

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR C

5 January 2025

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the Time of Manifestation or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all nations being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the child in the manger. Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

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 60:1-6 - Shine out Jerusalem, your light has come ... the nations come to your light ... everyone will come bringing gold and incense.

Psalms 71 - All nations shall fall prostrate before you O Lord / O God give judgement to your king / In his days justice shall flourish / The kings of Tarshish and the seacoast / For he shall save the poor

Second: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 - ... pagans now share the same inheritance, are part of the same body in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 - The wise men looked for the infant king; Herod summoned them. They found the place that the star was pointing to, and presented their gifts, but they did not report back to Herod.

3. PARISH SVP: The next food pantry will take place on Friday, 10 January at Corpus Christi Presbytery from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. Please spread the word to anyone who may benefit from it. Thank you.

4. ST HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING: All are very welcome to join us in the New Year at St. Herbert's Coffee Morning on Sunday 12th January after 11am mass.

5. PARISH LADIES EVENING FRIDAY, 31 JANUARY 2025: Please ensure that all payments of £26pp are made to Janette Sterritt at St Herbert's or Ann-Marie Ford at Corpus Christi by **SUNDAY 14TH**

JANUARY to enable the committee to sort out the seating plan.

6. CORPUS CHRISTI PLANNED GIVING: The sets of envelopes are available from a box on the Welcomers table. They are due to start this weekend, on Sat/Sunday 5/6th January 2025. Please help yourself. 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.

7. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There will be no lessons while the primary school is closed for the Christmas break. We will resume on Sunday 12th January. Thank you for your support. New helpers are always welcome. See one of the helpers for more information.

8. DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2025: Our diocesan pilgrimage office is now taking bookings for its next annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. This year's pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, 3 May 2025, with an option to extend your visit by staying overnight on Friday, 2 May. For more information, prices and details on how to book, please visit: <https://diocesesoofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-pilgrimage-2025> or call 0161 817 2209.

9. ADVICE AS ENERGY BILLS CONTINUE TO RISE: If you, anyone you know, or someone in your parish community needs support around rising energy bills, wider Caritas Salford has put together some helpful advice on their website.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 651; Offertory: 122,362; Communion: 723; Recessional: 722.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 144; Offertory: 651; Communion: 614, 723; Recessional: 722 .

You can find out more by visiting: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/fuel-poverty-challenges/> and can also find details on the website page on how to arrange a session with their energy advice service team.

10. SALFORD DIOCESE – JOB VACANCY

Parish Administrator – St Mary and St John Fisher:

Appointment Type: Part-time, permanent; **Working Hours:** 9 hours per week; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm; **Location:** St Mary’s Presbytery, Duke Street, Denton, M34 2AN; **Salary:** £12.60 per hour.

To find out more and apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>

11. SUNDAY SMILE

It's difficult to believe that it's now a quarter century since we celebrated the Millennium. Parishioners still make their

New Year's resolutions as we heard this week:

Treat myself to a new golf shirt. After all, I’ve earned it by getting a hole in one.

Spread cheerfulness by dressing as a clown and amusing the local children. They will really appreciate the jester.

Change from shoes with shoelaces, to those with Velcro. Well, why knot?

Start learning sign language, it might come in handy.

Search high and low for my mislaid watch, that's if I can find the time.

Throw away that old vacuum cleaner. It's just gathering dust anyway.

Sell my silent parrot, preferably to someone who understands its true value. After all it isn't going cheap.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY: Both churches closed
TUESDAY: **Corpus Christi:** Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY: **St Herbert’s:** Private Prayer 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
St Herbert’s: Requiem Mass at 12.45 pm for John C Slevin (RIP)
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: Private Intention, George McCoy
Lately Dead: Margaret Byrne, Catherine Harker, Mary C Collins
R.I.P: John C Slevin
Anniversary: Annie Theresa McDonnell

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.