

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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19 JANUARY 2025

The Gospel of this second Sunday of Ordinary Time continues the theme of the end of Christmas - revelation. Jesus is revealed to the world by his birth, by his baptism, and by his miracles - the "signs" as John calls them. The wedding in today's Gospel is interpreted in many ways: today, reading the Gospel with the First Reading in mind, we can see it as an image of the way in which God is so close to his people, it is as though he is married to them. Thus Jesus, the spouse of the people, shows God's closeness by revealing his glory in this miracle.

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 62: 1-5 - The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.

Psalm: Psalm 95 - Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all peoples / O sing a new song to the Lord / Proclaim his help day by day / Worship the Lord in his temple

Second: I Corinthians 12:4-11 - There is a variety of gifts but always the one spirit - the same spirit working in all.

Gospel: John 2:1-11 - The wedding at Cana - my time has not yet come - do whatever he tells you - the first of the signs given by Jesus - he let his glory be seen.

3. CORPUS CHRISTI PLANNED GIVING: The sets of envelopes are available from a box on the Welcomers table. They are numbered but not recorded. They are provided free to encourage parishioners to give their offerings regularly. They are NOT for Gift Aid use. Only use them if you are not paying income tax on earnings or pensions.

4. MOUNT CARMEL DEANERY CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025: 'Families of Year 8 pupils should be on the look out in the coming weeks for details of this year's programme of preparation which starts in March and culminated in Bishop John confirming candidates on 4th and 5th June. This invitation to join the programme will also be extended to any older students who missed the opportunity last year'. Fr. Callum.

5. CARITAS SUNDAY – SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2025: There will be a retiring collection next weekend's Masses for the work of Caritas Salford, the principal domestic charity of the Diocese of Salford supporting local people experiencing poverty, homelessness and disadvantage. You will see that there are copies of their newsletter, Love in Action, describing just some of the difference your support has made possible in the past year. Please visit our website: caritassalford.org.uk/YourSupportMatters to set up a direct

debit or make a one off donation. Cheques can be made payable to Caritas Diocese of Salford, marked: CARITAS SUNDAY to: Caritas House, Nobby Stiles Drive, Manchester M4 4FA. Please include your full name, address and postcode, and whether you wish to gift aid the donation. Their team are available on 0161 817 2250 during office hours. Thank you.

6. ST HERBERT'S CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you so much for all those who have helped to keep the church clean throughout the past year. It is much appreciated. Barbara.

7. PARISH SVP FOOD PANTRY: The Parish SVP Food Pantry will take place on Friday, 24 January at St Herbert's Parish Centre from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. Please spread the word to anyone who may benefit from it.

We would like to thank those who donated food items over the festive period and for the donations of money. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

8. MARRIAGE COURSE: The Parish of Our Lady's in Moss Side is set to hold a Marriage Course, taking place next month. The course will last four weeks, taking place on the four Sundays of February, beginning at 3pm. To find out more or register, please call the parish on 0161 226 1730.

9. DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bookings are now being taken for the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This year's pilgrimage will take place between 31st July and 6th August. For more information on how to book as a pilgrim or register as a volunteer, please visit <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk>

10. JUBILEE RESOURCES: Want to learn more about our Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee? Want to find out how we're observing the Holy Year in our diocese? The Diocese of Salford's website has a range of information to accompany you this Jubilee Year, with information on our Designated Churches, upcoming pilgrimages, and a range of different resources. Explore more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025>

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 439; Offertory: 362, 175; Communion: 165; Recessional: 529.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 247; Offertory: 641; Communion: 560, 256; Recessional: 672.

11. SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

ST VINCENT, DEACON, MARTYR – JAN 22: a deacon from Saragossa in Spain, Vincent died in the persecution under the Emperor Diocletian.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES – JAN 24: was born into a noble family in Annecy in 1597. He was ordained a priest and worked strenuously for the Church by distributing printed essays on the Faith. He became Bishop of Geneva and is patron saint of journalists and writers.

12. SCHOOL NEWS:

Corpus Christi: In December 2024, as Advent began, we had a two-day visit from the Catholic School Inspection team. This week, our report has officially been published, and we are delighted to announce that the school retained its 'Outstanding' status. Thank you to our parish family who helped us prepare for this inspection and to those who also supported us during the two inspection days. We thank you for your kindness and lovely words of support..

You are welcome to read our inspection report. This can be found on our school website <https://corpuschristi.oldham.sch.uk/RE-Inspections/>

St Herbert's: This week has been a quiet week. All the children are working hard. Year 6 have begun booster classes in preparation for the SAT's. They are all eager to do well. After school clubs began this week which vary from film club, dance, netball, mixed football to name a few. Finally on Friday class 6 celebrated Mass with the parish family which was a lovely start to the weekend.

13. SUNDAY SMILE: *Last Sunday, outside church, a group of parishioners were chatting about presents they had received over Christmas.*

One man had been bought a new dictionary but every page was blank. There were just no words to describe how angry he was!

One woman was given glass cookware from a friend in Jamaica. The label stated that it was Pyrex of the Caribbean.

A young lady, whose father works in Iraq, received a new purse from him. She had then texted him to say, "Thanks for the Baghdad."

One of the men had bought his wife new beads for her ornamental abacus. After all, he said, it's the little things that count.

Another parishioner's wife said she would have been delighted with something with diamonds in it. However, she was most disappointed when her husband gave her a pack of cards.

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 Prayer 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am Corpus Christi: Requiem Mass at 12.00 noon for MAUREEN (MARY) COLLINS (RIP)
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

Anniversary: Norah Carter, Fr. D O'Kane, Iry Geraghty, Linda Geraghty, Patrice Geraghty, Stan Geraghty, Caroline Fanning, John Southworth, William Ambrose.

R.I.P: Mary Moore, Margaret Bryne, William Ambrose, John Southworth, Maureen (Mary) Collins.

Special Intention: Private, Tomy Anthony, Ligy Tomy.

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, Shirley Pryce.



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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.