

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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28 SEP 2025

Following on from last week (“You cannot be the slave of both God and money”) we see a practical illustration of what this means. The division between rich and poor was very striking at the time of Jesus: popular understanding, however, said that to be rich was a blessing from God. Jesus reminds people that riches carry their own responsibility – the duty to notice the poor man, especially when he lies at your own gate. In this parable, Jesus is subtly attacking the people’s lack of acceptance of the teaching of the prophets – “They have Moses and the prophets...”, but they obviously haven’t listened to them. The twist in the last line is powerful: “...they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.” Since our world still sees a division between rich and poor, how true those words have become!

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: Amos 6:1, 4-7- Woe to those who sprawl on their divans and do not care - they will be the first to be exiled.

Psalm: 145 - My soul give praise to the Lord / It is the Lord who keeps faith forever / It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind / He upholds the widow and the orphan.

Second: I Timothy 6: 11-16 - Fight the good fight of faith ... until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ who at the due time will be revealed as King of kings and Lord of Lords.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-13 - The parable of Lazarus and the rich man ... whose brothers have Moses and the prophets as warning.

3. CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: Is on Friday October 3rd. Please take an envelope this weekend and return it next weekend. You can pay online at Cfod.org.uk. On behalf of CAFOD thank you for continuing to help our neighbours in need around the world, in these hard and uncertain times.

4. HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS: The parish Harvest Thanksgiving will take place over the weekend of 11th/12th October. Parishioners are kindly asked to bring along gifts of non-perishable foods, to either church, and to place them in front of the altar before Mass commences. They will later be given to the parish Food Bank for distribution.

5. DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2026

We are delighted to announce the date for our 2026 diocesan pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham. Next year's pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 2nd May, with the option to extend your pilgrimage with an overnight stay on Friday 1st May. You can now register your interest by calling our pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209 or emailing walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

6. VOLUNTEER VAN DRIVER NEEDED FOR CARITAS SALFORD: Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford is in urgent need of a volunteer van driver. Could you

please spare a few hours to help them to transport donations in their electric van? Van drivers are vital to Caritas services supporting people experiencing poverty and homelessness and are essential to their day-to-day running. To find out more, please contact volunteer coordinator Matt on m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk or visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer

7. THE MERCY BROTHERS: Enjoy 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 takes place on Friday 3rd October at St Michael's RC Parish, Whitefield. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £15 for adults, £10 for 16-21 year olds, and free for under 16s. Food will be provided and included in the cost. Book now by emailing Lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

8. A DECADE OF LAUDATO SI': The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is hosting an ecumenical event to celebrate 10 years of Laudato Si'. Join Christian leaders across Greater Manchester, including our own Bishop John, as they meet with Greater Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham, to discuss the environmental progress of the past decade and the road ahead. This free event takes place at 6pm on Tuesday 14th October at Methodist Central Hall in Manchester. Find out more and register at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-decade-of-laudato-si/>

9. MASS FOR CATECHISTS: In celebration of our Jubilee for Catechists this October, we are holding a special Mass to pray for the catechists of our diocese. The Mass will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 15 October at St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst. To help with planning, please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk if you would like to attend.

10. DIVINE MERCY CHRISTMAS MEAL 2025: Will be held at the San Rocco again this year, on Tuesday 2nd December at 12.00pm. Anyone interested in coming please put your Name and contact number on the list that is put at the back of both Churches. Further details of prices etc. to follow.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 604; Offertory: 214, 362; Communion: 628; Recessional: 730.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 390; Offertory: 516; Communion: 247, 462; Recessional: 604.

11. PRAYER OF THE ROSARY: During the month of October the prayer of the Rosary will be said before weekday masses.

12. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We will continue into October and finish on 12th October before the half term.

13. ST HERBERT'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Held on 4th Sundays of the month. We look forward to seeing your young ones there. Trish and Jane.

14. THE LEGION OF MARY: would like to invite you all to a special Jubilee Mass for the Holy Year 2025 on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This will take place on Tuesday 7th of October at Corpus Christi Church. 6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Rosary, prayers and reconciliation. 7:pm Mass at the usual time. Refreshments will be provided in the house afterwards. All are encouraged to attend this special event. Please place your name on the form at the back of the church if you wish to attend (this will help with catering).

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15. SCHOOL NEWS

St Herberts:

We would like to thank everyone who has knitted hearts for the North West Paediatric transfer team. We are now collecting them all in order to present them to the team. In the next couple of weeks will know the grand total. Please keep knitting until then!

The school photographer was in school this week taking the annual photograph of the children - individual and as a family. The children certainly loved the camera.

On Friday we held our Macmillan coffee morning and once again the hall was packed! The families were entertained by the children, who sang a variety of songs, needless to say there were plenty of cheers. Finally thank you for your support in providing food for our vulnerable families - in the present time the food is most welcome. So, a big thank you to you.

16. SUNDAY SMILE:

It seems that one of our parishioners has an irrational fear of a speed hump. However, he's getting over it slowly.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert's: Prayer of the Rosary at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
THURSDAY:	Corpus Christi: Prayer of the Rosary at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
FRIDAY:	St Herbert's: Prayer of the Rosary 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: Henry Skibinski

Private Intention

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, Luke Burke, Mary Gowran, 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, Heather Matson, Christopher Ward.



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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.