

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

6th OCT 2024

Today we tackle the issue of marriage and divorce; Jesus is asked an awkward question about the legality of divorce. He lays down very clearly that what God intends for marriage is what is found in Genesis (where the “two become one” for all time) rather than the dispensation granted through Moses (permitting a writ of divorce) which was an exception, not the rule. Here it is clear that Jesus abrogates this Old Testament procedure - a point emphasised when the disciples press him further on this issue on getting back home. While it is important for us to be sensitive and understanding towards those whose marriages have gone awry, we must be careful to let the teachings of the Lord speak for themselves.

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: Genesis 2:18-24: Creation of woman - bones from my bone and flesh from my flesh - man and wife become one body

Psalms: 127: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives / O blessed are those who fear the Lord

Second: Hebrews 2:9-11 - the one who sanctifies and the one who is sanctified are of the same stock

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 - Jesus interpretation of divorce laws - what God has united, humankind must not divide - let the little children come to me, it is to such as these that the kingdom belongs.

3. PRAYER OF THE ROSARY: During the month of October the Prayer of the Rosary will be said before weekday masses.

4. COFFEE MORNING:

ST. HERBERT'S: 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. There will be raffle tickets available after mass this Sunday 6th October at £1 a strip. A basket will be at the back of church for gifts of raffle prizes and cakes. Many thanks.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning, this Sunday 6th October 2024. Tea, Coffee and Home-Made Cakes! Everyone is Welcome!

5. BAPTISM: We welcome into the Divine Mercy community, George Andrew McKeogh, who was baptized in the Parish last weekend.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS AT PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY:

24th November - Christmas Fayre (St Herbert's).

1st December - Christmas Fayre (Corpus Christi).

3 December Parish Christmas Meal @ San Rocco, see details in the newsletter.

15th December - Brass Band 2pm-4pm (Corpus Christi).

New Year's Eve Dance with Franny Ward - St Herbert's Parish Centre.

7. PARISH SVP FOOD PANTRY: Our next food pantry will

be held at Corpus Christi Presbytery on Friday, 11 October from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. Please spread the word to anyone who may benefit from it. Thank you.

8. PARISH SVP MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish SVP will take place in St Herbert's Parish Centre on Sunday, 13 October after 11.00 am Mass. We would love to welcome new members so if anyone is interested in joining or finding out more information about our small but friendly SVP conference, please come along to our next meeting on next Sunday at the coffee morning in St Herbert Parish Centre. Thank you all for your continued support. God Bless.

9. CHRISTMAS MEAL: The Christmas meal has been confirmed. It will be held on Tuesday 3rd December at San Rocco, Broadway at 12.30 pm. The price of the 3-course lunch is £25.50. Names and a £10.00 deposit will be collected 26th & 27th October and 2nd and 3rd November. The final balance and meal choice will be collected on the 16th & 17th November and the 23rd & 24th November.

10. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (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.

11. BISHOP'S VISIT: The Bishop will be visiting St Herbert's School on the 10th October. He will bless the new entrance and then celebrate Mass at 10.00 clock. We would like to invite the parish family to the Mass. If you would like to join us, please ring the school office on 0161 633 1318 to confirm your attendance. This is to ensure there will be enough seats for everyone. Please arrive at school for 9.45am. We look forward to you joining us on this special occasion.

12. BINGO: Every Thursday evening in St Herbert's Parish Centre at 8.00 pm.

13. HARVEST THANKSGIVING: Both our churches are holding Harvest Thanksgiving on the weekend of 19th/20th October. Parishioners wishing to donate non-perishable food items should bring them on that date and place it before the altar. They will afterwards be distributed by the Parish Foodbank.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 289; Offertory: 801, 175; Communion: 500; Recessional: 461.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 290; Offertory: 366; Communion: 284, 635; Recessional: 558.

14. TAKE ACTION ON TWO-CHILD BENEFIT CAP:

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is inviting you to join other Catholics in taking action on the government's two-child policy on Universal Credit payments for vulnerable, larger families. All you need to do is complete a short e-Action form that automatically contacts your MP to outline your opposition to the cap. Head to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/contact-mp-two-child-cap/> to find out more and complete the form.

15. YOUNG ADULTS MASS: Young adults across the diocese are once again invited to join our next Diocesan Mass for Young Adults. The Mass will take place at 5.30pm on Sunday 13 October at St Augustine's, Manchester. Mass will be followed by a social and the next instalment of our fascinating series of talks on Catholic apologetics by delving into the world of G K Chesterton's Orthodoxy.

16. ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Caritas Salford's annual Mass of Remembrance, where we remember and pray for anyone who has died from our community, including friends, family, volunteers, staff and supporters, will be taking place on 13 November this year. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 4FA at 4pm and will be followed by light refreshments.

To find out more visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/remembrance-mass/> and to RSVP to confirm your place please contact Lucie on 0161 817 2250 or by emailing fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk

17. Caritas Salford Exhibition at HOME: A special exhibition of poetry written by people from our parishes who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless has opened at HOME in Manchester city centre. The exhibition will run until December, so please do visit if you're able. You can find out more about the exhibition and the project which was run by our diocesan charity Caritas Salford, here: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/poetryqa/>

18. SCHOOL NEWS:

Corpus Christi: This week, our Mini Vinnies led a wonderful assembly all about Harvest. They delivered a fantastic assembly and they led the whole school beautifully in song. Thank you to our families for their kind donations. All donations will be sent this year to our SVP group in the parish.

19. CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: Please return your envelope this weekend. You can also give online at cafod.org.uk. Thank you.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed
TUESDAY:	St Herbert's: Requiem Mass; Kazimiera Winterbottom at 12.00 Noon Corpus Christi: Rosary at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert's: Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
THURSDAY:	Corpus Christi: Rosary at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am Corpus Christi: Funeral Service; George Franklin at 11:30 am
FRIDAY:	St Herbert's: Rosary 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: Cyril Howarth
Special Intention: Leo and Doreen Mazza, John Kawoski, Private Intention, Mary Brigid Lacey, Bill Dooley
R.I.P: Kazimiera Winterbottom, Darren Coy, George Franklin, Mary Fenton, Raymond Mazza.
Birthday Memory: Elsie Elwell

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:
 Noreen Butterworth, 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, Louise Knotman.



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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.