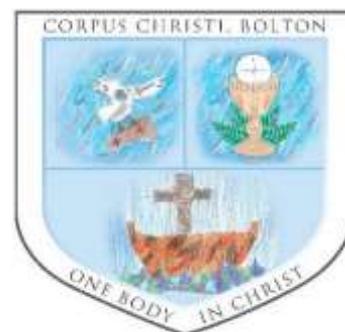


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

10 March 2019

The First Sunday of Lent



As with each First Sunday of Lent the Gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness; as we begin the journey of Lent, during which we will consider our lives as members of the Church, we look to the example of Jesus when it comes

to dealing with temptation. Choosing to follow God's path is the first characteristic of the Christian: this is underlined in the two other readings, which outline the two "creeds" or statements of belief - one of Israel and one of the Christian. Both of them emphasize "believing in the heart and confessing with the lips": both creeds underline the Salvation that God has achieved - for Israel it was freedom from Egypt, for the Christian freedom from death in Jesus.

Marriage Matters

We seek each other: Today's Gospel reminds us that there is more to our life as married couples than we see. Our desire for each other has a deeper yearning - to be loved and accepted for who we are. In this season of Lent let us be led by the Spirit to resist the temptation to lead individual and separate lives within our marriages.

Think Vocation

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Those who are called to the priesthood or Consecrated Life are responding to Christ in order to receive the promise of eternal life for their souls. May we ask ourselves at the beginning of this holy season of Lent what we need to do with our lives to respond to that offer of salvation.

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Sunday 10 March

9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 2pm Baptism (SJ)
 2.30pm Rite of Election Service (Salford Cathedral)
 3pm Stations of the Cross (SJ)

Monday 11 March

9.30am Mass (SB)
 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)
 7.30pm Lenten Course (Christ's Church, Harwood)
 7.45pm SVP (SJ)

Tuesday 12 March

9.15am Yr3 Mass (SC)
 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)
 6.30pm Reconciliation (SJ)
 7pm Mass (SJ)
 7.30pm Praying With Scripture (SJ)
 7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday 13 March

9.15am School Mass (SC)
 10am Requiem Mass for Rose McGreavy (SB)
 7pm Deanery Station Mass (St William of York, Bolton)

Thursday 14 March

9.15am Mass (SB)
 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)

Friday 15 March

9.30am Mass for Yr3 & 6 (SJ) - followed by Stations of the Cross
 1.30pm Requiem Mass for Agnes Audrey Newman (SB)

Saturday 16 March

2pm Baptism (SJ)
 5pm Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Sunday 17 March

9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 2pm Baptism (SJ)
 3pm Stations of the Cross (SB)

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Prayers Please
We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder, Fr John Ashton (SDB), Jackie Harte, Jim Carney, Moya Fau-Goodwin
Lately Dead: Julie Gibbons, Margaret Gibson, Rose McGreavy, Agnes Audrey Newman, Patrick Joseph Carroll, Kathleen Unsworth, Dick Lynch
Anniversaries: Betty and John Carolan and their grandson David Greenhalgh, Teresa Wilson, Vincent Heron, Albert Joseph Lomax, Tony Coop
Mass Intentions: Betty and John Carolan and their grandson David Greenhalgh, Teresa Wilson, Vincent Heron, Albert Joseph Lomax, Tony Coop, Julie Gibbons, Margaret Gibson, Rose McGreavy, Patrick Joseph Carroll, A sick person, A Special Intention, Someone who is very poorly, Barbara Grimes (Birthday Remembrance)
Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6): We pray for: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick & Those who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed
Hope in the Future
We pray for the parish of St John Fisher, Kearsley, with the Schoenstatt Fathers, and the parish of English Martyrs, Whalley, with Fr Yates. Let us pray for all in our Diocese who this Sunday will be called to the Easter Sacraments for the first time at the Rite of Election.
Facts and Figures for 2/3 March
Offertory Collection: £1,078.18 Standing Orders (2-7 March): £965.50 Mass Attendance: 5pm-172; 9am-165; 11am-133; Total 470
Cheques: We now have our new Corpus Christi parish account name. Please make all cheques payable to <i>Corpus Christi</i> . Thank you.



Congratulations: To Jorge James Weeden who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family continue to grow in faith.

Rite of Election Service: This Sunday four adults, who have been attending the Becoming Catholic Course, will be presented to the Bishop and the Diocese of Salford community at The Rite of Election Service at Salford Cathedral. We ask the *Lord to Stay with them on their Journey*.

Fair Trade Fortnight: As we come to the end of Fair Trade Fortnight there will be a Fair Trade stall, helping producers out of poverty, at each Mass on the weekend of 16/17 March. Real Easter Eggs, telling the Easter story will be available for sale or to order.

Financial Summary for January 2019	
Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	1,705
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	2,510
Standing Orders	2,055
Piety Stalls, Votives & Almanacs	185
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	1000
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	78
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	124
Donations	500
Total Monthly Income	8,157
Restricted Income (Specific Use)	
Mass Intentions	500
Caritas	566
Money raised for CAFOD	123
Expenditure	
Church Expenses (both)	3,144
Presbytery Expenses (both)	907
Clergy Allowances	645
Wages (no recharge this month)	1,750
Fundraising	150
Diocesan Levy	1,388
Total Monthly Expenditure	7,984
Balance of Income/Expenditure	173
Restricted Expenditure	
Retired Clergy	532
Caritas	566
Ecclesiastical Education Fund	935
World Communications	456
Shrines of Palestine	382

Choir Hymn: At the 9am Mass, this weekend, the choir will be singing a chant at communion in Yoruba which is one of Nigeria's main languages. The chant thanks God for all that has been given to us.

Stations of the Cross: We will hold a weekly service for Stations of the Cross every Sunday during Lent (starting this Sunday at St John's at 3pm). The next will be on Sunday 17 March at St Brendan's Church. All welcome

Corpus Christi
Upcoming Social Events: Please hold the Dates!
Saturday, 30 March. Family litter pick around St John's Church, <i>please note children must be accompanied by an adult.</i>
Friday 26 April. Variety Show at Astley Bridge Cricket Club, <i>Tickets on sale soon!</i>
Friday 14 June. Klezmer (music) concert at Dunscair Conservative Club, <i>further details to follow.</i>

Christian Meditation: The dates for March are as follows:

Tuesdays 12th, 19th and 26th. (2pm-2.45pm)

Thursdays 14th, 21st and 28th. (7.15pm-8pm)

These are held in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's and all are welcome

The Harbour Room Book Club: Will be running its usual Spring outing this year on Wednesday 15 May. We will be having a "backstage" tour of Bolton Central Library, the Exhibition of Egyptian artefacts in the Museum and the Art Gallery. We will have a guided tour beginning at 10am and finishing at 12 noon where we shall all walk round to the Olympus for lunch. You do not have to be a member of the Book Club to go on one of our trips. A coach will leave St Brendan's church at about 9.30am and the cost will be £6.25 for the return trip. If you wish to make your own way there and back please let us know if you are joining us for the tour at the Library. If you are interested in joining us please book a place on the coach with either Pauline on 383138 or Madeleine on 303505

SVP News

Destitution Project: We have received an urgent appeal from the Destitution Project (see below). The parish collection of items for the continues during March. Thank you for your continued support.

An urgent request for tins of tomatoes, chickpeas and kidney beans.

The need for food parcels for the completely destitute and refused Asylum seekers (often through a lack of being heard) is increasing all the time and our donations are less than in other years. Sister Barbara has been forced to retire after years of her immense work. We miss her contact with all the parishes and the schools. We see such extreme poverty and we have to say no to those who are supported in any way at all. We have some people who are homeless, friendless, traumatized, bewildered and now in a new place due to desperate circumstances dependent on the kindness of God through the kindness of human beings. If you would like to give food and relieve the misery of intense hunger please donate the above items via the Parish Collection.

Thank You.

Bolton Library "Meet the Author " Events:

Wednesday 27 March 1pm - Two Crime writers, Harriet Tyce and Alexander Michaelides.

Tuesday 2 April 1pm - Joanne Harris (*Chocolat & The Strawberry Thief*)

Thursday 6 June 6.30pm - Elly Griffiths and William Shaw Crime writers.

Churches in Harwood - Ecumenical Lenten Course: The first one will be held at Christ's Church, Harwood on Monday 11 March (7.30-9pm). All welcome.



CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world.

Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. On Friday 15 March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur? Through CAFOD's global Church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world - your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Your Fast Day envelope is attached to the newsletter. Please give whatever you can. Thank you.

Transformed by Love: The Cost of Discipleship: Join us at Wardley Hall every Friday in Lent (10.30am-12.30pm) for our Lenten retreat.

15 March: Listening to the voice of God

22 March: Embracing the sinner within us

29 March: Reconciling as a key to discipleship

5 April: Accepting God's unconditional mercy

12 April: Recognizing our "appointed hour"

Presenters: Sr Joan Kerley, FMSJ & Maria Kidd please contact: Marie Sartini, Bishop's PA, Wardley Hall, Worsley M28 2ND; 0161 794 2825 E: marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk Or Sister Joan Kerley, FMSJ; 0161 9717842; E: joankfmsj@gmail.com

Rosary Beads: The PET Team are looking for old or new rosary beads to give to a Diocese in Ghana. If you have any spare rosary beads in good condition then please leave them at the back of church to be collected. This will certainly promote and enable people in Ghana to pray this beautiful prayer of the Church.

Bethlehem Art: At our Masses this weekend representatives from Bethlehem Art will be here to speak about and sell olive wood carvings made in the Holy Land. Every purchase of the wooden carvings will help support the many Christian families that still, in current time, live under constant deprivation and conflict.

200 Club: Subscriptions are now due. The cost is £12 per number for the year. Please put fee in an envelope with your name and contact details and hand in to Frances Smith after Masses this weekend. There are still numbers available, so why not have a go?

For Lent

Pope Francis proposes 15 simple acts of *Charity* which he cited as concrete manifestations of *Love*:

1. Smile. A Christian is always cheerful.
2. Thank. Even if you do not 'need' to do it.
3. Remind the other how much you love him.
4. Greet the people you see every day with joy.
5. Listening to the other's story, without trial, with love.
6. Stop to help. Pay attention to those who need you.
7. Animate someone.
8. Recognise the successes and qualities of the other.
9. Separate what you do not use and give to those in need.
10. Help someone so they can rest.
11. Correct with love; do not be silent for fear.
12. Have finesse with those close to you.
13. Clean up what has become dirty at home.
14. Help others overcome obstacles.
15. Call or visit your parents more.

The best *Fast*:

1. Fasting of negative words and saying kind words.
2. Fasting with discontent and filling with gratitude.
3. Fury of anger and fill with meekness and patience.
4. Fasting of pessimism and filling with hope and optimism.
5. Fasting of worries and filling oneself with trust in God.
6. Fasting of complaints and filling up with the simple things in life.
7. Fasting of tensions and filling with prayers.
8. Fasting of bitterness and sadness and filling the heart with joy.
9. Fasting of selfishness and filling with compassion for others.
10. Fasting of lack of forgiveness and filling of reconciliation.
11. Fasting of words and filling with silence to listen to others... make sure, it will help many people.

Enjoy Praying, praying with Scripture.

Dates: 12,19,26 March and 2,9,23 April
 Time: 7.30pm (just after 7pm Mass) at St John's Church.

Please note: Even though there is a developmental thread throughout the course, each session is, to some extent, free-standing. So, if anyone feels that it is only possible to attend a few sessions, you are very welcome! If interested, please contact the parish office: 301927 or office@sbsj.org.uk. Paul Brennan

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 16/17 March 2019		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	A Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	M Morrison	J Carroll, M Russell, S May, A Rawlinson, A Gracie, M Speed
11am (SB)	F Evans	K Murphy, K Wilkinson, P Carolan

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