

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9 NOVEMBER 2025

A most unusual feast! The Lateran Basilica is the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome – an ancient church first built near the walls of the city of Rome by the Emperor Constantine at the beginning of the fourth century. Every Diocese in the world celebrates the feast of the Dedication of their own Cathedral, since the cathedral is the “mother and head” of all the churches in the Diocese (in Salford this is celebrated on 14th June). The Lateran Basilica, since it is the place where the Pope has his “cathedra” or Episcopal throne, has the title “Mother and Head of all the Churches of the City and the World”. On this day we both celebrate and pray for the unity of those churches gathered in communion with the successor of Saint Peter. The marbles and mosaics of the Lateran, which together form a splendid and beautiful building, are a sign of the beauty of God’s family, the Church, gathered in worship – the living stones of the temple of the Lord. This is a day to reflect on how this building, and cathedrals and churches everywhere are not just meeting-places, but visible signs to the world of the Body of Christ in prayer.

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: Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 - The prophet describes the river of water coming from the Temple, growing in size and bringing life wherever it goes.

Psalms 46 - The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High / God is for us a refuge and strength / The waters of a river give joy to God's city / The Lord of hosts is with us.

Second: 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17 - The temple of God is sacred, and you are that temple.

Gospel: John 2: 13-22 - Jesus drives the money lenders and traders out from the Temple - and speaks to the Pharisees drawing the parallel between his crucifixion and rebuilding in three days, and the reconstruction of the temple.

3. JOIN BISHOP JOHN & CAFOD - SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER: Join Bishop John & CAFOD at 12pm on Saturday 15th November, to pray for the success of the UN COP30 climate talks, in Brazil. - St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Sq, (Off Oxford Rd), Manchester M15 6BW. There will be a message from CAFOD's partners in Brazil about the impact of the climate crisis on their communities and time share hot chocolate. There is an option of joining a family-friendly climate march in the city centre afterwards. For more details see cafod.org.uk/dayofaction or contact sholleron@cafod.org.uk (077 100 944 54). Please use public transport or park at Manchester Aquatics Centre.

4. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: 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.

5. 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.

6. 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

7. 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.

8. NEWSLETTER FROM DIOCESAN VOCATIONS TEAM: The Diocese of Salford's vocations team is delighted to share its latest newsletter exploring updates on vocations to diocesan ministry, which includes the priesthood and permanent diaconate. For the latest on ordinations, inspiring vocation stories, and the latest update by numbers, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/vocations/>

9. 'NEURODIVERSITY AND OUR FAITH' RESEARCH: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith. If you are an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, they would like to hear from you. Your experiences will help them to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to complete the short surveys, please visit: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/

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

11. 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: 110; Offertory: 479, 641; Communion: 538; Recessional: 97.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 97; Offertory: 699; Communion: 165, 656; Recessional: 514.

12. ADVICE AS WEATHER GETS COLDER AND ENERGY BILLS RISE: If you or someone in your wider parish community is in need of support around rising energy bills, Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, has a free energy advice service that can help. You can find details on their website on how to arrange a free session with their energy advice service team, and lots of other information too: www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport

13. SCHOOL NEWS

St Herbert: Well the first week back has been a busy one! On Tuesday and Wednesday we had a two day retreat. The retreat was based around the year of Hope. This involved scripture readings, prayers and meditation and art. The children really enjoyed the sessions which were run by a lady called Mary Farmer. The school football team is taking part in the EFL kids cup. This week they had their first matches. They played Corpus Christi which was a draw - 1-1, Holy Rosary and won 4-0, Oasis Limeside again winning 5-2. We hope they make it all the way to Wembley but there is a long way to go yet! Year 6 are busy practicing their Christmas show which they will perform for the rest of the school and then their families.

14. SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST ALBERT THE GREAT – 15 NOV: born in 1206, became a Dominican and, in 1260, Bishop of Regensburg. His interest in natural sciences left many works. He died at Cologne in 1280.

15. SUNDAY SMILE: *Last weekend, a church in north Manchester celebrated the Feast All Saints with a most enjoyable social evening. As usual, the parish comedian entertained with his one-liners, of which these are a few:*

I like to practise magic. Last night, I was driving and I turned into a driveway.

Everyone knows where the Big Apple is, but does anyone know where the Minneapolis?

I wanted to tell you a joke about a girl who only eats plants, but you've probably heard of herbivore.

I've just got thrown out of a secret cooking society. Unfortunately, I spilled the beans.

I used to hate facial hair, but then it grew on me.

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 St Herbert's: Requiem Mass for Ann Pat Ahern at 11.00 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

Lately Dead: Frank Ryan, Iris Willians, Jack Hulme.

Special Intention: Linda and Family, Dr. Barrie Hulme Newton.

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.