

## NEWSLETTER FOR CORPUS CHRISTI, BOLTON

**8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017 – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Today we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned, cared for if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So, the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heart-breaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending then and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce?

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> <i>page 444; Preface at Priest's choice</i>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Families</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>CAFOD Collection Today</i> <i>Beginning of Prisoners' Week</i>	<p><b>Sick:</b> Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Josephine Knowles, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, John Pryor, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Robert Morissey, Father Francis McCauley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 7), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, Canon Dorran, Christine Everitt, Mark O'Brien, Sheila Derbyshire, Margaret Gibson, Kathleen &amp; Arnold Banks, Andrew Rostron, Rose Mellor, and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Vera Haynes, James Duggan, Frank Chianese, Catherine Madden, Vera Chapman, Kate Jones, Jean Booth, Connie Dunne,</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Barbara Grimes, Ellen Kirkman, Mary Hurst</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Catherine Madden, A Special Intention, Danielle (sick), Vera Chapman, Vera Haynes, James Duggan, Frank Chianese, Barbara Grimes, Ellen Kirkman, Deceased members of the Heywood &amp; Shuttleworth families, Mary Hurst</p>
Monday (9 <sup>th</sup> )	No Mass today 7pm-9pm Needles Sewing Group (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (10 <sup>th</sup> )	2pm-2.45pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15 SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (11 <sup>th</sup> )	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7pm Parish Enabling Team Meeting (Patmos Room)	
Thursday (12 <sup>th</sup> )	No Mass today 7.15pm-8pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)	
Friday (13 <sup>th</sup> )	No Mass today	
Saturday (14 <sup>th</sup> )	2pm Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SC)	
Sunday (15 <sup>th</sup> )	9.15am Mass (SJ) – With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SC)	
<p><b>Prisoners' Sunday:</b> Is the official day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants marked by the Catholic Church. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children, those who too often find themselves on the fringes of society. Our theme this year, 'We Press On – Together- In Hope' highlights how as a Church community we need to reinforce the message of hope, for those whose lives have been turned upside down by the imprisonment of a loved one and for prisoners themselves, so they may see clearly the road to redemption and rehabilitation.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6):</b></p> <p>We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work &amp; the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners &amp; their families.</p>

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**Congratulations:** To George James Michael May who was baptised at St John's last Saturday and to Finley George Fitton who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families continue to grow in faith.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018 - Volunteer Information Meetings**

The 86th Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place between 27 July & 2 August 2018. It will be especially significant as 2018 marks the 160th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette. At the heart of our pilgrimage family are our sick pilgrims and we are seeking volunteers, both medical and non-medical, to assist them so that they may fully partake in our pilgrimage programme in this special year. We welcome volunteers of all ages and abilities. If you would like to find out more about volunteering with us please come along to one of our upcoming Volunteer Information Meetings, which will take place on **Sunday 15 October 2017** 2pm - 3pm, and **Wednesday 22 November 2017** 7.30pm - 8.30pm (both at the Cathedral Centre), 3 Ford St. Salford. M3 6DP. Why not bring a friend along with you too? We are a friendly and welcoming pilgrimage community and we look forward to seeing you.

**Francis House:** Chris Speed (husband of Maureen) wishes to thank all the parishioners who have kindly donated to his JustGiving page after his recent trek to the Eastern coast of Iceland which he enjoyed immensely. Donations can still be given until November but the collective total of the group (after costs) presently is just under £20,000 which will go directly to Francis House to help support sick children and young adults with a short life expectancy. Thank you so much for your generosity!

**Patmos Room Afternoon Tea:** We are holding an afternoon tea for parishioners on Wednesday 18 October (2pm-4pm) at St John's. As there is only limited space, we have forty-eight tickets at £3 per person. Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses at each church.

**New Sewing Group:** The first session of *Needles* will be on Monday 9 October (7pm-9pm) in St Brendan's Harbour Room. For any further details, please contact Ursula Shorrock on 01204 392591.

**Reformation 500!** The Church Leaders of *Churches Together in Lancashire* invite you to gather as part of the whole Christian Community at Blackburn Cathedral, Cathedral Close, Blackburn, BB1 5AA on Thursday 19 October at 2pm. Speaking at this event will be the National Ecumenical Officer for the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales Fr John O'Toole who will be joined by other Church Leaders in Lancashire. Places may be booked by Eventbrite/ [www.eventbrite.com/e/reformation-500-tickets-36683227521](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/reformation-500-tickets-36683227521) Or by emailing the County Ecumenical officer: [antonmuller@ctlancashire.org.uk](mailto:antonmuller@ctlancashire.org.uk).

**Various Caritas Vacancies**

Caritas currently have a number of job vacancies which are advertised on our notice boards. For more information, please visit the Caritas website: [www.caritassalford.org.uk](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk). or contact Rebecca Anderson on 0161 817 2264.

**SVP Annual Mass for the Sick and Housebound**

This will be celebrated at St John's Church on Saturday 21 October at 11am. Everybody is welcome and refreshments will be available after the Mass. Please let any member of the SVP know if you require transport.

**Our New Parish**

Now that the amalgamation of our former parishes has taken place, we will be working over the coming weeks and months to build up our identity as the new single parish of Corpus Christi, helped by the *Hope in the Future* programme.

Incidentally, we were given the name Corpus Christi because, although Holy Family received more votes, there is a parish of that name in the deanery and several Holy Family parishes within the diocese, whereas there is only one other Corpus Christi parish (in Oldham). Our churches will retain their individual names, within the new parish.

**Pastoral Ministry:** The Diocese will be offering a Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, beginning February 2018. If you are interested in more information, there will be a Come and See information evening at the Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford St, Salford, on Tuesday 10 October (7.30pm – 9pm). For further information, please contact Fr Paul Daly ([paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)) or Fr Chris Lough ([christopher.lough@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:christopher.lough@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)), who are the diocesan contacts for the Diploma and Certificate.

**Embrace Liverpool 2017 – CALLED:** This year's conference will take place on Saturday 25 November at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral (9.30am – 6pm). It is a day to celebrate the faith of young people and is aimed at 14-25 year olds but open to all ages. If you are interested in joining the youth team, please email Tracey Ward: [tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk). Visit [www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk](http://www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk) for more information.

**Becoming Catholic:** We have previously run a programme for any adult who has an interest in becoming Catholic or simply wants to know more about the Catholic Faith. The next group will begin at the end of October (at St John's Church and will run until Easter for anyone in our parish. If you would like more information please contact our parish office on 301927 or [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

**Marriage Matters**

Loving and honouring each other and the Lord: When you married you took each other *for better, for worse*. God experienced the 'worse' when his 'bride', the Jewish people, rejected him by worshipping other gods. The 'worse' for you may be when your spouse mocks your beliefs. Have you shared your hurt, let them know your pain? Remember, though, that God has loved the 'worst' in you.

**Think Vocation**

St Paul tells us that if there is anything that we need we should pray for it. Quite often we confuse asking for what we need with what we want. Let us always make sure that we pray for other people not just ourselves and that we always pray for what is needed. May God's will be done and not our own.

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 14/15 October**

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	L Seals	M Hilton, J Cranshaw, M Hilton
9.15 (SJ)	M Roe	F Smith, D Ramsden, A Gracie, P McArdle, M Cropper, T Armstrong
11.15(SB)	M Durkan	J Proctor, T Proctor, T Smith

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