

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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30 NOVEMBER 2025

Advent opens with a great promise: "In the days to come..." the hope of a people who need God. "...The master is coming" is also a promise, not a threat to breed fear, but to answer our cry. So Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to stay awake, and treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with mercy. Nevertheless we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today!

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: Isaiah 2: 1-5 - Isaiah's vision about Jerusalem: the mountain of the Lord's temple with tower above other mountains - people will go to it. and be taught God's ways ... they will hammer their swords into ploughshares ... and live in the eternal peace of God's kingdom.

Psalms 122 : Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord/ I rejoiced when they said to me / It is there that the tribes go up / For the peace of Jerusalem pray / For the love of my brethren and friends

Second: Romans 13: 11-14 - wake up, our salvation is near ... live in the light.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44 - Stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming.

3. GRAND RAFFLE AND BRASS BAND CONCERT: Come and join us this weekend for our big Raffle Draw at Corpus Christi Presbytery. First prize £ 100 Cash, plus many more good Prizes! Tickets are now on Sale for the Draw look forward to seeing you all there ! The Brass Band Concert will take place on Sunday 14th December in Corpus Christi School Hall 2pm- 4pm(Derby Street Entrance) opp Corpus Christi Church. Tickets are now on Sale! Adults £ 5 Children £2.50. Raffle and Refreshments. Come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon with Mossley Brass band.

4. CHRISTMAS FAYRE: A great big thank you to the people who helped set up the Christmas fayre on both Saturday and Sunday. It was a massive help. Thank you to the people who manned the stalls on Sunday but most of all thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, provided goodies for the fayre - we couldn't do it without your support. Thank you! All the raffle prizes have been claimed apart from one whose name is Mike ticket number -0531. The Christmas fayre raised a grand total of £2,130.60. God bless.

5. THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: On Monday 8th December is the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be two Masses in our parish.

St Herbert's Church, 10.00AM

Corpus Christi Church, 6.00pm.

6. CAROL SERVICE AT ST HERBERT'S CHURCH BY NEWMAN COLLEGE: There will be Christmas Carol service next Thursday 4th December 6-7pm at St Herbert's Church. Parishioners are invited.

7. CHRISTMAS MASSES:

* Wednesday 24th December, Vigil Mass at 6.00pm, St Herbert's Church

*Thursday 25th December:

Corpus Christi Church, 9.30AM

St Herbert's Church, 11.00AM

8. DECEMBER CAROL SERVICES: Diocese of Salford Schools' Singing Programme: The Diocese of Salford Schools' Singing Programme will be hosting a series of free carol services in churches across the diocese this December. Each service begins at 6.30pm and includes traditional carols and readings as part of a one-hour programme. Find your nearest service at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/>

9. MASS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES TO BE CELEBRATED BY BISHOP JOHN ARNOLD: On Saturday 14 February, Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass for engaged couples across the diocese. The Mass provides couples with an opportunity to seek God's blessing to guide and strengthen them during this time of preparation. Newly-married couples are also invited to receive a blessing in their first year of marriage. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Church in Collyhurst on Saturday 14 February 2026 at 1:30pm.

10. ADVENT WALK WITH ME BOOKS: are available at the back of church from today. Price: £1.50.

11. DIOCESAN ALMANAC: now on sale at the back of each church. Wirebound copy - £6.00; Plain copy £5.00.

12. CHRISTINGLE AND CRIB BUILDING SERVICE: will take place on Sun 21 Dec at 3pm in St Herbert's. All welcome.

13. LAUDATO SI' CENTRE VOLUNTEER CALL-OUT: RETIRED EDUCATORS: The Diocese of Salford's Environment Team is inviting retired education staff to volunteer at the Laudato Si' Centre to assist with their successful programme of school visits. Volunteers would be supporting sessions with children from nursery age to Year 11 with activities including arts and crafts, games, and foraging. To find out more, please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 439; Offertory: 851, 122;

Communion: 214; Recessional: 521.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 503; Offertory: 177; Communion: 307, 560; Recessional: 431.

14. RECEPTION CLASS CHRISTMAS PLAY: The Parishioners of Corpus Christi are invited to Reception Class Christmas Play !! at Corpus Christi School. Monday 8th. December 2025 at 9.30am. There will be Mince pies Tea and Coffee served at 9.15am. For Catering purposes please put your names on the list at the back of Church.

15. CORPUS CHRISTI CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is no lesson this Sunday due to the Big Raffle taking place in the house. There will be lessons for the next 2 Sundays before Christmas though. Many thanks for your support at the Christingle Mass last Sunday which went very well indeed.

16. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Many thanks to Natasha Lamb for laying the parish Poppy Wreath at Chadderton War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

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

18. 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/>

19. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: On Friday, we held our annual Holy Souls Remembrance Assembly. Our reverent and emotional assembly allowed us to take the time to remember those special to us that have died. We thank families for sending in their intentions and pictures of people close to them who have died and who we remembered in our assembly. We remember them all in our heart and prayers, not only in November, but always. They are forever missed. We would also like to take the time to invite our parishioners to watch our EYFS nativity dress rehearsal on Monday 8th December at 9:30am. If you are a member of the parish and would like to attend, please see Tony Power to add your name to the list.

St Herbert's: This week children took part in a chess competition playing against Hulme Grammar and Mills Hill A and B teams. They showed great sportsmanship and great logic resulting in long games against the clock. The football too were in action they came second in their group losing out on first place to Firbank who scored more goals! Year 5 and 6 had a special visitor this week - a huge orangutan ! He came to school to educate the children on sustainability and environmental awareness. The children had a fantastic time . Photographs can be seen on instagram !

20. SUNDAY SMILE:

At last week's Christmas Fair, a parishioner was telling his friends why he had soon left his new job at a revolving door company in Rochdale. After only two weeks he thought to himself, "This job is getting me nowhere fast."

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed
TUESDAY:	St Herbert's: Requiem Mass For JACK HULME at 10.00am. 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: May Logue

R.I.P: Margaret Lees.

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.