

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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16 NOVEMBER 2025

As we approach the end of that part of Saint Luke's Gospel before the Passion narratives, and approach the end of the Church's year, our thoughts are turned towards the end of time and the Second Coming of the Lord – this will lead us into Advent in two weeks time. Saint Luke's message is very distinctive: the Lord will come, but there is a lot to be lived through first. The coming of the Lord is not going to be a "quick fix" – we will have to live through (and endure) all the mess of human joy and suffering. The Lord is clear too that we have to be aware of the personal cost of belonging to him – think back to last week's readings, and the stories of religious persecution from every place and every age, even to this day. Even as this sounds gloomy and depressing, it is worth noting where the Gospel passage starts – in the material beauty of the Temple – and where it ends – something far more precious will be saved: our lives

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: Malachi 4:1-2 - For you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Psalms 98: The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness / Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp / Let the sea and all within it thunder / For the Lord comes to rule the earth.

Second: II Thessalonians 3:7-12 - Do not let anyone have food if they do not work.

Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19 - Jesus speaks to the disciples about the end-times - and of all that will happen beforehand - and promises that their endurance will win their lives.

3. PRAYERS FOR HOLY SOULS: During the month of November, we offer prayers for the Holy Souls. A box is placed at the back of each church for parishioners to drop in the names of their departed loved ones.

4. NOVEMBER TREE: A tree of Remembrance is 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.

5. 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.

6. CHRISTMAS FAYRE: The Christmas fayre will take place next Sunday on 23rd November -the doors open at 12.00. Please come along. Father Christmas will be there to meet the children and chat to them. Lots of stalls -Cake stall, bottle tombola, General tombola, toy stall and lots of games for the children. Hoping to see you all there.

7. CAKE STALL: We urgently need cakes for the cake stall - home baked or bought. Thank you. These can be brought to the Parish Centre on Saturday morning or before the Christmas Fayre on Sunday morning. Thank you.

8. DIVINE MERCY CHRISTMAS MEAL 2025 – 2ND DECEMBER AT SAN ROCCO: The Final Balance of £16 is due this weekend 15/16 November.

There are some places Still available if anyone would like to go.

9. BRASS BAND CONCERT: The Brass Band Concert will take place on Sunday 14th December in Corpus Christi School Hall 2pm – 4 pm (Derby Street Entrance) opposite Corpus Christi Church.

Tickets will be on Sale 15th/ 16th November. Adults £5 Children £2.50

Come and join us for an enjoyable Afternoon with Mossley Brass Band.

10. SVP: 'The SVP thanks everyone for their ongoing support. At the December food pantry. We aim to give families a few additional Christmas treats. Donations of boxes of biscuits or chocolates would be gratefully received. Thank you and God Bless.'

11. A TALK ON PEDRO BALLESTER: In November, the Catholic Chaplaincies of Manchester University (MUCC) and the Holy Name Church have invited Pedro Ballester's father to deliver a talk about his son's life, legacy, and love of God. Pedro Ballester Arenas was born in Manchester in 1996 and was devoted to his lifelong faith as instilled in him first by his parents, and later through classes of Christian formation at Greycarth Hall. He went on to become a numerary member of Opus Dei and was deeply faithful to his vocation until his untimely death from cancer in 2018 at the age of 21. This illuminating talk will take place at Holy Name Church on Tuesday 25 November at 6pm – for more information please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-talk-on-pedro-ballester/>

12. QUARANT'ORE - 40 HOURS WITH THE LORD: St Mary's, the Hidden Gem, invites you to join a special period of prayer - 40 Hours of Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us between Friday 21 November – Sunday 23 November as we take part in Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each day, with celebrations of Holy Mass and confessions on each of the three days. The Quarant'ore will end with Solemn Sung Mass at 12 noon, followed by a short Blessed Sacrament Procession and Benediction. For more information, please contact the Parish by calling 0161 834 3547 or by emailing Mgr Canon Anthony Kay anthony.kay@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 521; Offertory: 413, 801; Communion: 757; Recessional: 461.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance:331 ; Offertory:801 ; Communion: 349, 635; Recessional:120 .

13. A DAY OF REFLECTION ON THE ROLE OF SACRED MUSIC IN THE LITURGY: On 29 November, a practical day course will be held on understanding the use of Sacred Music within the Mass, starting at 11am and finishing with sung Mass at 5:15pm. The morning session will take place at St. Augustine's, Grosvenor Square, and the afternoon session and Mass will take place at St. Mary's, the Hidden Gem. The cost is £20 per person, which includes a buffet lunch and light refreshments. To book and for more information please contact Dr. Rosemarie Darby via email: rosemarie.darby@manchester.ac.uk

14. PRESENTATION MASS – ST HERBERT'S: During the 11am Mass today, children on Sacramental Programme will be presented to the Parish family.

15. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: We have all now returned and settled back to school following the half term break. We have many things planned this half term, and everyone is looking forward to the busy, yet exciting half term ahead. Last week, our Pupil Parliament led a reverent and informative assembly all about Remembrance Day. We took time this week, to remember those who gave their tomorrow for our today. Pupil Parliament also created our very own Flanders Field with poppies that the children in school created. The whole school

visited this display in the field after assembly. Each class then went out to have a minute silence in remembrance for those who lost their lives and scattered poppy seeds with the hope that our own poppies will grow. We thank our Pupil

Parliament for helping us to further develop our understanding of Armistice Day and the importance of remembering it and leading our Remembrance Day so well.

This week, we have also had our parents into school to meet with the teachers to discuss children's progress and share all of the wonderful things they have been completing in their work.

St Herbert': On Monday we had our Remembrance assembly. We had a Flag bearer and guests who laid wreaths. Every class made a poppy wreath and laid it before the cross. The children were very respectful and as usual sang beautifully. "We will not forget them." On Thursday the whole school celebrated Michael Rosen Day. The aim of the day was to make reading, listening to, and writing poetry enjoyable. It was a fun day and all the children enjoyed reading and writing poetry.

16. SUNDAY SMILE: At last week's coffee morning, a parishioner was telling his friends that it was well over three weeks since he had sent his hearing aid away for repairs. He was now getting quite worried as he'd not heard a word since.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
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: Private Prayer 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

Latently Dead: Jozef Ledochowski, Mary Hadfield.

R.I.P: Jack Hulme.

Anniversary: Margaret Connolly, Jimmy Mortin, David Johnson.

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, Mary Prince.



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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.