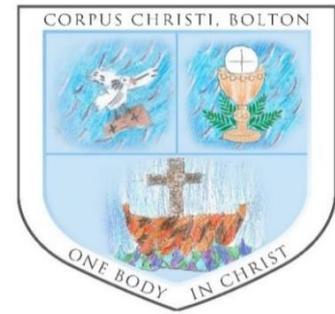


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

28 August 2022

Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time



Humility is a very difficult virtue; to be humble in our turbulent world is to be associated with those who are soft hearted, easy to push around. In our dog eats dog world the humble are trod upon and ignored. If you were to ask a parent which quality they would want in their children, humility will be very low on their list. However, the Kingdom of God prizes humility over almost all other virtues; in the Bible it is a virtue to be prized.

Humility is the opposite of pride; pride is a sin because it blinds the proud man and prevents him from acting with favour towards others; humility recognises the gifts of the poor; it sees goodness in everything. Pride does not see goodness except in itself. It is hard for a proud man to recognise God in those he meets, the humble man sees God in everything.

Take the first reading for example; it is a passage about two people, one who is humble and gentle in carrying out his business and one who is a lavish giver. The first man lives his life in the same way whether he is faced with good news or bad news. His attitude does not change, he remains gentle and loving. The lavish giver however gives from what he has in surplus. He does not give out of love but for attention.

Many times, in the New Testament, we read a passage where Jesus is sharing a meal. Sometimes He eats with the rich, other times he shares bread and fishes with the multitudes or with the poor and the sinners. On each occasion He takes the opportunity to teach those who are present. In the parable of the Wedding Feast Jesus tries to teach the Pharisees about the virtue of humility; they are seated at the highest table, they expect high positions in the Kingdom of Heaven, but Jesus teaches them that, unless they become like the poor and humble, they will not enter the Kingdom. He urges them to seek the lowly place so that their real qualities will be recognised, and they will rise through these qualities and not because of who they are. No one has a right to be accepted into the Kingdom; we are judged by what we do, not who we are.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 2

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Sunday 28 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 29 August - *The Passion of St John the Baptist*

10am Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 30 August

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 31 August

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass, followed by Coffee Morning

3pm Memorial Service for Irene Bowne (SJ)

Thursday 1 September - *St Edmund*

Arrowsmith

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 2 September

No Mass Today

Saturday 3 September - *St Gregory the Great*

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm First Mass of 23rd Sunday Yr C (SB)

Sunday 4 September (23rd Sunday Yr C)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

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We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends: Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Emily Martin, Pat Margiotta, Frances Skemp, Kathleen Banks, Colin Markland, Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Frank & Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Josephine Ward, Wynn & Michael Latham, Agnes Kirby, Irene Sheridan, Tony Martin, Thomas Baker, Kathryn Browning

Lately Dead: Irene Bowne, Hayley Warriner, Kathryn Quillian,

Anniversaries: Mary Carter, Mary Marshall
May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Mary Carter, Mary Marshall, Hayley Warriner, For two sick people

During Ordinary Time (Summer); we pray for: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and the denial of human rights, Europe, Seafarers, Human Life.

We pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine

Hope In The Future: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Cuthbert, Withington, and for Fr Brendan Curley, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school. May they find favour with the Lord by the humility of their service.

Financial Support: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. Thank you

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

Standing Order: Please contact us if you would like to set up a direct payment. *Thank you*

Audio System & LOOP Systems for Parishioners who are Hard of Hearing: At St Brendan's we are trialing larger output speakers at the front of church. Please let Fr Alf or the Parish Office know if you notice any changes in sound quality.

Both churches are fitted with induction LOOP systems. Due to different cable routes and building geometry, the LOOP at St John's gives much better results. The Choir Loft at St Brendan's is served by its own LOOP system which performs very well.

At St Brendan's, the physical LOOP cable runs around the edge of the body of the church at skirting board level (as this is the only suitable place for it). Because of this, the LOOP signal at St Brendan's (in the central aisle) is not strong whereas around the perimeter of the church it is.

Whilst there are costly technical solutions to improve the signal, LOOP users at St Brenda's are encouraged to sit in pews where the signal is strongest, this includes both the rear of the church and close to the sides of the Church. Thank you.

Harbour Room Book Club Notice.

Amendment to some dates on the Schedule

Please note that all Book Club meetings take place on **Wednesdays**. The dates on the schedule for January-June have erroneously been given as a Thursday. Correct dates are: 25 January, 22 February, 29 March, 26 April, 31 May & 28 June. New schedules are available or please just amend your own copy. Apologies and see you on 28 September for *Educated*. *Madeleine*

Fair Trade Stall: The next fair-trade stall will be on Sunday 4 September after 9.30 Mass at St John's. As requested, we will be bringing some runny honey and we welcome other requests for items that you cannot see on the stall. All sales will help producers in the developing world as they try to recover from the continuing effects of covid.

Suggested Parish Trip to the Holy Land: The Itinerary is now available at the back of each church. If you are interested, please take one as it includes all the relevant information. To register interest, please contact either the Parish Office or Ann Gracie (07528027295)

St Bernadette Relic Tour (Salford): Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 September. Please see the link below for how to book.

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/saint-bernadette-relic-tour/>

Alternative dates in other churches are:

St Mary's, Chorley - 15 -17 September

St Alphonsus Cathedral, Preston (20-22 September)

Lancaster Cathedral (22 - 23 September)

Volunteers needed for Relics of St Bernadette

Visit: If you have an enhanced DBS check and would like to be part of the visit of St Bernadette's relics to our cathedral, we would love to hear from you! There will be a training session at Salford Cathedral on Saturday 17 September (1pm). To get involved, please email lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk by Thursday 8 September.

St Joseph's Deanery Dinner Dance: Will be held on Friday 14 October at The Holiday Inn, Higher Bridgeman Street. Proceeds are in aid of Bolton Hospice. The first Dinner Dance was held in 2019 and was a great success as parishes around our Deanery came together. For more information, please contact the Parish Office for a booking form or the two organisers: - Gemma Pendlebury 07717 686358 lee.pendlebury@sky.com and Agnes Lloyd-Holt 07840 112756 agneslloydholt@gmail.com

Readers For 3/4 Sep 2022)		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
A Gracie	H O'Donnell	F Doloroso