

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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A few weeks ago (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) we had a Gospel about humility in social life – today we hear the Lord reiterating the message, but this time in reference to our prayer lives. The two Gospels are linked by the last words today, which also appear in the other story: “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” This phrase is obviously a key part of our Lord’s teaching! The sin of “self-exaltation” consists in putting others in a lower place – as the Pharisee does to the tax collector. Perhaps the most telling phrase in today’s Gospel is where Jesus refers to the Pharisee saying “this prayer to himself,” rather than offering it to God! And since the Pharisee wasn’t talking to God, how could he expect to be heard?

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: Sirach / Ecclesiasticus 35 15-17, 20-22 - The Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favourites. ... he hears the cry of the oppressed. The one who serves God willingly is heard; ... The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.

Psalm: 34 - The Lord hears the cry of the poor / I will bless the Lord at all times; / The Lord confronts the evildoers, / The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.

Second: II Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 - I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ... the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. ... The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 - Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector / Publican.

3. WORD ON FIRE COMES TO SALFORD - 'EVANGELISING THE CULTURE'

Join us for a thought-provoking evening as Bishop Robert Barron's *Word on Fire* program comes to Salford Cathedral, inviting us to explore how we can each play a part in bringing Christ's light to the world around us. The event will take place at 7:30pm on Thursday 13th November at the Cathedral Temporary Church, and refreshments will be served beforehand at 6:45pm in the cloisters. Please book your place by emailing enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk or call 0161 817 2210.

4. ADVENT TALKS: REFLECTING ON DILEXI TE:

During Advent, we are pleased to be joined once again by Sr Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd for a series of talks reflecting on Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*. Join us every Tuesday between 25 November and 16 December as we consider how we welcome the birth of the Messiah into a world of multifaceted poverty. The venue for this year's talks will be Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church Hall, M38 0DL, and will take place from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Please email joankfmsj@gmail.com or phone 07934 816796 to register your interest.

5. SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR LIVES CUT SHORT

There will be a Service of Remembrance for Lives Cut Short held at Manchester Cathedral next month, which will honour and commemorate those who have died as a result of homicide. Organised by the friends and families of those lost in this tragic way, the service will take place on Monday 24th November at 7.30pm. Any person wishing to commemorate a loved one by name as part of the service is invited to contact organiser Steve Williams on 07757 441377 or st.gab.prest@gmail.com

6. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: During the month of November, we offer prayers for the Holy Souls. A box will be placed at the back of each

church for parishioners to drop in the names of their departed loved ones. Would anyone wishing to place the parish Poppy Wreath on Chadderton War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November, please contact Michael Lawson on 652 3930.

7. NOVEMBER TREE: A tree of Remembrance will be at the front of each church. Again, parishioners are asked to write the names of their departed loved ones on the labels and to tie them to the tree.

8. END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME: Please note that this weekend marks end of British Summer Time. The clocks will go back one hour, early on Sunday morning.

9. SVP SOCIETY: The SVP would like to thank all the parishioners for their ongoing support and donations of food and money to the SVP Society. The food donated from the harvest festival was much appreciated. The food pantry's are always the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, so in November they are on 14th at Corpus Christi sacristy and 28th at St Herberts parish centre, 2-4pm. Anyone in need is welcome and please spread the word if you know someone who may benefit from a little extra help. We are always looking for new members so we can expand our charitable work within the parish. If anyone is interested in joining, or just finding out more about what is involved, you are very welcome to attend our next meeting on Sunday 2nd November in Corpus Christi sacristy after 9.30am mass (a brew and a cake included).

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. 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

11. CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets are now on Sale £1 each for the Christmas Raffle which will take place on Sunday 30th November After the 9.30am Mass in the Presbytery. There will be a Selection of Cakes, Tea, Coffee and Soft drinks. To make this Raffle a Huge Success, we are still Appealing for: Bottles of Spirits, Bottles of wine, Boxes of biscuits, Boxes of Chocolates, Toiletries, Store Gift Vouchers and any other Suitable Gifts. Please come along and support this event.

12. 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

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 286; Offertory: 163, 443; Communion: 759; Recessional: 644.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 576; Offertory: 272; Communion: 256, 462; Recessional: 672.

more by emailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

13. 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.

14. 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/

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

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

18. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi:

As the final week of this half-term ends, the children and staff are very much looking forward to a well-deserved half-term break and quality family time. The children have worked extremely hard during their first half-term of the new academic year. This week, the school enjoyed their annual 'Ugly Bug Ball'. It is always a great success, and the children absolutely love it! Thank you to our families for supporting the wonderful event.

Hawk Class also led a lovely class assembly all about Black History Month which we have also been doing work on this month. The children were fantastic, and the assembly was very informative. We also presented our first Caritas award winner of the new academic year. She is a credit to us and is a role model for other children. She is also an active member of the parish. Well done!

19. SUNDAY SMILE:

A parishioner has just found a great, new car park in Manchester City Centre. A sign stated that motorists will be charged after 2 hours parking. He thought that was absolutely wonderful as he plugged in his electric car.

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

Anniversary: Peter Geraghty, Lene Flood

Lately Dead: Frank Durcan

RIP: Bridget and Patrick Joyce, Sheila Robinson Ann, James Cromwell Ann

Souls in Purgatory

Special Intention: Jack Kwok, Bernardine Ambrose

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.