

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

3rd NOV 2024

Every priest, and indeed every Catholic, can sometimes find themselves in the position of being asked, “This religion of yours – what’s it all about, really, when you come down to it?” Our temptation might be to go on at length, which is when we should remember this Gospel. Jesus, asked a very similar question, pins our faith down to two very simple things – love of God and love of neighbour – which together make up the foundation for everything else in our religion. The very simplicity of these two commandments is a gift, so that we can try to live them out each day of our lives. The first commandment, which is also that given by Moses in the first reading, is actually a prayer that our Jewish brothers and sisters still recite every single day. Jesus, our perfect High Priest, gives us these two commandments to be written in our heads and our hearts, to remember each day, so that we may conduct ourselves in the paths of the Kingdom of God.

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: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 - Moses said to the people ... you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and strength.

Psalm: 17 - I love you Lord, my strength

Second: Hebrews 7:23-28 - Christ remains forever, he can never lose his priesthood

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34 - Which is the first commandment? Love the Lord your God ... love your neighbour as yourself.

3. **BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Divine Mercy community Chimkasi Jayden Okeke, who was baptized in the Parish last weekend.

4. COFFEE MORNING:

CORPUS CHRISTI : Come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning, This Sunday 3rd November 2024. Tea, Coffee and Homemade Cakes! Everyone Welcome!

ST HERBERT'S : Everyone is very welcome to join us for Tea/Coffee and refreshments on **Sunday 10th November** after the 11am mass.

5. SALFORD LOURDES PILGRIMAGE CENTENARY WINDOW:

This year marks the Centenary of the first diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. To mark this anniversary, the Salford Lourdes Coordination Team is delighted to announce the commission of a beautiful stained-glass window depicting Our Lady of Lourdes, which will be installed in our newly-restored cathedral. You can be part of this wonderful legacy by donating to help fund the Centenary celebration in memory of a loved one, as a gift, or in your family name. Names will be recorded in a special commemorative book.

To find out more, visit <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/centenary-window>

You can also take one of the printed leaflets from the back of the church.

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

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

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

7. **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 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. Raffle Tickets are also available in Corpus Christi School!

8. **CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDRENS LITURGY:** As the school is on half term holiday this week, there will be no lesson this Sunday.

We will resume on Remembrance Sunday, 10th November.

9. **ST HERBERT'S CHRISTMAS FAIR:** Help is needed for the Christmas Fayre. Please email divinemercyoldham@gmail.com and leave your name and we will be in touch. Thank you.

We need toys in good condition, soft toys, and bottles for the bottle stall. Also if there are any budding bakers in the parish we would like cakes for the cake stall. These can be brought to the Parish centre either on the Saturday morning or Sunday before the fayre. Please make every effort to support the Christmas fayre. Thank you.

10. **NEW LECTIONARY RESOURCES:** With the new edition of the Lectionary for Mass coming into use on the First Sunday of Advent, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has signposted us to some useful resources introducing the new edition, what changes have been made, and why. Find out more at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/>

11. **MASSES FOR VOCATIONS:** The Diocese of Salford's Vocation Team will be holding two Masses for Vocations this November. The first Mass takes place on Wednesday 13 November, 7pm, at Our Lady of the Assumption in Langley. The second will take place on Thursday 21st November, 7pm, at St

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 234; Offertory: 362, 641; Communion: 165; Recessional: 110.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 583; Offertory: 175; Communion: 419, 254; Recessional: 706.

Thomas of Canterbury Church, in Bolton. All are welcome to join as we pray for the future of vocations in our diocese.

12. 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.

13: THANK YOU FROM CARITAS SALFORD: As we head towards the end of the year, our diocesan charity Caritas Salford would like to share a message of thanks to everyone who has supported their work so far this year. To find out more about how your generosity has impacted those in our diocesan community, head to <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/your-stories/>

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

15. SAINT OF THE WEEK

St Willibrord – Nov 7: born in Yorkshire in 658, he died in 739. After ordination he set out in 690 to evangelise Frisia. He was ordained bishop in 695, and founded the see of Utrecht. He preached the Gospel in North Germany and Denmark and founded dioceses and monasteries in the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica commemorates the dedication of the Pope's Cathedral in Rome, known as "Mother and Head of all the Churches of the City and the World". Today is observed through all the Church as a sign of unity with the Holy See.

16. SUNDAY SMILE: At the start of the recent Half Term, the Year Seven pupils at St. Thomas the Dubious High School held one of their lunchtime charity fundraisers. For a small donation, a pupil could tell a favourite joke. Here are just a few:
 How does the man in the moon get his hair cut? Eclipse it.
 Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use honey combs!
 What's worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing taxis!
 How do you get two whales in a car? Start in England and drive west.
 What type of snake do you find on a car? A windscreen viper!

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
Corpus Christi: Funeral for Late Ernest Colin Wood; Mass at 1:00pm
- 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: George Wrigley, Generosa .S. Florer, Teofelo Florer, Felipa.F.Petot, Pascuala dela Cerna.
Anniverasary: Eileen Huntington, Theresa Chamberlain.
Lately Dead: Joan Fitzgerald, Ernest Colin Wood, George Wrigley, Tom O'Connor

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.