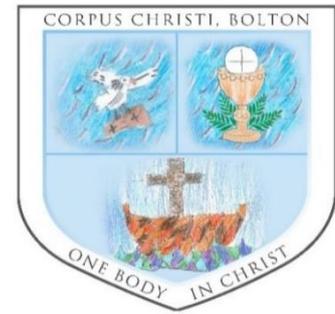


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**12 February 2023**

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



We should always feel at peace in whichever church we choose to worship. There should be a greeting at the door and a friendly community inside. Today the readings may disturb our peace, the full version of the Gospel can sound very daunting, but if you listen closely to the readings, you will realise that, like a good parent, God prepares us for what life may send our way and His love is there to help us on our journey.

The writer of the Book of Ecclesiasticus offers us the two choices we have in this life, fire and water. It is up to ourselves to choose which one we take. If we choose to follow God then we choose water over fire. We are asked to keep His commandments. Life is a test which we may sometimes fail, but there is always forgiveness and a chance to try again.

Paul knows that we are faced with the temptations of this world, power, wealth, status, all these false gods which lead us astray. He believes in the wisdom of God, which is beyond our understanding, but which will lead us to eternal glory. This is not human wisdom; it is led by the Spirit bringing us into the mystery of God. Have you ever wondered how we react when something is before us and we know instinctively whether it is bad or good? How we perceive the rightness of an action before we even act? We are not perfect but the Spirit of God leads us to that perfection which is God's gift to us.

We may have learned the Ten Commandments when we were children. In my schooldays, seventy years ago, they were part of the Catechism which we learned to recite. The ideas behind those commandments are just as relevant today as when Moses received them, written on stone, from God in the desert. Just because thousands of years have passed they have not become redundant or outdated. When Jesus speaks about not abolishing the Law, he is stressing its importance even down to today. The Law is at the centre of a virtuous heart, the bedrock on which society can live up to the ideals of human life. Be confident in the mercy of God for following the teaching of Christ is the key to Kingdom of Heaven. *David Frank*

### Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1*

*Divine Office Week 2*

*Roman Missal: p227*

Please see alternative Mass times for the coming week in our neighbouring parishes. **Please check their websites beforehand in case of any changes.**

<https://www.holyinfant.co.uk/>

<https://www.blesseddominicbarberi.org.uk/>

#### Sunday 12 February

9.30am Mass (SJ)- With Children's Liturgy

11am Mass (SB)

#### Monday 13 February

9.30am Mass (Holy Infant's)

#### Tuesday 14 February - *Ss Cyril & Methodius*

9.30am Mass (Holy Infants)

7pm Mass (St Osmund's)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

#### Wednesday 15 February

9.30am Mass (Holy Infant's)

#### Thursday 16 February

9.30am Mass (Holy Infant's)

#### Friday 17 February - *St Scholastica*

9.30am Mass (Holy Infant's)

9.30am Mass (St Osmund's)

#### Saturday 18 February

11.30am Mass (SJ)

12.15pm Baptism (SJ)

5pm Vigil Mass of 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

(SB) - With Children's Liturgy

#### Sunday 19 February - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy

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, Pat Margiotta, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Wynn & Michael Latham, Irene Sheridan, Thomas Baker, Kathryn Browning, Rachel Edge, Fr Leo Heakin, Peter Hayler, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Mary Fitzgerald, Helen Fraser, Peter Reilly, Sheila Derbyshire, Helene Draper, Terry Scott

**Lately Dead:** Richard Power, Mary Mannion, Connie Walch, Barbara Belcher, Margaret Heggie, Jose Eduarte,

**Anniversaries:** Frank & Betty Finn, Martin Feeney, Andrew & Rose McGarry, Alfeo & Bonifacia Doloroso, Ian Walsh, William Finlay

*May They Rest in Peace*

**Mass Intentions:** Richard Power, Marie Lamoury (Birthday Remembrance), Frank & Betty Finn, Martin Feeney, Mary & Thomas Watson, Margaret Heggie, Deceased members of the O’Kane & Boardman families, Andrew & Rose McGarry, Jose Eduarte, Alfeo & Bonifacia Doloroso, Margaret Quayle, Connie Walch, Ian Walsh

**During Ordinary Time, we pray for:** Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God, Christian Unity, The sick and those who care for them; Victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it; the Unemployed

**Let us pray for all victims and those who have been affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. May the families of those deceased find strength and comfort in their suffering. We pray for the rescue workers who are working tirelessly to save survivors. We continue to 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 Michael and St Bernadette, Whitefield, and for Canon Steven Parkinson, their parish priest. We pray for the parish primary schools. May the light of their parish’s mission and witness shine before all.

**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*

**Congratulations:** To Harry Eric Hutchinson and Noah Elijah Lomax who were baptised at St Brendan’s Church last Sunday. We pray that both they and their families continue on their faith journey.

**Harbour Room Book Club Notice:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22 February at 1pm. The novel for discussion is *The Husband’s Secret* by Liane Moriarty. Refreshments and all welcome!

**Destitution Project Lenten Donations:** During the 40 days of Lent we are trying to collect 40 of the following urgently needed items: Tinned Tomatoes, Chick Peas, Red Kidney Beans, Bags of Sugar and Bottles of Vegetable Oil. We thank you for all you have donated so far, and we hope to meet this target with your kind help. *Thank you.*

**Churches In Harwood: Lenten Course.** Come and join us this Lent, as Churches Together in Harwood run their popular course, which this year is entitled “*Holy Habits - Following Jesus*” Each week the time will start at 7.30pm in the following Churches:

Monday 27 Feb - Christ’s Church, Harwood

Tuesday 7 March - St Brendan’s

Tuesday 14 March Harwood Methodist

Tuesday 27 March St Brendan’s

Tuesday 28 March Christ’s Church Harwood

**Women Saints and Spirituality:** Friday 17 February, 10am- 2.30pm Wardley Hall, Worsley, Manchester, M28 2ND. Join us for series of talks exploring the life and spirituality of women in the Church throughout history. Our next session has a special focus on St Brigid, patron saint of Ireland. Find out more at:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/women-saints-and-spirituality/>

**Retreats at Ampleforth Abbey:** There are different types of retreats on offer at Ampleforth, ranging from quiet times for personal reflection to those which are guided. Attached is a digital copy of the programme for your information. You can contact the Retreats Team by: Tel: 01439 766087 or email:

[retreats@ampleforthabbey.org.uk](mailto:retreats@ampleforthabbey.org.uk)

[www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk](http://www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk)

The programme is available on the link:

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**Readers For 18/19 February 2023**

<b>5pm Vigil (SB)</b>	<b>9.30am (SJ)</b>	<b>11am (SB)</b>
S Mikolajewski	M Parkinson	T Proctor

**Please Be aware of Scam!**

Last week, a false email had been circulated asking for money in Fr Alf’s name - not using the parish email address. If you have seen this email, please ignore and do not respond as it is a scam. Thank you...

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