

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

YEAR C

23 NOVEMBER 2025

The year of Saint Luke ends with a characteristic take on the feast of Christ the King: in Luke's gospel we are so familiar with seeing and hearing the voiceless, the rejected, those whom society puts in second place: how suitable, then, that on the feast of the King of all Creation we see him at his most vulnerable – on the cross, with only an abrupt inscription to announce that he is the King. He is King because of the work he has done, which is described by Saint Paul in the Second Reading: "all things [are] reconciled through him and for him ... when he made peace by his death on the cross." Next week, when we re-enter Advent and a new Liturgical Year, we will be thinking of the King who will come again: though he will come as his disciples saw him go at the Ascension, the marks of the cross will still be visible for all time, to remind us of the one who came to reunite all Creation, especially frail human creatures.

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: Samuel 5:1-3 - David is anointed king of Israel, in the presence of the Lord.

Psalms 121: I rejoiced when I heard them say "Let us go to God's house" / Jerusalem is built as a city / For Israel's law it is.

Second: II Colossians 1:12-20 - Thanks to the Father who made it possible for us to join the saints and inherit the light ... he has created a place for us in Christ's kingdom. ... Christ is .. the image of the unseen God, in him all things were created.

Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43 - The events when Jesus in hanging on the cross, and the people and soldiers mocked him "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself". One of the criminals hanged defended him and asked "Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom".

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 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE: This Sunday is our Christingle service when children make their Christingles during the CL lesson and bring them to the Priest at the Offertory Procession. There was a big turnout for the children's liturgy last Sunday but please bring or send the children into the house before Mass starts. Thank you for your support. Ken.

6. 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.

7. SUSTAINABLE WREATH MAKING WORKSHOPS AT LAUDATO SI' CENTRE: If you are interested in learning how to make your own Advent decorations using sustainable materials, why not sign up for one of the Laudato Si' Centre's upcoming wreath making workshops? The workshops are taking place on the below dates:

Friday 28th November from 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Friday 5th December from 10:00am - 12:00pm

Please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for pricing, further information, and to book your place!

8. CARITAS SALFORD ADVENT APPEAL: Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has released its 2025 Advent appeal to shine the spotlight on the true meaning of Christmas. To watch their latest animation and to find out more about how to help local people who are facing acute crisis this Christmas, please visit: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/bee-there-2025/>

9. FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Our diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage group invites you to a special Mass in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, will take place at 3pm on Sunday 7 December at St Patrick's, Collyhurst (M4 5HF). Following Mass, information will be shared by the Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage group on plans for the 2026 pilgrimage.

10. ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE: St Joseph with Ss Aidan & Oswald warmly invite you to an Advent Taize Service at Ss Aidan & Oswald's RC Church on 30th November 2025 at 7.30pm. Please use the Vaughan Street entrance.

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. CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Come along today 23rd November to the Christmas Fayre -lots for all the family including a very special visitor - will they be on the good list or the naughty list come along and find out!! Doors open after 11.00am Mass. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fayre

13. 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.

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

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 310; Offertory: 252, 362; Communion: 656; Recessional: 346.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 310; Offertory: 583; Communion: 656, 652; Recessional: 471.

15. 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.'

16. 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 Greygarth 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/>

17. 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

18. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: The children and staff have had another busy week in school. Families also met with class teachers for our parent consultation day. Class teachers enjoyed talking to families about their child's progress so far, this academic year. Parent's also had the opportunity to look through their child's books and see their beautiful work and the progress they are making.

Last week, we also celebrated anti-bullying week in school. Eagle class led an important assembly all about anti-bullying week and really informed everyone about the different types of bullying and what that can look like. The children completed different work in their classes all about this important topic.

St Herbert's: What a cold but busy week it has been! Reception had Prayer and Liturgy with Father Lawrence. They were really pleased to see him. We were very proud of them as they sang beautifully, prayed for family members in heaven. Later in the week the children had the flu vaccination -let's hope it keeps the flu at bay! Friday was a non - uniform day, in return for a gift for the Tombola stall and as usual they didn't disappoint. Year 6 are busy rehearsing for their Christmas show - the show is 2 weeks away so they are getting very excited! We can't wait to watch it!

19. SUNDAY SMILE:

A crash on Broadway last Tuesday involved a lorry from Halifax carrying stationery items, including rulers and pencils. After police had taken some measurements, they felt that as no injuries had occurred, they would draw a line under the incident.

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

Special Intention: James Grimes

Lately Dead: Jack Hulme

RIP: Stephen Dale, Carmel Quinn, Marcelino Gacutan, Pilar Gacutan, Reynold Gacutan, Alberto Apostol, Jess Apostol

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.