

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C**

**06 April 2025**

There is a logical development in the readings this Sunday: in the Old Testament, God asks us to look forward to the "new deed he will do", when he will put "water in the wilderness"; we then see the new deed, which Paul talks about, to be the "supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus", and sharing the "power of his resurrection"; so who is this Jesus, and how is he "water in the wilderness"? It is because he brings hope for the future and forgiveness of our sins, as the Gospel story relates. This Sunday's readings are there for our encouragement, to help us look forward to Easter, and the meaning of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection: that meaning is Reconciliation and a new creation (as we heard last week). We are driven on through Lent by a vision of the marvels that God has worked, and that God will work for 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 43: 16-21** - The Lord says ... I am making a road in the wilderness, ... rivers in the wild to give my chosen people water.

**Psalms 125** - What marvels the Lord worked for us, indeed we are glad / When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage / Deliver us O Lord / They go out full of tears.

**Second: Philippians 3:8-14** - Nothing can happen that will outweigh the advantage of knowing Christ my saviour - I have accepted loss of everything for the him.

**Gospel: John 8: 1-11** - The woman caught in adultery.

**3. CORPUS CHRISTI COFFEE MORNING:** Come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning, This Sunday 6th April 2025. Tea, Coffee and Home Made Cakes, Everyone is Welcome.

**4. LENTEN DEANERY STATION MASS/ CONFESSION:**

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

No Parish Mass at Corpus Christi Church on this day.

- Tuesday, 8 April at St Edward's Lees

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

**6. LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN:** I am grateful for the positive discernment in our Diocesan Synod, which produced valuable recommendations for the future of our Diocese. Mgr John Dale has accepted the role of Episcopal Vicar for Synodality, and the implementation work is beginning.

Parish Priests have been asked to nominate individuals with expertise in the four recommendation categories: "Community and Outreach," "Leadership and Collaboration," "Spirituality and Formation," and "Young People and Schools," so that we can build a vision and direction, and share best practice, for our future.

And for this continuing work, let us pray, Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey.

Bishop John.

Further updates will be provided as we continue on the implementation.

**7. PASTORAL LETTER:** A pastoral letter will be read at all masses. Copies of the letter are available at the back of both churches.

**8. GIFT AID DONATIONS 2025 -2026:** The new Gift Aid and Non-Gift Aid envelopes (St Herbert's) are now available for collection from the back of church.

**9. EASTER LITURGY – 2025**

**Maundy Thursday:** St Herbert's at 7.00 pm

**Good Friday:** Corpus Christi at 3.00 pm

**Easter Vigil:** St Herbert's at 7.00 pm

**Easter Sunday:** Corpus Christi at 9.30 am

St Herbert's at 11.00 am

**10. MASS OF THE SACRED CHRISM:** There are 3 tickets available for the Sacred Chrism Mass which will be held on Wednesday, 16 April at 11.00 am at St Patrick's Church in Collyhurst. Anyone interested in attending should speak to Fr. Lawrence. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

**11. STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Children's Good Friday Stations of the Cross at St Herbert's, 10am. Come early if you want to dress up. Weather permitting, we'll go into the garden.

**12. LEGION OF MARY (DIVINE MERCY PARISH):** Our Legion of Mary members continue to meet every Wednesday evening at 7.00 - 8.30pm 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. CAFOD'S MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:** CAFOD (the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development) has shared details of its Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Funds raised for this appeal will provide much-needed water, food, solar lights, mosquito nets and water purification tablets to those devastated by this disaster. Your generosity will extend far and wide and will help the Catholic Church in Myanmar bring comfort and relief to families who are in urgent need. Visit [cafod.org.uk/myanmar](https://cafod.org.uk/myanmar) to find out more and donate.

**14. CARITAS SALFORD E-NEWSLETTER:** Did you know that Caritas, our diocesan charity, now has a monthly e-newsletter providing updates, free resources, news and event details, plus much more? To begin to receive it, visit: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/newsletter/>

**15. MERCY IN THE HOLY YEAR:** The Diocese of Salford has produced a number of resources to help us learn more about the theme of mercy and reconciliation in the Jubilee Year, including an FAQ sheet on Plenary Indulgences. To find out more, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/plenary-indulgences>

**16. LAUDATO SI' CENTRE E-NEWS:** The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre has created a new E-Newsletter to help you stay up to date on the latest events and activities at the Centre. Sign up now at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk>

**HYMNS**

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Entrance: 731; Offertory: 801,516; Communion: 500; Recessional: 757.

**ST HERBERT'S:** Entrance: 731; Offertory: 284; Communion: 165,419; Recessional: 286.

**17. HOLY WEEK RETREAT AT STONYHURST:** A prayerful retreat focusing on the true meaning of Easter is taking place at Stonyhurst College this Holy Week. The retreat will run from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday and provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the resurrection of faith and foster a sense of community and spiritual renewal. A special Children and Young People's programme has also been developed for our young parishioners. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/stonyhurst-holy-week-retreat/>

**18. SCHOOL NEWS**

**Corpus Christi:** This week, we held our second parent consultation day of this academic year. The teachers enjoyed sharing the children's successes and achievements with parents and sharing their academic progress so far. Our children in Reception enjoyed their aspirations day. The children came to school dressed up as what they want to be when they grow up. They are dreaming big and reaching for the stars. We also had a week of celebrating music and dance talents. We were very lucky to watch the KS1 dance performance, our Rocksteady bands and our Year 6 recorders.

Next week, we receive the Diocese anchor of hope from our friends at St Herbert's. On Monday (7th) we invite our parish family to visit our pilgrims of hope prayer stations in our school hall. Families and parish members are welcome to attend 3:30-4pm. Access can be made via the gate next to the parish hall. We hope to see many of you there.

**St Herbert's:** This week has been a very special week. The Anchor of Hope which is making its way across the Dioceses arrived at school on Wednesday. It was brought to school by pupils and staff from St Anne's Greenacres. It was handed over in a very special assembly. To celebrate its arrival; the children dressed in the colours of the Jubilee logo. In the afternoon the whole school made a shape of a rainbow and a photograph was taken from the school roof. Take a look on Instagram it looks fantastic! On Thursday classes completed a variety of activities in relation to the anchor of hope- including a very special class prayer and liturgy. On Friday, in our assembly it was time for the anchor to continue its journey. A group of children and staff took the anchor to Corpus Christi where it will remain for 3 days before it is taken to the next school.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey as pilgrims of hope

**19. SUNDAY SMILE:** Last week a local church held a Mothering Sunday luncheon after Mass. As usual, the parish comedian was there with his one liners. Here are a few:

Some people have trouble sleeping, but I can do it with my eyes closed.  
 When I found out that my toaster wasn't waterproof, I was shocked.  
 I left my wife because she was obsessed with counting. I often wonder what she's up to now?  
 Lance is an uncommon name nowadays. But in medieval times people were named Lance a lot.  
 Yesterday, I fell off a ten metre ladder. Thank goodness I was only on the third step.

**WEEKDAY CALENDAR**

**MONDAY:** Both churches closed  
**TUESDAY:** **LENTEN DEANERY STATION MASS: 7.00 pm at St Edward's Lees**  
**NO PARISH MASS AT CORPUS CHRISTI**  
**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**  
 Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**Lately Dead: Fernando Ribes**

**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.

**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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