

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

10th NOV 2024

“God does not have favourites”, Saint Paul tells us, but God always makes a special place for the poor, and those whom society would push into second place. In the traditions of Israel God invited the people to have special care for the “widows and orphans” - so the story we hear in today’s Gospel would have a particular resonance. The paradox of Christian faith is this: in giving, we receive. Christ gave everything, sacrificing his very life, and in return received a new and unending life. The widow in the first reading gave her last food for the prophet Elijah, and in return received an endless supply. This is a challenge to us in our turn: what are we invited or asked to give, and in what spirit will we do so, and what will be our reward?

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: 17:10-16 - Elijah asks a widow to make him a meal, and promises that God will provide food for her

Psalm: 145 - My soul give praise to the Lord / It is the Lord who keeps faith forever ... gives sight to the blind ... upholds the widow and orphan

Second: Hebrews 9:24-28 - Christ has made his appearance once and for all - to take the faults of many on himself

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 - The widow's mite: a poor woman contributed her whole livelihood to the treasury, even though it was a small amount compared to others.

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

4. **ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING :** Everyone is very welcome to join us for Tea/Coffee and refreshments on this Sunday after the 11am mass.

5. **NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:** During the month of November we offer prayers for the Holy Souls. There is a box at the back of each church for parishioners to drop in the names of their departed loved ones. A Tree of Remembrance is 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.

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

7. **BRASS BAND CONCERT:** In Corpus Christi School Hall on Sunday 15th December 2024 from 2pm.- 4pm. Please come along and enjoy an afternoon with MOSSLEY BRASS BAND. Tickets £5 Adults and Children of School age £ 2.50. Tickets will be on Sale at both churches from the weekend of 16th/17th November.

8. 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.

9. **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!

10. **ST HERBERT'S CHRISTMAS FAIR:** Please support St Herbert's Christmas Fayre which will be held on the 24th of November in the Parish Centre. If there are any budding bakers in the parish – we would really appreciate home-made cakes, which can be brought to the parish centre on the Saturday or the Sunday morning before 11.00 clock Mass. Would also like to ask for donations of bottles for the bottle stall. More importantly we would love to see you all there.

11. BECOMING PILGRIMS OF HOPE: ADVENT TALKS:

A series of talks exploring the theme of hope is set to begin this Advent as we embark on the 2025 Year of Jubilee. Join Sr Joan Kerley, FMSJ, and Maria Kidd as they unpick our Advent readings to explore some of the themes that are central to the concept of Jubilee. The talks will take place on 29 November, 6 and 13 December between 10am and 12.30pm at Wardley Hall. Find out more and register <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/advent-hope-talk-1>

12. **SOUP AND SI':** Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre team on Friday 15 November for an opportunity to further explore our call to be stewards of creation in a relaxed, informal setting. Enjoy a tour of the Laudato Si' Centre and discover more about how its work links to Pope Francis' Laudato Si' encyclical and Laudate Deum exhortation before enjoying a bowl of homemade, locally-sourced soup! Find out more and register for this free event at <https://tinyurl.com/soupandsi>

13. **SVP:** Would like to thank the parishioners who have given donations of money to the Parish SVP Food Pantry. It is very much appreciated. Thank you.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 97; Offertory: 801, 801; Communion: 462; Recessional: 132.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 97; Offertory: 699; Communion: 165, 656; Recessional: 514.

14. REMINDER: 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/>

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

16. NEW YEAR'S EVE: This year we will be holding a New Years Party in the Parish Centre. Over 16's only. Tickets are priced at £20.00 this includes a hot supper. We are also pleased to announce the return of Franny Ward (DJ) . Come and see the New Year with your friends and family. Please add your name to the list at the back of Church if you are interested. Please support this event. Thank you.

17. SCHOOL NEWS:

Corpus Christi: This week, the staff and children returned to school following their half term break. We have many things planned this half term, and everyone is looking forward to the busy, yet exciting half term ahead.

This week, our Pupil Parliament led a reverent and

informative assembly all about Remembrance Day. We took time this week, to remember those who gave their tomorrow for our today. We thank our Pupil Parliament. for helping us to further develop our understanding of Armitage Day and the importance of remembering it.

St Herbert's: Well, the first week back has gone very quickly. The weather has changed but that doesn't stop the children from having fun at playtime! Upper key stage 2 children have started rehearsing for their Christmas show – but the name of the show is top secret even from the staff! On Friday, to raise funds for the school a "Break the Rule Day was held!" Gosh they did break the rules!!! Coloured hair, painted nails, chocolate snacks in their lunch boxes, odd socks, to name but a few. The children certainly do enjoy breaking the rules.

18. SUNDAY SMILE: A science teacher at St. Thomas the Dubious High School starts each lesson with a chemistry joke. He knows he will always get a reaction.

At the same school one pupil was rather upset when the maths teacher called him average. How mean is that?

An English teacher told her class, "Whatever you do, don't spell part backwards. It's a trap."

Another pupil asked the librarian to recommend an author who writes books on dinosaurs. The librarian replied with a smile, "Try Sarah Topps."

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Funeral For Late Kathleen Mary Carrol; Mass 10.00am 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
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

R.I.P: Michael Corrigan, Departed members of Healey Family, Departed members of Mill's Family, Departed family members and friends, Tommy Cunningham, Kathleen Mary Carrol.

BIRTHDAYS: George Florence Ramsden, David Ramsden.

SPECIAL INTENTION: Pauline Power.

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 Wooldrige, 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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