

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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12 OCT 2025

There are many messages in today's Gospel: the power of God to heal, the compassion of Jesus for those in need, the fact that a despised foreigner (the Samaritan) is the only one who recognises what has been done, the role of faith and the importance of thanking God for gifts received. But because this Gospel is twinned with part of the story of Naaman the leper, the idea that the Church brings out most clearly is that of thanksgiving, or acknowledging what has been given to us. From an early age we are taught to say "Thank You" – to recognise that someone has gone out of their way to give us something or do something for us. Our thanks strengthens the relationship that binds us together, and it is the same with God. As we recognise the good things that come from God, so our faith is deepened and the bond of the Covenant in Christ Jesus is strengthened.

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: II Kings 5:14-17 - Naaman the leper is healed in the Jordan after following Elisha's instructions. He returns to Elisha, and acknowledges there is no God except the Lord.

Psalms: 98 - The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations / Sing a new song to the Lord / The Lord has made known his salvation / All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Second: II Timothy 2:8-13 - Paul reflects that he is suffering - but they cannot chain up God's good news ... If we have died with him then we shall live with him.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 - Jesus heals the ten lepers - only one returns to give God thanks. ... Go, your faith has saved you.

3. HARVEST THANKSGIVING: Both our churches are holding Harvest Thanksgiving today. Parishioners are kindly asked to place non-perishable items at the front of the altar before Mass commences. Thank you.

4. ST. HERBERT'S COFFEE MORNING: Please come and support us today Sunday 12th October following 11am mass when we will be holding our Annual Coffee Morning in support of 'MacMillan Cancer Support'.

5. MASS FOR CATECHISTS - WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER: 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. Parking is available and refreshments will be provided afterwards. If you would like to attend, please email [<http://formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk>] to help us anticipate numbers.

6. 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. See details below:

- On Tuesday 2nd December 2025: This Will be £26. Names and £10 deposit to be given Weekend of 1st / 2nd of November.
- Weekend of 15th/ 16th November: Balance of £16 and Menu Choice

7. CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Corpus Christi Church will not be having a Christmas Fair this year.

Instead there will be a Grand Raffle which will be held on Sunday 30th November 2025 in the Presbytery after the 9.30am Mass.

There will be a selection of Cakes, Teas Coffee and Soft drinks. There will be Raffle Tickets on Sale before the draw. We hope to see you all there.

As Corpus Christi are only having a Grand Raffle this year and to make it a success we are appealing for, Quality items ! Bottles of Spirits, Bottles of wine, Boxes of biscuits, Boxes of Chocolates, Toiletries, Store Gift Vouchers and any other Suitable Gifts.

8. PRAYER OF THE ROSARY: During the month of October the prayer of the Rosary is said before weekday masses.

9. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Thank you to the parents & children who have supported us this half term. Our final lesson is this Sunday before we have a 2 week break during half term. We resume on 2nd November when Amy & Destiny will be taking the lesson. Clipboards and colours are always available as you come into church on Saturdays or Sundays for the children to use.

10. CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Christmas is coming ! There will be a meeting about the Christmas Fayre in St Herbert's Sacristy on Tuesday, the 14th of October at 6.00pm. If you are able to help, please make every effort to attend. Thank you

11. DIOCESE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR NEW SURVIVOR-LED SAFEGUARDING PANEL: The Diocese of Salford is looking for volunteers to join a new safeguarding panel, which seeks to ensure the voice of survivors plays an integral role in how we safeguard against all forms of Church-based abuse, and how we continue to provide meaningful support and healing to those affected. Details of all panellists will be confidential and volunteers can choose to engage anonymously. To find out more or to enquire about becoming a volunteer panellist, please contact the diocesan Department for Safeguarding by emailing [safeguarding@dioceseofsalford.org.uk] or calling 0161 817 2206. Read more at [<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/survivors-panel-announced/>]

12. CELEBRATION OF HUMAN DIGNITY - FREE EVENT: Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford is holding a free event on Sunday 26 October from 10.30am to 3pm at Sacred Heart Church and Parish Centre, Gorton, Manchester, M18 7WJ. The 'Celebration of Human Dignity' event, which is aligned with the memorial of St Pope John Paul II who championed human dignity and the value of human life in his many works, will include music, thought-provoking sessions and Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop John Arnold. To find out more and book your free place at the event, visit: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/humandignity/]

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 576 ; Offertory: 276 , 801 ; Communion: 500 ; Recessional: 105 .

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 226 ; Offertory: 789 ; Communion: 261 , 125 ; Recessional: 718 .

13. THE CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE OF PILGRIMAGE MEDIEVAL TO MODERN: Dr Kathryn Hurlock from M'cr Met University will give a talk on 'The Catholic Experience of Pilgrimage Medieval to Modern' at St Ann's Parish Centre (M32 8LF). The talk, which had been postponed, will now take place on Saturday 18th October starting at 10.30am. More details from Fr Ged Murphy: Gerald.Murphy@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

14. YOUNG ADULT SERVICE DAY - ST VINCENT DE PAUL YOUTH SOCIETY: The St Vincent de Paul Society Youth Team will be holding a service day on 1 November, and would like to invite those aged 18-35 to join. Beginning at 11am, following 10am Mass, the day will offer a chance to give back to the community with kindness. The service day will be taking place at St Vincent's Centre in Leeds and a travel bursary is available to support those who wish to get involved. To register, please email KeziaH@svp.org.uk or call on 07917 923605.

15. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: This week, our Mini Vinnies led a wonderful assembly all about Harvest. They delivered a fantastic assembly and they led the whole school beautifully in song. Thank you to our families for their kind donations. All donations will be sent this year to our SVP group in the parish.

St Herbert's: This week Year 3 had their first Sacramental programme meeting which was all about the Mass and their faith journey they are about to undertake. Please keep them and their family in your prayers. On Wednesday key stage 2 came together with the parish family to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Rosary, which was a lovely occasion. On Friday each class had time to say the Rosary in front of Mary and spent time in quiet reflection.

Year 5 had a busy week as they took part in "Bikeability," which is a programme to develop children's skills and confidence to ride on today's busy roads. We are pleased to say all the children who took part passed the test!

Bonfire night isn't far away! Year 3 and 4 had a visit from the Fire Brigade and they took part in workshops all about bonfire safety. Finally we had a non-uniform day in return for a donation of tins for our harvest festival which will be shared out among our vulnerable families.

16. SUNDAY SMILE: *A church in north Manchester held its Harvest Thanksgiving Supper last weekend. As usual, the parish comedian was there to entertain with his one-liners. Here are just a few:*

Just so everybody's clear, I'm going to put on my glasses.

I was shocked when I found out my toaster wasn't waterproof.

Like most people my age, I'm 52.

My wife was furious with me this morning because I put a stick in a non-stick pan.

Try to imagine the Titanic with a lisp. It's unthinkable!

I, for one, really like Roman Numerals.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Prayer of the Rosary 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

Special Intention: Martin Frances Ward, D Rennie, Jacob Kwok.

Anniversary: Clarence Wood, Mary May Day.

Lately Dead: Tommy Casey

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.