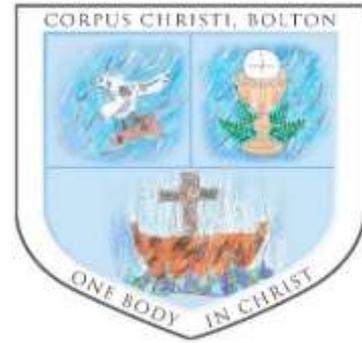


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

25 August 2019

Twenty-First Week of Ordinary Time



It's probably a nightmare we all share to some degree or other - being locked out of the house, the sales, the big match, or missing the train, the boat or plane. Contemplating watching the crowds that have got inside, while we can do nothing, can be unnerving. Complacency can leave us in this situation: today the Lord warns all who listen to him to be careful, taking nothing for granted, but making sure that we are (spiritually at least) like the people waiting with their sleeping bags and thermos flasks by the front door of the ticket office.

Marriage Matters

Our calling is to be a sign of God's love: Married couples have a special calling to evangelise. God created man and woman to live intimately together so that the people we meet see a living example of His love for each of us. Many of us at some time have seen a couple together and felt intense joy or sensitivity in them - living examples of His love for us.

Think Vocation

"They will bring all brothers from all the nations." We can often get so caught up with ourselves and our local community that we can lose sight of being part of the bigger picture - that is that we are part of a universal Church. Let us choose another country and commit ourselves this week to pray for the Church in that land.

*Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1;
 Divine Office Week 1
 Sunday Missal: Page 381; Readings page 387;
 Preface: At priest's choice*

Sunday 25 August

9am Mass (SJ)
 11am Mass (SB)
 1pm Baptism (SB)

Monday 26 August

9.30am Mass (SB)
 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)
 7.45pm SVP (SJ)

Tuesday 27 August - St Monica

6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ)
 7pm Mass (SJ)
 7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday 28 August - St Augustine

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 29 August - The Passion of St John the Baptist

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 30 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Saturday 31 August

2pm Baptism (SB)
 5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 1 September

9am Mass (SJ)
 11am Mass (SB)
 2pm Baptism (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, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Margaret Broadhead, Matthew Harvey, Margaret Russell, Terry Smith
Lately Dead: Denis O’Kane, Margaret Crowley, Edward Kennerley, David Brabin, Patrick Joynson, Stuart Kavanagh, Jessica Scatterson. Susan McMaster
Mass Intentions: Denis O’Kane, Susan McMaster Denis O’Kane, For the Hollingsworth family, Margaret Crowley, Edward Kennerley, David Brabin, Valerie Piddock (Birthday Remembrance)
Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers
Hope in the Future
Let us pray for the people of the parishes of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and the Holy Family, Blackburn, and for Fr Gerard Barry, their parish priest, their parish primary schools and Our Lady and St John’s College. We pray for the chaplaincy to the Royal Blackburn Hospital.
Facts and Figures for 17/18 August
Offertory Collection: £1,188.12 Standing Orders (16 - 22 August): £165 Mass Attendance 5pm-110; 9am-150; 11am-132; Total- 392 Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to <i>Corpus Christi</i> . Thank you.

Congratulations: To the children who have been Baptised recently. Including Olivia Mary Rowles, Sebastian Neil Caton, Maisie Heidi Elizabeth, Rayson and Daisy Hustwit. We pray that they and their families continue to grow in faith

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Wednesday 18 September (7pm-8.30pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan’s. This is for parents from our parish who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please contact the Parish Office (01204 301927) or email office@sbsj.org.uk for more information.

SVP: We are continuing the food collection for the Destitution Project. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Bank Holiday Mass at St Mary’s Cemetery, Wardley: There will be a Requiem Mass on bank holiday Monday 26 August at St Mary’s Cemetery, Wardley. The Mass will begin at 11am outside the cemetery chapel and all are invited to attend.

Christian Meditation: Mary Durkan will resume her meditation class in September, but just one week each month since she has moved to Horwich: Tuesday 10th at 2pm and Thursday 12th at 7.15pm

CAFOD Group meeting: The next meeting is on Thursday 12 September 7pm at St Brendan’s. All welcome.

**Hope in the Future
Forthcoming Events**

Engaging Young People in the Parish
Saturday 14 September 2019 (10am-3pm) at Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton, BL1 6PQ.

Workshops include:

1. Youth Alpha - sharing the Good News
2. ‘Impact’ - the difference we make
3. Practical tips on setting up youth groups in your parish

Tea/Coffee will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. Register here:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engaging-young-people-in-the-parish-tickets-66170059429>

Experience Alpha Training Day
Led by Mike Roche (UK representative for Alpha in a Catholic Context) on Saturday 28 September 2019 at the Cathedral Centre, Salford, M3 6DP. Tea/Coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch. Register here:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/experience-alpha-training-day-tickets-67033660483>

Celebration of Mass to launch Stage 3
Friday 4 October 2019, 7pm (followed by light refreshments in the cloisters) at Salford Cathedral. Further information and tickets will be sent to parish priests and Hope in the Future teams at the beginning of September.

Fair trade stall: Will be at all Masses on the weekend of the 7/8 September. Once again, we will have a small number of hand-crafted olive-wood religious icons from Palestine alongside the food and a selection of crafts. When we visited some of the producers in India, so many wanted us to thank the people in the UK who buy their products: their appreciation was heartfelt. So 'Thank-you'.

Musicians Needed: To accompany the choir at the 9am Mass on Sundays when Martin is not available. A guitarist or an organist would be the most obvious replacement but we are open to other offers. Please contact Martin after the 9am Mass, email martincroe@ntlworld.com or ring 01204 591653. Additionally, any musicians wishing to join the group would be most welcome.

Music Courses

How to Read Music for Beginners: This is a 6-week course starting on Thursday 5 September at 7pm. Suggested donation of £24 for all six lessons.

Sight Singing (for those who read music): 6 weeks starting on Thursday 5th September at 8pm. Suggested donation of £24 for all six lessons.

The courses will be held at St James' Church in Salford Mother of God & St James Church Pendleton Way Salford, M6 5JA. Please use the Tesco car park for parking. To register for either of these courses, please phone 0161 817 2214 or email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so please book your place as soon as possible. If you'd like to take the course but the suggested donation is too high, please do let us know. If you'd like to take the course but the venue, day or time doesn't work for you, please do let us know! (It will influence future courses).

Diocese of Salford Apprenticeship Opportunity

We are currently seeking an enthusiastic and committed individual to join our Finance and Administration team as a junior administrator, with a specific emphasis on supporting the Property team. Alongside this, the successful candidate will work towards completing the Business and Administration Level 2 Qualification.

What you'll need:

- A minimum Grade C/4 GCSE in Maths & English
- Good literacy & numeracy skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Excellent organisational & administrative skills
- High level of communication skills, including written and spoken communication.

Closing Date: 12noon, Friday 30 August
To request an application pack, contact personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or visit the vacancies page on our website.

Christian Heritage Centre Stonyhurst

There are two upcoming events at the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst which parishioners may wish to attend.

Margaret Clitherow Book Launch: Theodore House, Stonyhurst, BB7 9PZ on Friday 30th August 2019 at 7.30pm. Authors John and Wendy Rayne-Davis are launching a new book on one of our local saints, Margaret Clitherow. The evening's presentation will give an overview of the various themes covered in the book which give fresh context to Margaret's life.

Questions and refreshments as part of the evening, and attendees can enjoy an overnight stay at reduced cost and join us for Mass and a talk at Stydd chapel the next morning.

Imagining Reality: Study Weekend Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst College, BB7 9PT on Friday 20 September 2019 at 6pm. Imagining Reality: Beauty, goodness and truth in English Literature is a study weekend exploring the connection between reading, imagination, and character formation through the lens of English literature, with special reference to J. R. R. Tolkien. The weekend will explore the role of the imagination in developing important Christian themes in English literature, our place in the world and the formation of our character.

Presentations and readings from Dr Victoria Seed and Revd Dr Michael Halsall will focus on a range of well-loved classics, as well as giving a particular insight into Tolkien.

To book your place on either of the above please email:

bookings@christianheritagecentre.com

St John's 200 Club

The July winners are:

£50 E Openshaw
£25 M Glyn

The August winners are:

£50 P Riley
£25 M Evans



Laudato Si Centre - Summer Update

As many of you will know, for the last few months work has been ongoing at Wardley Hall to create a flagship environmental project called the Laudato Si Centre within the diocese.

The Centre was launched in Lent 2019 in response to Pope Francis's call in his encyclical Laudato Si for us to care for our common home and undertake an ecological conversion.

At the Laudato Si Centre, which is a project expected to take around 3-5 years to realise, there has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes to lay the foundations of what is going to be an exciting journey for our diocese. The project is already making strong strides of progress and we thought we would let some of the numbers do the talking.

 20,000 bees live at the Laudato Si Centre, across two hives.	 25 fruit trees have been planted on site.	 3 bat detectors have been installed to monitor species and activity at the site.
..... 2 queen bees: Norma and Rosa. 9 different fruits, including apples, cherries and junipers. 3 weeks of collecting data and learning about the bat activity.

 Greenhouse The greenhouse has now been built to encourage growing fruit and vegetables.	 Outdoor Classroom is in the process of being built. This will provide an outdoor space to engage and learn about sustainability.
 Memorial Wood The paddock field is being prepared for soil testing so that it can eventually be filled with memorial trees.	 Accessibility is key. In August, work will begin to ensure all people can access and enjoy the Laudato Si Centre.

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Work will be continuing over the next few months - despite the rainy summer we are having here in our diocese!

Next steps include building compost units, the surveying of stable blocks with a view of converting them into a learning hub and the opening of a memorial wood made up of trees donated in memory of loved family members. For more photographs on the project, please see the diocesan website: dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 31 August/1 September 2019		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	J O'Connor	TBA
9am (SJ)	P Barnes	L Rule, F Smith, S May, A Rawlinson, A Gracie, M Speed
11am (SB)	T Proctor	T Proctor, M Meagher, T Smith

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