

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

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16 March 2025

Every year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain top. Why? Jesus revealed his glory to the three apostles in order to strengthen them for the journey ahead - the journey to Jerusalem, Gethsemane and Golgotha. The same vision is today offered to us, to strengthen us in our Lenten Journey of Faith. Last week we heard about temptation: this week we are driven onwards by a vision of glory that will be ours - the goal of our lives of faith and all that we do as Christians. The transfiguration represents the final destination of our lives, if we are faithful in resisting temptation and living each day as faithful members of Jesus Christ. In our journey of renewal and new commitment through Lent, we are spurred on and encouraged by today's vision to see why the effort is worth it.

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: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 - God makes a covenant with Abram: to your descendants I give this land.

Psalms: Psalm 26 - The Lord is my light and my help / O Lord hear my voice when I call / It is your face, O Lord, that I seek / I am sure shall see the Lord's goodness.

Second: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 - Remain faithful in the Lord: our homeland is in heaven, our saviour comes from heaven.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 - The Transfiguration. "This is my son, the chosen one. Listen to him".

3. LENTEN DEANERY STATION MASSES/ CONFESSIONS:

Note that confession is available at 6.30pm before each Mass at 7.00pm as agreed in the deanery meeting.

No Parish Mass at Corpus Christi Church on these days.

- Tuesday, 18 March at St Joseph's Shaw
- Tuesday, 25 March at St Herbert's Church (Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity)
- Tuesday, 1 April at St Ann's Ashton
- Tuesday, 8 April at St Edward's Lees

4. STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent at 9.30 am before the 10am Mass at St Herbert's Church.

5. DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Our diocesan pilgrimage office is now taking bookings for its next annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. Our pilgrimage in this Holy Year of Jubilee 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://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-pilgrimage-2025> or call 0161 817 2209

6. RED MISSION BOXES (ST HERBERT'S) will be collected in St Herbert's Parish Centre on Thursday 27th March at 7.30pm.

7. 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS - A JOURNEY OF PRAYER FOR LENT: Are available at the back of both Churches. £1.00 (St Herbert's - please put the money in the Booklets ' Wall box.) Thank you.

8. DID YOU KNOW...? Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our diocesan charity Caritas Salford this Lent as we all pray, fast and give. Did you know they have lots of information on their website about ways you can support, make a donation, or access free information and resources? Visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/SJP

9. GIFT AID DONATIONS 2025 -2026: Thank you very much to all those who have donated to the Parish whether via Gift Aid or Non-Gift Aid envelopes, by Standing Order or via the baskets. If you are a UK taxpayer, we would ask you to please consider donating via the Gift Aid envelop scheme. This does not cost you anymore than your usual donation. It does, however, allow the Parish to claim back 25% of your donation. So, for every £1.00 you donate we can claim back an extra 25p. All you need to do is to fill in a form (just your name and address are required). These forms will be available at the back of each church along the new Gift Aid and Non-Gift Aid envelopes (St Herbert's), which start on 6 April, from Ken Coop (Corpus Christi) and Deborah Kearney (St Herbert's) this weekend. For further information, please email: divinemercuryoldham@gmail.com. Thank you.

10. FREE EVENTS AND TRAINING: Caritas Salford is running a wide range of free events and activities in the coming weeks and months, from poverty in action training for parishes, to prayerful path to wellbeing walks; mental health awareness sessions to energy and fuel bill crisis drop-in support, and lots more. You can find out more and register for a free place via their website now here: www.caritassalford.org.uk/events

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 361; Offertory: 443, 175; Communion: 681; Recessional: 439 .

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 292; Offertory: 443; Communion: 349, 164; Recessional: 331.

11. LENTEN DAY RETREAT: The Parish of Our Lady of Hope in Salford is hosting a Day Retreat to help us prepare and reflect during this season of Lent. Taking place at Ss Peter and Paul RC Church, the retreat will include time for Adoration, praise and worship, with talks from guest speakers John Hesketh and Daniella Stephens. The retreat takes place on Saturday 29 March, 10am - 4pm. Lunch will be provided.

12. LEGION OF MARY (DIVINE MERCY PARISH): Our Legion of Mary members continue to meet every Wednesday evening at 7.30 - 9.00pm at St Herbert's Parish Church. We are always looking for new members to join and expand this beautiful devotion to 'Our Lady Mother of Christ'. Please feel free to come and visit one of our meetings, speak to one of our Legion members or alternatively ring Annette on 07975869010. Auxiliary (praying) members are also required as a very important part of our work.

13. SCHOOL NEWS:

Corpus Christi: This week, children in LKS2, Duckling, Starling and Swallow Class, all led our first Lenten class

mass. The mass was all about saying sorry during Lent and asking for forgiveness. The children were a credit to us and led the mass beautifully. Thank you to our parish family for their lovely words about the mass. Next week, children in Wren and Owl class will be leading their mass all about trust.

St Herbert's: In preparation for Easter and to receive God's grace Father Lawrence came into school for Reconciliation for the children from Year 4 upwards. On Wednesday Upper Key Stage 2 had an exciting morning. They were visited by Abbie Ayre and the Shed of Science. They learnt about air pollution and how every single one of us has a role to play in reducing this. The children thought carefully about what causes the most air pollution and were surprised that traffic causes the most because the pollution stays at a lower level which impacts their health. Year 6 continued with the Chameleon Project - this week's topic covered vehicle theft and road safety.

14. SUNDAY SMILE: Last Sunday a group of parishioners went to a concert at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester. They were happily listening to the Bermuda Philharmonic Orchestra, when suddenly the man on the triangle disappeared.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY: Both churches closed
TUESDAY: **LENTEN DEANERY STATION MASS: 7.00 pm at St Joseph's, Shaw**
NO PARISH MASS
WEDNESDAY: **St Herbert's:** Divine Mercy 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:** Stations of the Cross 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

Lately Dead: Jimmy Wood
Anniversaries: Elsie Lawson, Olwyn Baker, Joan Elizabeth O'Hara, Generosa S Flores, Brian Robinson, Mary Morgan
Birthday Memories: Ray Corrigan

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, 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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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.