

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Perhaps the hardest Olympic event is the marathon: not only does it demand strength and fitness, but it calls for immense perseverance and endurance. Life in general and the Christian life in particular, is a marathon. We will face hills and mountains as well as valleys and gentle slopes in life: we will face obstacles and pressures which will make us want to say, as the prophet Elijah did, "Lord, it is enough!" Especially in our lifetime of prayer, there will be times when we say "Lord, I can go no further." Jesus himself understands the need for perseverance in prayer, and the temptation to lose heart, which is why he offers us this parable and teaching today. And remember the thought from the first reading: sometimes we may need to hold each other in our praying!

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: Exodus 17:8-13 - As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage in a battle against the Amalikites.

Psalm: 121 - Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth / I lift up my eyes to the mountains / May he never allow you to stumble / The Lord is your guard and your shade / The Lord will guard you from evil.

Second: II Timothy 3:14 - 4:2 - Scripture is inspired by God and can therefore be used for teaching people to be holy. Your duty is to proclaim the message - with patience and the intention of teaching.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 - Parable of the judge and the persistent widow: God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him ... but when the Son of Man comes, will he find any on earth?

3. BAPTISM: We welcome into the Divine Mercy community MAHALIA NYLA SELASI, who was baptized in the Parish last weekend.

4. 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

5. CORPUS CHRISTI GRAND 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. Tickets is on Sale today. Tickets will be £1 each. First Prize £100 Cash plus Many other quality prizes. The Draw will take place during our Special Coffee Morning after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 30th November in the Presbytery. Please come along and support this event.

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

7. MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING : A Big Thank you to all those who supported the Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. The amount raised was £215.65p.

8. INTRODUCTION OF CWO IN OUR PARISH BY THE SALFORD DIOCESE CWO: This is to bring to the notice of all women in the church about the establishment of Catholic Women Organisation (CWO) in our parish. This talk will be today.

9. 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/

10. WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: This weekend, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples'. We ask you to please remember the work of missionaries in your prayers this week. Find out more about the work of Missio and how to support the charity at missio.org.uk. Please pick up an envelope at the back of the church. Thank you.

11. REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES - A MOMENT OF PRAYER: The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is inviting people to remember loved ones who have died in a special way this November with the return of its Memorial Service. Taking place on Friday 7th November, between 9.30-10.30am, the memorial service provides a peaceful opportunity to remember and give thanks for our loved ones in the beauty of God's creation. Please register your interest and find out more by emailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

12. CHRISTMAS FAYRE – ST HERBERT'S -23RD NOVEMBER. The fayre is not far away!!!! We would like to ask for contributions to the Christmas fayre-bottles for the bottle store, chocolates, cakes for the cake stall and quality raffle prizes. Thank you . We also need volunteers to man stalls to make the fayre a success. If you are able to help please ring 07772631398. Any help is greatly appreciated. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass tickets £1.00 with the first prize being £100.00.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 121 ; Offertory: 801 , 163;
Communion: 133 ; Recessional: 147 .

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 361 ; Offertory: 560 ;
Communion: 681 , 480; Recessional: 303 .

13. CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: Thank you so much to everyone for supporting CAFOD Fast Day, and standing as one with our sisters and brothers overseas. Amount raised was £501.74.

14. BLESSING OF GRAVES: Will take place at Chadderton Cemetery on Sunday, 09 November at 2.30 pm.

15. 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.

16. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: Last Friday, as a school, we celebrated 'Wear Yellow' day in aid of children's mental health day. The children came to school dressed in Yellow and completed some lovely activities surrounding mental health and how to look after ours. On Friday, our new members of our Laudato Si team were officially commissioned in our celebration

assembly. They officially made their pledge in front of the whole school and their families, and we are very proud of each one of them. We look forward to seeing the work they do with the Laudato Si team. It is fantastic to see this team grow each year. We are very proud of all the work all our faith life teams do here at Corpus Christi.

St Herbert's: This week we celebrated Harvest - our theme was Harvest around the world. We are very lucky at St Herbert's as we have families from Greece, India, Venezuela, Nigeria, China and Pakistan. The children dressed up in their national costume and explained how harvest is celebrated in their country. We continued by thanking God for the resources that the Earth provides and the celebration also reminded the children that we must share everything we have and to look after God's world. We were joined by grandparents who once again packed the hall and as they left they commented how beautiful the celebration was. The fresh food was donated to Dr Kershaws and the non-perishables will be given to our vulnerable families.

17. SUNDAY SMILE: A teacher at St. Thomas the Dubious High School recently received this note from the parents of one of her pupils: 'David is sorry he didn't do his homework last night. He will never do it again.'

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: Jacob Kwok, Rebecca Hughes.

Lately Dead: James McCormack, Monica Smith.

R.I.P: Barry Newton.

Anniversary: Paul Mansell.

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.