory: 801; Communion: 371, 194; Recessional: 672.

10. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: Last week we officially launched our weekly 'Daily Examen at Night'. Every Wednesday you can find our Daily Examen on our school website and via our twitter page. We welcome our parish to visit and pray with us. This week we had a VERY special guest appear. <https://www.corpuschristi.oldham.sch.uk/Daily-Examen-at-Corpus-Christi/>

Next week, we join our parish for our first school mass of the new academic year. We will also be commissioning our new Pupil Chaplains during the mass. We look forward to seeing you all.

St Herbert's: What a lovely week it has been especially with the sun shining. All our new nursery children have now started. Despite some of them being a little upset we know they will love being part of St Herbert's family. Upper key stage 2 met Katherine Rundell via zoom to hear about her love of reading and inspirations for writing. Who knows we might have our very own author in the future. Year 3 are about to begin their Sacramental Programme please keep them and their families in your prayers. Stay with us Lord on our journey.

Bishops Visit to St Herbert's school: Bishop John will be visiting school to bless and officially open our new entrance on Thursday the 10th of October. Having blessed and opened the entrance he will then say mass at 10.00 clock. We would like to invite you (the parishioners) the mass to celebrate it with us. Please arrive by 9.45am. If you would like to come, please ring the office on 01616331318 to confirm you will be joining us. This is to ensure we have enough seating for everyone. We really hope to see you at this special mass.

11. SUNDAY SMILE:

Last weekend a local church held its Harvest Festival Supper. The food was absolutely delicious and the parish comedian entertained with his one-liners. Here is a selection:

My psychiatrist told me I was crazy and so I said I wanted a second opinion. Okay, he said, you're ugly too.

The book on chronology, I ordered last month, has finally arrived. It's about time!

I've just read that alligators can grow up to 15 feet. That's strange, I haven't seen any with more than four.

Grandma's been staring through the window ever since it started to snow. If it gets any worse I'll have to let her in.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm St Herbert's: Funeral Service; Collete Roberta Hepburn at 12.00 Noon.
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: Sarah Jackson, Susan Hughes.

R.I.P: Anthony Green, Anthony McDermott, Collete Hepburn.

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.

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.



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