

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

27th OCTOBER 2024

All of Jesus' miracles can be read in many different ways: there is always a message – almost a parable – behind each one, that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no exception: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift he could give to Bartimaeus - the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus' love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. So, Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there: in our own age we still have the blind, and those who suffer; there are still tears to be washed away – Jesus' work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him in doing what we can to bring that comfort which is the Kingdom of God to all in need.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

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: Jeremiah 31:7-9 - The Lord says, "Shout with joy - I have saved my people - I am a father to Israel".

Psalms: 125 (126) - What marvels the Lord worked for us / When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage.

Second: Hebrews 5:1-6 - Even the priest called by God is still human / you are a priest of the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel 10:46-52 Mark - The healing of blind Bartimaeus - thanks to his faith, courage and persistence.

3. HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – ALL SAINTS –

FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER: Masses will be held as follows:

10.00 am at St Herbert's

6.30 pm at Corpus Christi

4. NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:

During the month of November, we offer prayers for the Holy Souls. A box will be placed at the back of each church for parishioners to drop in the names of their departed loved ones. A Tree of Remembrance will be at the front of each church. Again, parishioners are asked to write the names of their departed loved ones on the labels and to tie them to the tree.

5. BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: Will take place on Sunday, 10 November in Chadderton Cemetery at 2.30 pm.

6. BAPTISM: We welcome into the Divine Mercy community Micah Abakpa, who was baptized in the Parish last weekend.

7. 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.

8. CAFOD: A total of £634.40 was raised by both churches. Thank you very much for your generosity.

9. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING: St Herbert's Coffee Morning would like to thank everyone who attended and donated cakes and raffle prizes to last week's fund raiser for Macmillan Cancer Support. The final total collected was £367.10.

There are still a number of prizes not taken and the winning numbers are at the back of church on the board.

10. UPCOMING EVENTS AT PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY:

24th November - Christmas Fair (St Herbert's)

1st December - Christmas Fair (Corpus Christi)

3rd December Parish Christmas Meal

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

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

11. CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS FAIR: 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 are now sale at all Masses 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.

12. ST HERBERT'S CHRISTMAS FAIR MEETING: A meeting will be held in the Parish Centre after 11.00 clock mass to organise the fair. We do need more volunteers to man stalls so we can make it a success. Please come to the meeting. If you are unable to come to the meeting, please email at divinemercuryoldham@gmail.com and leave your name. Thank you.

Donations of bottles for the bottle stall will be gratefully accepted. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass each week.

13. CHRISTMAS MEAL: Bookings and deposits are now being taken for the Christmas meal at San Rocco on Tuesday 3rd December. Names and deposits will be collected on 26th/27th October and the 2nd /3rd November if you wish to attend. The final balance and menu choice will be needed 16th/17th November or 23rd/24th November. Thank you.

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

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 131; Offertory: 273, 516;
Communion: 447; Recessional: 604

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 131, Offertory: 362;
Communion: 605, 560; Recessional: 604.

15. SYNOD THEME GATHERING FOR YOUNG ADULTS: Young adults across the Diocese of Salford are invited to join us to take part in the next important stage of our Diocesan Synod.

This November, our Young Adults Synod Members will be leading a special theme gathering to further discern and discuss the themes to have emerged from last year's Big Listen Exercise and to submit proposals for each of the themes. The meeting will take place after our next monthly Mass for Young Adults, which begins at 5.30pm on Sunday 10th November at St Augustine's Church, Manchester. All are very welcome to attend!

16. SCHOOL NEWS:

Corpus Christi: As the final week of this half-term ends, the children and staff are very much looking forward to a well-deserved half-term break and quality family time. The children have worked extremely hard during their first half-term of the new academic year.

This week, the school enjoyed their annual 'Ugly Bug Ball'. It is always a great success, and the children absolutely love it! Thank you to our families for supporting the wonderful event.

Hawk Class also led a lovely class assembly all about Diwali. The children were fantastic, and the assembly was very informative. We also presented our first Caritas award winner of the new academic year. He is a credit to us, and he is also an active member of the parish. Well done!

St Herbert's: This week Year 6 have had an exciting week. On Monday they travelled to Wrexham to an activity centre. The weather was kind to them. They had sunshine while they took part in raft building, zip wires, a big swing to name a few. They returned to school late Wednesday afternoon very tired but with lots of happy memories. On Friday two classes went to church to celebrate mass with the parish family. Children and staff are excited as we broke up for half-term on Friday. Let's hope the sun shines for us.

17. SUNDAY SMILE

Last week a parishioner, known for his wit, went to Fish World in Chadderton to buy a goldfish. The salesman asked him, "Do you want an aquarium?" The man immediately replied, with a smile on his face, "I don't really care what star sign it is!"

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed
TUESDAY:	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
FRIDAY: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: (ALL SAINTS)	
	St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 6.00 pm; Mass at 6.30 pm.
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: David Roberts, Joan Stafford, Helen Woods

Anniversary: Lena Flood, James Cromwell, Sheila Robinson, Bridget and Patrick Joyce

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, 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.