

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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26 JANUARY 2025

After our brief excursion last week into Saint John's Gospel, we are back on track this week with Saint Luke - whom we will follow for the rest of the year. Today is about beginnings: the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It begins with the Word of God, in the synagogue. Jesus reads from the Old Testament, as we do every Sunday, and tells the people that it is fulfilled in him. Everything that God has said to his people, through his prophets, comes together in Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God. Today is an ideal Sunday to think about the ministry of reader - about how as readers we make present' the same fulfilment, Jesus, when we read the word of God in our Churches.

### 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: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10** - Ezra read to the people from the Book of the Law. The people were moved to tears by God's word. Ezra announced a day of feasting for "this day is sacred to our Lord".

**Psalm: Psalm 18** - Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life / The law of the Lord is perfect / The fear of the Lord is holy

**Second: I Corinthians 12: 12-30** - Together you are all Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it.

**Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21** - Luke's account of Jesus return to Nazareth, and his reading in the temple "The spirit of the Lord has been given to me ... to bring good news to the poor ..."

#### 3. CARITAS SUNDAY – SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

**2025:** There will be a retiring collection today 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](http://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. To pay in fundraising and donations by bank transfer, please use the following account details:

Account name – **Caritas Diocese of Salford**

Sort code – **16-00-18**

Account number – **41523268**

Reference – Please use the **postcode**

For more information, please scan the barcode:



Thank you.

**4. PARISH SVP MEETING:** There will be a meeting of the Parish SVP on Sunday, 2 February at Corpus Christi's presbytery after the 9.30 am mass.

**5. 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.

**6. MERCY BROTHERS:** Join us for a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with clergy band, The Mercy Brothers. The concert will raise funds for our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, which supports our sick pilgrims and medical team. The concert will take place on Friday 21 February at Hough End Centre, Chorlton. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £20 (free for under 16s) and includes a hot supper. Book now: [www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising](http://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising) or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

**7. JUBILEE FOR COMMUNICATIONS:** In celebration of the Holy Year, we are having a Jubilee of Jubilees to shine a light on a number of different themes represented in our diocese. We begin with our Jubilee for Communications, in which we explore this month's Gospels to reflect on how we can share the Good News in our world today. Access the resources now at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>

**8. LAUDATO SI' CENTRE GARDENING CLUB:** The Diocese of Salford's environment hub, The Laudato Si' Centre, is delighted to announce a regular gardening club, taking place on Fridays. Parish groups and volunteers are

#### HYMNS

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 558; Offertory: 443, 362; Communion: 500; Recessional: 297.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 736; Offertory: 699; Communion: 715, 462; Recessional: 471.

invited to join the team at the Centre to explore sustainable gardening techniques, top tips, and to come together in shared faith to care for our common home. Email [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) to find out more.

**9. SAINTS OF THE WEEK:**

**Saint Thomas Aquina – Jan 28:** was born in Aquino c1225. Becoming a Dominican he studied at Cologne under St. Albert the Great. An outstanding thinker, writer and teacher, he died in 1274.

**Saint John Bosco – Jan 31:** born in 1815 in the north of Italy, dedicated his priestly ministry to working with young people, especially street children whom he encountered in Turin. He established the Salesians of Don Bosco and the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians, to assist in this work. He died in 1888.

**10. SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Corpus Christi:** This week we officially launched the start of the Year of the Jubilee- The Year of Hope. In honour of this, we held our first ever 'Holy Book Dress

Up Day'. Children and staff came to school dressed as a figure or symbol from the holy book of their religion. The children and families were extremely creative with their ideas, and it was lovely to see. During the day, we spoke about our hopes for the world and linked it with many of our Catholic Social Teachings. We look forward to our journey for the year of hope and the different opportunities ahead for us to reflect in this jubilee year.

**11. SUNDAY SMILE:** A parishioner went to a local Health Centre recently, complaining of pain all over her body. "Can you be more specific?" asked the doctor. The woman proceeded to touch her right knee with her index finger and yelled out, "Ow, that hurts!" Then she touched her nose and yelled again, "Ouch, that also hurts!" Then she touched her left earlobe and yelled again, "Even that hurts, doctor!" The doctor then examined her carefully and then turned to her and said, "I'm afraid to tell you but you have a broken finger!"

**WEEKDAY CALENDAR**

<b>MONDAY:</b>	Both churches closed
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>St Herbert's:</b> Divine Mercy Prayer 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>St Herbert's:</b> Private Prayer 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**  
**Special Intention:** Rosemary and James, Ted and Annette Briton and family, Santo Nino de Cebu.  
**Lately Dead:** John M'Combs, Patricia Egbele.  
**Anniversary:** Jack Huntington, Gerard Traynor, Norah Carter.  
**R.I.P:** John Southworth, Mary Collins, Edward Coonan.  
**Thanksgiving Mass:** Brian and Hilda Madden.

**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.