

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**30 July 2023**

## Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time



Wisdom is a gift from God. The wise man acts and speaks with humility, he does not shout, he speaks to the heart of the matter and his words touch something within us. Solomon was a young man and great authority was set upon his shoulders. He followed his father David, as King of Israel, and his main task was to unify the people into one nation again. He knew the enormity of his task and so he prayed to the Lord for the gift of wisdom. God looked into the heart of Solomon and saw that there was goodness there and so He answered Solomon's plea and gave him "a heart wise and shrewd" and the gift of "discerning judgement".

There is wisdom also in Paul's letter to the Romans. He is writing to the Christians of Rome and reminding them that each one has been chosen by God for a certain purpose. They are facing opposition, but he urges them to work for the glory of God for, through their work, they will obtain their eternal reward.

What was it like sitting with the crowds on those Galilean Hills listening to Our Lord speaking and teaching the people gathered around Him. He teaches through Parables; using examples of everyday life to gain their understanding, speaking to the hearts of the people, giving them hope, raising them from their despondency, making a new creation. By using parables, which can be told and retold among the people of the Holy Land, His voice reaches many who cannot be present but who are brought to understanding through His stories.

Often, when I struggle to understand the storms of daily life, a parable comes to mind, and I can find some peace in these simple stories. The field that holds the treasure reminds me not to hide the treasure I have found but to share it with others in their daily struggles. The pearl of great price reminds me that my faith is precious, and nothing can come between me and my faith in Christ. The fishermen's catch is a warning that not everything in this world is good and that I must follow Christ and share his love with others to avoid being tossed over the side of His boat. Finally, I have come to realise that, just like the householder, I must search for the wisdom of the world, both old and new, and use these gifts to build the Kingdom of Heaven. *David Frank*

### Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1  
Divine Office Week 1  
Roman Missal: p 338*

#### Sunday 30 July

9.30am Mass (SJ)  
11am Mass (SB)  
12.15pm Baptism (SB)  
1pm Baptism (SB)

#### Monday 31 July - *St Ignatius of Loyola*

6pm Mass (SJ)

#### Tuesday 1 August - *St Alphonsus Liguori*

10am Mass (SB)

#### Wednesday 2 August

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)  
9.30am Mass (SJ)

#### Thursday 3 August

10am Mass (SB)

#### Friday 4 August - *St John Mary Vianney*

No Mass today

#### Saturday 5 August

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)  
11.30am Mass (SJ)  
5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - First Mass of Sunday

#### 6 August - *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

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, Pat Margiotta, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Irene Sheridan, Thomas Baker, Kathryn Browning, Rachel Edge, Fr Leo Heakin, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Helen Fraser, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Ken Goodwin, Michael O'Connor, Joyce Strickleton, Christine Gardner, Margaret Doreen Kay, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien

**Lately Dead:** Margaret Roberts, Kitty Cahalane, Jeff Archbould, Corrine Dominique Doloroso, Kathleen Cocker

**Anniversaries:** Ellen Day, James Conlon  
*May They Rest in Peace*

**Mass Intentions:** James Conlon, Kathleen Cocker

**During Ordinary Time (summer), we pray for:** A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution; oppression & denial of human rights; Europe; Seafarers; Human life  
*We continue to pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine*

This week, as a Diocese, we pray for the people of the parish of St Antony of Padua, Stretford and Trafford Park, and for Father Gerald Murphy, their parish priest. We pray for the parish primary schools, the Faithful Companions of Jesus, and the work of the St Antony's Centre for Church and Industry. May they seek the pearl of great price, the wisdom that comes from God.

**Offertory:** We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially.

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

**World Youth Day 31st July - 7th August:** This week, young adults from the Diocese of Salford will be travelling to Lisbon to celebrate World Youth Day 2023. Bringing together people from all countries and backgrounds, World Youth Day is a joyful celebration of faith, connecting people from all over the world. One of our parishioners, Joseph, will be attending World Youth Day, and he would like to thank parishioners (as well as many other donors) who have been very generous. Joseph is very grateful, and as a thank you, he will be lighting a candle and praying for all the people who have made donations at the shrine in Fatima.

The Diocese of Salford has created a special *Pray at Home* series, inviting people from our diocese to join our young pilgrims in prayer this World Youth Day. Find out more at

[:https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/resources-links/world-youth-day-pray-at-home/](https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/resources-links/world-youth-day-pray-at-home/)

**Caritas Diocese of Salford Newsletter:** Did you know that our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, now has a monthly e-newsletter providing update, news and event details? To join the mailing list, please email Rachel Taylor: [comms@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:comms@caritassalford.org.uk)

## Job Vacancies:

**Parish Centre Manager - St Kentigern's, Fallowfield (replacement role)**

**Appointment Type:** Full-time, permanent

**Working hours:** 40 hours per week. Working pattern to be flexible in line with the needs of the business and agreed with the SDC Director of Operations.

**Location:** St Kentigern's Parish Centre, 36 Wilbraham Rd, Fallowfield, Manchester, M14 7DW.

**Salary, pension, and benefits:** £14.48 per hour (£30,118.40 per annum), 20 days holiday, plus statutory bank holidays, employers pension scheme  
For more information and to apply, please email the Diocese of Salford's HR Department at [HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Bank Night Support Workers - Caritas Salford**

**Appointment Type:** Bank shifts

**Working hours:** 8.45pm - 9.15am

**Location:** Morning Star Hostel, 104 Denmark Road, Manchester, M15 6JS

**Salary, pension, and benefits:** £11.96 per hour  
For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers>

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Readers For 5/6 August 2023		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
T Proctor	M Roe	P Brennan