

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Life is often about picking our way through opposites - choices and decisions that surround every moment of every day: should I do this or that, choose this way or that way, and so on. Just as there are choices on either side, so there are opposing consequences blessings and curses, in the language of the first reading, happiness and woe in the language of the Gospel. In Saint Luke's version of the Beatitudes, we see Jesus setting out very clearly the teaching that life is about choices, and that we must take control, and be responsible for the life we choose, or even the conditions of life that we embrace or accept.

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: Jeremiah 17:5-8 - A blessing on the one who puts his trust in the Lord.

Psalms: Psalm 1 - Happy is the man who has placed his trust in the Lord

Second: I Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 - Christ has .. been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20--27 - Sermon on the plain - The Beatitudes: happy are the poor in spirit.

3. **CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Staff are now taking a break during the school's half term.

We resume lessons on Sunday 2nd March.

We welcomed the new intake of children taking their First Communion this year.

Their pictures are displayed on our notice board near the Lady Chapel, see if

you recognize anyone you know.

We would still like more helpers with the lessons on Sunday morning please.

It's only 25 minutes with the children before the Offertory begins.

When the children restart 2nd March, it's the start of Lent on the Wednesday,

so don't forget your packs of batter mix for pancakes on Shrove Tuesday!

4. **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:** This weekend, we mark Racial Justice Sunday with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice." The theme celebrates both the Jubilee Year and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday, inviting the Catholic community to reflect on the journey towards racial justice - past, present, and future. For prayers and resources, head to <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/>

5. **JUBILEE BOOK SIGNING EVENT:** A special book signing and reading event is due to take place to celebrate the launch of two new books about our diocese by Mgr John

Allen - 'A popular history of the Diocese of Salford' and 'Pilgrims of Hope: Out and About in Salford Diocese'. It will be held on Monday 3 March at 5pm at St Patrick's Church, in Collyhurst. You can book your free place now at www.caritassalford.org.uk/booksigning. All proceeds from book sales go to Caritas Salford.

6. **SILENT RETREAT:** Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre team for a peaceful day of prayer this February. This one-day Silent Retreat invites you to spend time with the Lord in silent prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, attend outdoor Mass, and explore the beautiful grounds of the Centre. Find out more and register your attendance at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/silent-retreat>

7. **PILGRIM'S PASSPORT:** Create new family traditions this Jubilee year by picking up our family-friendly guide to Jubilee churches in the Diocese of Salford. With fast facts, thought-provoking questions, and different activities, our Pilgrim's Passport is the ideal companion to help families pray and journey together this Jubilee Year. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/pilgrims-passport/> or visit one of our Designated Churches to begin.

8. **PILGRIMS OF HOPE: LENTEN TALKS:** The Diocese of Salford is holding a series of talks this Lent that explores themes of journeying and pilgrimage through the lens of the Jubilee. Each week, the talks will focus on a different person from the Bible to help us better understand how the journey we are called to make this Holy Week year is rooted in scripture. The weekly talks begin on Tuesday 4 March at 11am at Wardley Hall. Contact Sr Joan Kerley on joankfmsj@gmail.com or call 0161 971 7842 to find out more.

9. SAINT OF THE WEEK:

St Peter Damien – Feb 21: born in 1007, Peter became a hermit before taking part in a great reform of the Church; in 1057 he was made bishop of OsDa, and on his death in 1072 was immediately venerated as a saint.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 133; Offertory: 801, 641; Communion: 759; Recessional: 453.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 174; Offertory: 175; Communion: 307, 557; Recessional: 604.

10. SCHOOL NEWS:

St Herbert's: The children have been very busy this week. Our netball team attended a competition at Oldham Sports Centre. They played well winning one and losing another - this was not enough to get them through to the finals. Key stage 2 held a Big Legal day where they discussed many topics but particularly looking at why law is important to them. Lots of fantastic views. Later in the week upper key stage 2 held a "Fair Trade" topic day, discussing the importance of treating farmers and food producers fairly by making sure they get paid well for their work they do. The children then made a sundae using fair trade products. Next week is half term. Let's hope the weather is kind to us.

Corpus Christi: This half term has flown by, and our last week has been extremely busy. Staff and children are definitely looking forward to their half term break.

Children in Reception ended their topic on Tuesday with an African inspired day. The children took part in an African drumming and dancing workshop and also

enjoyed trying a range of African treats.

This week, the children also took part in national Safer Internet Day. Classes took part in lessons about keeping safe on the internet, and our digital leaders also created an informative video all about keeping safe. You can watch this

at: <https://x.com/CORPUS1275/status/1889292777474646524>

11. SUNDAY SMILE

Last Wednesday there was another accident on Broadway. A cement mixer collided with a prison van which was on its way to His Majesty's Prison Manchester. Several prisoners made their escape and the police warned the public to keep a lookout for eight hardened criminals. A senior police officer said he was looking for a man with one eye. A witness said he should use both eyes and maybe he would find the prisoner a lot quicker.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm St Herbert's: Requiem Mass for BRIAN PETER BOOTH (R.I.P) at 10.00am
WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert's: Chaplet of Divine Mercy 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

RIP: Brian Peter Booth.

Lately Dead: Brian Chaplin, James Camp, Nora Hickey.

Anniversary: Ann Carlisle, Mary Riley, Lilian Cheetham, Margaret Tomison.

Birthday Anniversary: 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, 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.

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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