

DIOCESE OF SALFORD

Corpus Christi Parish Bolton

Incorporating St John, the Evangelist, Bromley Cross, St Columba's Tonge Moor and St Brendan's Harwood

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

12th July 2020

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, Anne Hurst, Margaret Padfield, Anne Killeen, Fred Heywood, Emily Martin

Lately Dead: Christopher Scott, Fr Arthur Neary (retired Salford priest), Irene Parkinson (Fr Frank's mum), Vincent Sheridan, Bridget McDonagh,

May they rest in peace

Mass Intentions

Irene Parkinson (LD)

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Joseph, Reddish, for (ex Thornleigh Student) Fr. Philip Caldwell, their parish priest, and for its parish primary school.

Hope in the Future – Stage 3 – Pastoral Message 4: Meeting Jesus in our Mission

As part of Hope in the Future Stage 3, we have been reflecting on our parish liturgies. Our final pastoral message and worksheet focusses on the concluding rites of the Mass and being sent out on Mission. It is designed for this weekend (11th/12th July – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time).

The worksheet includes a pastoral message from Bishop John, teaching on this part of the Mass and discussion and reflection questions. Teams may wish to meet virtually to discuss or discuss at a later date.

The sheet can be found on this link: -

https://mcusercontent.com/76e219dab8653b775ba8aac4c/files/86df23d8-4d23-4935-9912-e9e6ad0104f8/HITF_3_Sheet_4.pdf

CHURCH OPENING

Safety has to remain our priority and therefore, at this stage we are only authorised to open for individual private prayer.

We need to monitor the R level and safety levels before we embark on public celebration of Mass, but if everything goes well, then we can start with mass in due course; numbers will be limited to allow social distancing, although families living together or "bubbles" can, of course, sit together.

(Please note: - **At these times, Sunday obligation has been lifted for the time being.**)

This week's opening times: - St John's 10am- Noon Monday/Wednesday and Saturday

St Brendan's 10am- Noon Tuesday and Thursday 2-4pm Sunday

There will be stewards assisting and they have volunteered for guidance and safety, please listen to them.

Numbers in church are limited, as we have had to block off alternate benches to allow safe, social distancing.

We will exercise a one-way system entering at the main doors and leaving through the fire exits.

Masks will not be provided but you may wish to wear a mask when you enter Church.

If you have not been well or have illness symptoms or if someone in your house does, please do not attend church.

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Sunday Reflection Isaiah 55: 10-11

Psalm 64 Romans 8: 18-23

Matthew 13; 1-23

In this year when the Word of God is being celebrated, we are treated today with a beautiful description of the way that the Word comes down to us from the heavens.

Without rain our world would become a desert, our crops would not grow and there would be no harvest and no life on earth.

Without the Word our lives would be as barren as the desert and we would not have the light of understanding burning within us.

The Word of God falls upon all peoples; it cannot fail as the rain sometimes fails, it is sent for a particular purpose and until that purpose is complete it keeps on falling.

Paul's letters often contain messages which are difficult to understand; sometimes we hear just a part of the passage and, because we do not hear what goes before and after we become confused and the message passes by us. He speaks today of "creation eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons"; this strikes me as a message from a timeless God who is still in the act of creating the world; it is not yet finished. Perhaps the falling Word of God will eventually complete the work of creation through our efforts inspired by the Trinity and then we will find the freedom that Paul speaks of so eloquently.

Jesus asks us to "Listen, anyone who has ears"; the Word of God we hear at Mass is for each one of us. The words seem familiar; we have heard these stories again and again, but they are eternal, as the message is eternal, so we must let them touch our hearts and our minds. Your thoughts may wander; just sit, become attentive, and let the voice, proclaiming the words, penetrate your

consciousness. Allow thoughts to fill your head "What's that he just said"? "Did I hear that right"? The word is there to challenge us, to inspire us, we are the fertile ground, waiting for the seed to fall; yet, are we listening?

In the Gospel Jesus speaks to the crowd that has gathered and then to the disciples he has chosen. Perhaps we should be making a choice here; are we the crowd or are we disciples. Are we listening to the Word, ready to carry it out into the world or are we just here to watch, perhaps waiting, for a miracle or two!

With gratitude to David Frank

Reminders

Feed the Hungry – Funding for Food Vouchers Available Now

Whilst Caritas welcomes the news that the government will be extending the free school meals vouchers to children during the summer holiday period, the reality is that many families across the Diocese of Salford will still find themselves going hungry, having to make the stark choice of paying the bills or buying food for the family.

The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation is offering grants to alleviate this suffering in the context of the Covid 19 pandemic and has allocated £8,400 to Caritas to distribute across the Diocese according to where there is most need. This will be in the form of money for you to use to purchase and distribute food vouchers.

This funding is available NOW on a first come, first served basis to all our parishes and schools across the Diocese. Please circulate this information to all individuals or groups in

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your parish community who are involved in local social action work and may know of families who would benefit from receiving financial assistance in the form of food vouchers at this time. Please do not let any family in need in your parish miss out!

To apply, please email Mike Coen at m.coen@caritassalford.org.uk stating:

Name and location of your parish.

Amount of funding you are requesting for the purchase of food vouchers.

Number of families and number of individual adults and children in each family you are wishing to support.

What impact this will have (we require this information for the funders) and any relevant additional background information.

NB: Any agreed funding will be transferred to your relevant parish account for the purchase of food vouchers from the local supermarket of your choice to pass onto the families concerned.

Applications received from parishes must be endorsed by the Parish Priest.

Gubay Crisis Fund

In addition, please do not forget to access the Gubay Crisis Fund too. A sum of £10,000 is available until the end of September from which one-off payments of up to £400 per family can be made to provide immediate relief to families or individuals in crisis (NB: it cannot be used directly to pay utility bills, rent or debts).

For further information on the criteria or to apply, please go to:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/gubay-fund/>

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

We now enter our final week of, what has been, a disrupted School year.

We thank the teachers for all their hard work and dedication during these difficult times.

Let's keep in our prayers the teachers and the children as they enter their summer break, especially remembering those children in transition moving from Primary School to their new Schools, we wish them all well.

YOUR OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

These are now available for collection in the respective churches.

Our Parish relies on the kindness of donations to survive. Donations can be made by posting through the presbytery letter box, by post or alternatively donations can be made through Salford Diocese website, or alternatively by setting up a Bank standing order.



*Act of
Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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