

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

1 November 2020

All Saints



There is so much kindness in the world today, ordinary people are doing extraordinary things, caring for and encouraging all of us to stop looking inwards and to look outwards at the troubles facing this generation and doing something about it. It is truly one of the fruits of this dreadful time that we are seeing signs of hope, love, and sacrifice throughout our society.

This movement of the ordinary people in our society is reflected in the Gospel we have proclaimed to us today. The essence of the message contained in the Beatitudes is that there is great power in the humblest of actions and that all who look to the Kingdom of heaven are saints and will receive their heavenly reward. It is a proclamation of hope to the people; that those, whose work often goes unnoticed, are seen by God and He rejoices in their actions.

There is much pain in the world; we are often separated from those we have loved and consolation seems so distant. Then we see a friend, a neighbour, and their compassion shows in their actions as they enfold us in a gesture of love. How many times has your heart been lifted by a word, a smile or a simple wave; we are surrounded by goodness and we only have to reach out to attain it. There are many great saints, people who have lived heroic lives, brought before us as examples of great piety and sacrifice. But there are far more saints who, by their simple faith, fill us, their families and friends, with that same faith, that spirit that leads us to emulate them, to carry on those little things that make our world a better place for our children.

We are God's children, He loves us and encourages us to live our lives as a testimony to Him: to be vessels of faith, hope, and charity in His world. When Jesus stood, on that hillside in Galilee, he did not paint a picture that was all beauty and light. He understood that the way he was going, and asking us to go, would not be easy. The Sermon on the Mount is also called the Proclamation of the Kingdom. Jesus speaks of the poor, the humble, those who mourn, those who are persecuted, imprisoned, those who hunger and thirst for what is right; these are the ones he calls as saints. On this the Feast of All Saints, when we remember all those who have gone before us, as saints, into heaven we must remember, also, those who are saints on this earth today and keep them in our prayers.

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Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 3

Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday Mass Times: 9.30am at St John's and 11am at St Brendan's. Each church is limited to attendance of 43 people (St Brendan's) and 50 (St John's) this doesn't include "bubbles". If you wish to attend please let the office know by email: office@sbsj.org.uk, or by phoning 301927, so that we can make a note of numbers. *Thank you*

Sunday 1 November - Solemnity of All Saints

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 2 November - *The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*

9.30am Mass (SB)

12noon Mass (SJ)

7pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 3 November

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 4 November - *St Charles Borromeo*

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 5 November

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 6 November

No Mass Today

Saturday 7 November

11am Exposition and Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

Sunday 8 November

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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 & Joyce Heywood, Emily Martin, Madeleine Evans, Barbara Pearl, Howard McArdle, Terence Gillett, Pat Margiotta
Lately Dead: Kathleen Edge, David Marshall
Anniversaries: Mary Healy, Dorothy Hodget, Mary Lomax

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Mary Healy, Dorothy Hodget, Mary Lomax, Ernest Peacock (Birthday Remembrance), Deceased relatives & friends of the Carter family, Annie & James McGrath, Gerard Dobson

We continue to pray for victims of the Covid-19 virus, and for all those who are still working tirelessly to keep us safe.

Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: Students & Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation, Justice & Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners & Their Families

Hope in the Future

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Joseph, Mossley, for Fr Michael Lavin, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school.

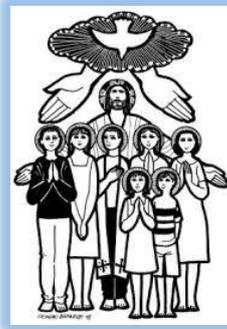
Offertory Envelopes

We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. Currently, there are still a few offertory envelopes to be collected. If you would like these to be delivered to you, please do let us know and we can arrange this. 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. Again, many thanks for your continued generosity.

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you.

Prayer Resource - Lord's Day at Home

The Liturgy Office has prepared a service called "The Lord's Day at Home", based on the Sunday Scriptures, that you can pray on your own or with your family. It is particularly aimed at those not able to follow a Mass on the internet. This week's Lord's Day at Home prayer sheet [can be found by clicking here](#).



November - Holy Souls

In this month we pray, in a special way, for those who have died. Why pray for them? Because it is the way we help them to be purified so as to enter heaven. Because we are all united in prayer to each other, to Mary, the

angels and saints, the faithful departed and us here below, we can offer up not just prayers but our good works and sacrifices as well. We can 'apply' the merits gained by our prayers and good deeds to help the souls in purgatory.

Please note there will be three Masses on All Souls Day, praying for the faithful departed, for parishioners and for the Holy Father's Intentions. (Thank you once again for generosity of the stewards, who offer their valuable time to allow us to continue to function as a Church)

We now have envelopes and you are invited to place the names of your deceased relatives and friends and all for whom you wish to pray during the month of the Holy Souls (no donation required). Please return the envelope to either church or post through the presbytery letterboxes. If you are unable to make it to church at this time, you may email your names to office@sbsj.org.uk All envelopes received will be placed on the sanctuary in the baskets marked Holy Souls. We will pray for the Faithful Departed at all the Holy Masses. ***May they rest in peace.***

As we are not able to hold our Annual Mass for the Deceased, we will display a list (in both churches) of all those who died during the last year. We will continue to pray for all those who have died (and their families). If you wish to light a candle for a loved one, please do so with care. *Thank you*

200 Club: Due to Covid-19 restrictions it hasn't been possible to hold the monthly draws. Twelve draws will take place before the next subscriptions are due (March 2021) however, the prize money will be slightly less as it wasn't possible to collect all subscriptions during lockdown. If anyone hasn't paid their subscriptions and wishes to be included in the draw, please contact Ann Gracie 01204 302912

Urban Outreach - Christmas Dinner on

Jesus: This year Churches In Harwood have been asked to collect 200g cartons of gravy granules for the food hampers. As a parish we have been asked to collect 200. If you are able to donate, the final date is 7 December. Thank you for your continued support.

Diocese of Salford - Job Vacancy - Finance Office Supervisor

Appointment Type: Full-time, permanent; **Working hours:** 35 hours per week, usually 9am-5pm.

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Salary, pension, and benefits: £26,000-£32,000 per annum, 25 holidays plus bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days, employers pension scheme.

About: The Diocese of Salford are recruiting a Finance Office Supervisor to join the team to provide Professional Support Services to all areas of the Diocese as part of the Curial staff.

What we are looking for: An experienced Finance Office Supervisor who will control the transactional aspects of the Finance function, ensuring accurate and timely working practices to enable high standard reporting. They will provide accurate information and support to the senior finance team. The post-holder will manage a team of Finance Officers and be responsible for the completion of month end processes and analysis, management reports, reconciliation of multiple bank and control accounts. They will support and work closely with the Senior Finance Team and ensure financial controls are robust and fit for purpose.

What you will need: The successful candidate will be part-qualified or qualified by experience, be experienced in the supervision and management of staff (minimum of 5 years*) and working with SAGE Line 50. Strong interpersonal skills are essential to be able to communicate and work effectively with a wide variety of people. The Finance Office Supervisor will have a flexible, can-do, and proactive approach and manage their time and prioritise effectively for themselves and the team to meet deadlines efficiently and effectively while maintaining a high level of attention to detail. IT skills including SAGE and Excel software are crucial for this role.

The Diocese of Salford is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The post-holder will be expected to contribute to a positive culture of safeguarding within the organisation. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure by the Disclosure and Barring Service and all employees of the Diocese are expected to work to promote the safeguarding of vulnerable groups. They must familiarise themselves with and adhere to the procedures on how to deal with allegations or concerns of abuse and the Church's Safeguarding Policies and Procedures which can be found at <https://www.csas.uk.net/procedures-manual/>

*Number of years' experience is a guideline only. It is not required for the post-holder to be Catholic.

Closing date for applications: 12noon on Monday 9th November 2020.

If you have any queries about the role, please contact HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk



Destitution Project

Thank you for all donations that have been coming in - they really do make a difference. We continue to collect the usual items: tinned tomatoes, tinned chickpeas/red kidney beans, rice, cooking oil, sardines, tea, coffee, long-life milk, tinned fruit & corned beef, cartons of orange juice etc.

November Retreats: You may remember that we published some information about short evening courses (run by Donna Worthington) that were to be held at St John's in November. Due to the current situation, these have had to be cancelled. In the meantime, Donna is running Zoom Retreats which are extremely well presented in a very spiritual way. If anyone would like any further information please visit: www.christianretreats.live

Thought for the week...

"What does it mean to be "Blessed"? To be blessed means to be happy."

Pope Francis

Online Talks: Wednesday 25 November (7pm): *The God who speaks in the Gospel of John*, by Fr Michael Winstanley, SDB, Salesian priest and Scripture Scholar, based at the Salesian community in Bolton. To book a place please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

'Family is Sacred' Zoom Course:

All Welcome! Register your free place by emailing formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

4 November - *Man & Woman - Communication & Sexuality*

18 November - *The Sacrament of Matrimony - A reflection of the Love of Christ*

2 December - *The Sacrament of Matrimony - A reflection of Christ's faithfulness & fruitfulness*

16 December - *Fatherhood & Motherhood - The challenge of Authority*

13 January 2021 - *Fatherhood & Motherhood - Mutual complementarity*

27 January - *The Importance of Family Life - The human significance*

10 February - *The Importance of Family Life - The religious significance*

24 February - *Love and the Importance of Home*

10 March - *Love and how we understand work*

24 March - *Family & suffering*

7 April - *The Mission of the Family*

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GUIDELINES FOR PARISHIONERS WHEN ATTENDING HOLY MASS

Updated: 09.08.20

Before you decide to come to church, please read this guidance carefully. The obligation to attend Holy Mass is suspended at this time of pandemic. If you have any symptoms of coronavirus or have been in contact with someone who has symptoms, please stay at home.

- The church will open approximately 30mins before the scheduled Mass time.
- External doors will be open at all times, so wear suitable clothing in case it's cold.
- You must wear a face covering in church. Please bring your own.
- The toilet is closed at all times, except for emergency use.
- As you enter church, a steward will greet you and ask you to sanitise your hands.
- A steward will direct you to an allocated seat. You cannot choose where to sit.
- Social distancing of 2 meters will be observed. Those living in the same household or sharing the same social bubble may sit together.
- Remain in your place once seated and refrain from talking to others.
- Singing during the Mass is not permitted. Mass sheets and books are not available. You are not allowed to enter the sacristy area, nor speak to the priest in the sacristy.
- The stewards will have a basket at the back of church for any offerings you wish to give.
- At Holy Communion, please follow the instructions given by the priest and the directions given by the stewards. Wait in your seat before you are asked to move forward.
- After you have received Holy Communion, you can return to your seat in the pews.
- After Mass has ended, the congregation departs in an orderly manner.
- Sanitise your hands as you exit. Refrain from talking until you are outside the church.