

**29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**20<sup>th</sup> OCT 2024**

It's often the case that the "values of the Gospel" contradict the "values of the World" – sometimes to the extent that the one is the exact opposite of the other. Today is a typical example: greatness and prominence, success and victory, these are goals that the world has very clear ideas about. The Gospel, however, redefines them: Gospel success is Worldly failure: the Gospel's way of greatness is the World's life of service; and what the World sees as death and failure is in fact life and victory. It's this contrast that we see in the Gospel reading today, where out of a possibly innocent (but possibly sycophantic) question, a debate emerges about prominence and greatness. Jesus makes it clear that his greatness is different to that sought "among the pagans" - he will give his very life, and so become the first of all. We should take his words about the "worldly way of behaving" to heart: "This is not to happen among you."

## PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

### PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

1. 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: Isaiah 53:10-11-** The Lord has crushed his servant with suffering .. by his sufferings the Lord shall justify many, taking their faults on himself.

**Psalms: 32 -** May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place all our hope in you / The word of the Lord is faithful

**Second: Hebrews 4:14-16 -** Jesus, though human, is the high priest who has gone to heaven - be confident in his grace and mercy

**Gospel: Mark 10:35-45 -** James and John say "let us sit one at your right and one at your left". Jesus' answer - Can you drink the cup that I must drink? The Son of Man came to serve, not to be served.

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

**4. PARISH POPPY WREATH:** Any parishioner(s) who would like to place the Parish Poppy Wreath on Chadderton War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, 10th November, please contact Michael Lawson on 652-3930.

#### 5. 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 on item No. 12 in this newsletter.

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

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

**6. CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** The Fair will be held on Sunday 1st December 2024 in Corpus Christi School Hall. The doors will open at 10.30 am, after the 9.30am Mass. Christmas Raffle Tickets will be on Sale at all Masses from the weekend of 19th/ 20th October. First Prize is £100 plus many more prizes. Price of raffle ticket is £1 each. The Raffle Draw will take place at the Christmas Fair and we would like to appeal for good quality prizes for the Raffle and bottles for the Bottle Tombola. Please come along and make this event a huge success.

**7. PARISH SVP FOOD PANTRY:** Our next food pantry will take place at St Herbert's Parish Centre on Friday, 25 October from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. Please spread the word to anyone who may benefit from it. Thank you.

#### 8. TAKE ACTION TO OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE:

Catholics across England and Wales are being called to unite in prayer and compassionate action in opposition to a new Bill on assisted suicide. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has pulled together a range of resources with more information, a pastoral letter from Cardinal Nichols, and a link to an online tool to contact your MP to voice your opposition to the bill. Find out more at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide>

#### 9. REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES - A MOMENT OF PRAYER:

The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is inviting people to remember loved ones in a special way this November. Names will be written down and hung in the centre's willow dome, where visitors will be asked to pray for those people and their families during the month of November. They will also be remembered in a special prayer service on 29th November. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered in this way, or would like to join the prayer service, please email [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk).

**10. DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025:** We are delighted to announce that our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be taking place once again in 2025 between 31st July and 6th August. You can register your interest now by visiting [www.salfordlourdes.co.uk](http://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk) or by calling 0161 817 2209.

**11. ST HERBERT'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** Meeting will be held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October after 11.00 clock Mass. Donations of bottles for the bottle stall will be gratefully accepted. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass each week.

**12. CHRISTMAS MEAL:** The Christmas meal has been confirmed. It will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The final balance and meal choice will be collected on the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November and the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> November.

#### HYMNS

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 656; Offertory: 175, 443; Communion: 133; Recessional: 267.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 226; Offertory: 789; Communion: 261, 125; Recessional: 718.

**13. REMINDERS: CARITAS HOMELESSNESS**

**REPORT:** Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, is running a campaign in the coming weeks and months to shine a spotlight on issues around the increasing number of individuals and families who are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. There are lots of really simple ways you can get involved to help in your area - please take a look at their website and help if you can: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/endhomelessness](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/endhomelessness)

**14. HARVEST THANKSGIVING:** Both our churches are holding Harvest Thanksgiving today.

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

**16. SCHOOL NEWS:**

**St Herbert's:** On Monday it was non-uniform day in return the children brought in tins for the harvest festival. As usual the children arrived at school with carrier bags full of tins. On Wednesday we held our Harvest festival which was attended by our grandparents. The hall was packed which was lovely to see and they all left smiling saying the singing was wonderful. We donated all the fresh vegetables to Dr Kershaw's who

were very grateful. On Wednesday, the reception class went to Foxdenton Park as part of their topic "The Local Community." Despite the weather they had a fun morning finding their way around using a map. Then before they left, they fed the ducks.

**Corpus Christi:** This week our new members of our Laudato Si team were officially commissioned in our celebration assembly. They officially made their pledge in front of the whole school and their families, and we are very proud of each one of them. We look forward to seeing the work they do with the Laudato Si team. It is fantastic to see this team grow each year. We are very proud of all the work all our faith life teams do here at Corpus Christi.

**17. SUNDAY SMILE:** *St. Thomas the Dubious High School has taken on a new member of staff this term. He is very competent and popular with both colleagues and students. However, he is terribly absent-minded. This past week the following tale circulated in the staff-room.*

After one particular lesson, the teacher looked anxiously around the classroom, then asked his students, "Did you see where I put my coat?" The class replied with one voice, "You have it on, sir!" The teacher's response was, "Thank goodness for telling me, otherwise I might have gone home without it."

**WEEKDAY CALENDAR**

<b>MONDAY:</b>	Both churches closed
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Rosary at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>St Herbert's:</b> Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Rosary at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>St Herbert's:</b> Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer at 5.00 pm; Mass at 5.30 pm
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am <b>St Herbert's:</b> Private Prayer 10.30 am; Mass at 11.00 am

**CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE BEFORE OR AFTER MASS ON REQUEST**

**MASS REQUESTS**

**Missa pro populo**

**Anniversary:** Peter Geraghty.

**R.I.P:** Deceased members of the Geraghty family, Elizabeth Newbold.

**Special Intention:** Private intention, Private intention for a sick lady.

**Lately Dead:** Helen Woods.

**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.

**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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