

ALL SAINTS

2 NOVEMBER 2025

"A huge number, impossible to count" – that is the picture this Solemnity creates. In every age there have been men and women who have followed the Lord faithfully, and who now rejoice in the Liturgy of Heaven, as they stand before the throne of the Lamb. These are the "anonymous" saints, whose names we don't remember - but even though their names are not on our lips, their memory, inspiration, example and prayers are set before us today, so that we too can be encouraged in our own "journey of perfection". What does it take to be a saint? Surely the Gospel that is appointed for today (the Beatitudes) shows us that it is in the small things that we triumph: gentleness, mercy, making peace, faithful mourning, purity of heart, poverty in spirit - these are not grand, public ways to sanctity. They are domestic, and homely, to be practised and perfected with those closest to us. We sometimes exalt the "named" saints to the degree that we can feel they are distant from us. Today's feast, as well as celebrating the memory of the many whose name we do not know, also prompts us to see holiness as within our grasp.

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: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 - I saw people from every race and nation standing in front of the throne.

Psalm: 23 (24) - **Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord** / The Lord's is the earth and its fulness

Second: St John 3:1-3 - We are already the children of God, but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 - The Beatitudes - blessed are the poor in spirit.

3. CORPUS CHRISTI COFFEE MORNING: Come and join us for our Monthly Coffee Morning. This Sunday 2nd November 2025. After the 9.30am Mass. There will be a selection of Home Made Cakes, Tea, Coffee and fruit drinks. Everyone is Welcome.

4. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Our lessons in the house resume this Sunday 2nd November. Please send the children into the house before Mass. Parents are welcome to join the group with their children if they are apprehensive about coming in. Amy will be leading the lesson this week.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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

8. 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.

9. DIOCESAN SYNOD UPDATE - CALLING YOUNG ADULTS: As we continue the implementation stage of our Diocesan Synod, we're calling on young adults across the diocese to join one of a number of working groups that will explore how best to implement the recommendations of our Diocesan Synod. Join us 2-5pm on Sunday 23 November at Cathedral Centre, Salford (M3 6DP), for an introductory meeting. Email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more and to register.

10. WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: The ninth World Day of the Poor will be marked on Sunday 16 November. Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford has a range of resources, prayers, and other information to help us learn more about how we can support their work to end poverty in our diocese. Visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/resources for more information.

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,

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 131; Offertory: 214, 362; Communion: 681; Recessional: 453.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 260; Offertory: 580; Communion: 323, 462; Recessional: 586.

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.

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

14.REMINDER - LEGION OF MARY (DIVINE MERCY PARISH): Our Legion of Mary members continue to meet every Wednesday evening at 7.00 - 8.30pm at St Herbert's Church in the Sacristy. We are always looking for new members to join and expand this beautiful devotion to 'Our Lady Mother of Christ'. Please feel free to come and visit one of our meetings, speak to one of our Legion members or alternatively ring Annette on 07975869010. Auxiliary

members are also required as a very important part of our work.

15. SAINTS OF THE WEEK

ST CHARLES BORROMEO - 4 NOV: born in 1538; after obtaining a doctorate in civil and canon law he was created a cardinal by his uncle, Pope Pius IV, and was chosen to be Bishop of Milan. He became a true shepherd of his flock, and frequently visited his diocese, called synods, made wise regulations for the good of souls, and worked for the good of Christian morality. He died in 1584.

ST WILLIBRORD – 7 NOV: born in Yorkshire in 658, he died in 739. After ordination he set out in 690 to evangelise Frisia. He was ordained bishop in 695, and founded the see of Utrecht. He preached the Gospel in North Germany and Denmark and founded dioceses and monasteries in the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica commemorates the dedication Pope's Cathedral in Rome, known as "Mother and Head of all the Churches of the City and the World". Today is observed through all the Church as a sign of unity with the Holy See.

16. SUNDAY SMILE: After Mass last weekend, a parishioner was telling her closest friend how she was absolutely terrified of lifts. Her friend tried to reassure her, telling her that she really needed to take steps to avoid them.

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 Corpus Christi: Funeral Service for Susan Helen Mary Murphy at 12 noon.
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

Lately Dead: Iris Williams, Julie Kearney, George Wrgley

R.I.P: Holy Souls in Purgatory, Erlinda Oliver, Brendan Turner

Anniversary: David Roberts (1st), Gordon Baker (1st), Eileen Huntington.

Special Intention: For Holy Souls in Purgatory, Teofilo Floner, Generesa S Flones, Pascuala Dela Cerna, Filipa F. Petot.

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.