

## NEWSLETTER FOR CORPUS CHRISTI, BOLTON

**12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 – THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



“Watch early for wisdom”: wise words, and ones that the foolish bridesmaids of the Gospel should have taken to heart. This is the ultimate in ‘putting off till tomorrow...’, since the reading is about the end of time, when the Son of Man will come again. Then there will be no tomorrow. If a thing is worth doing, it’s worth doing today. Quite often we contemplate the end of time with anxiety and fear: this is not what God wants. Look at the Psalm, where we hear of desperate longing, a thirst for the Lord, that cannot wait. We should not just wait for the Lord with patient endurance, but with impatient longing: what could we desire more than the coming of the Lord, the rising of the dead and an eternity of joy and glory?

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<p><b>Sick:</b> Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Josephine Knowles, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, John Pryor, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Father Francis McCauley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 7), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, Canon Dorran, Christine Everitt, Mark O’Brien, Sheila Derbyshire, Margaret Gibson, Kathleen &amp; Arnold Banks, Andrew Rostron, Rose Mellor, Michaela (Sick child), Linda Marsh, Ross Smith (young person) and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Martin Rule, Joan Ashcroft, Jason Haynes, Tony Winstanley, Winifride O’Connor, Canon Kevin O’Connor, Jack Hainey</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Victor Gill, Philip Hall, Philip Southern, Robert Neil Potter, Philip Marshall</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Ross Smith, Mark Rinaldo Villa, Antonio &amp; Theresa Ania Fidelis Njokanma (Birthday Celebration), Tony Winstanley, Lilian Dawson (Birthday Remembrance), Joan Ashcroft, Jason Haynes, Mary Joan Quinn, Deceased members of the Quinn and Marshall families, Winifride O’Connor, Eileen &amp; Victor Gill, Philip Hall, Philip Southern, Robert Neil Potter, Deceased members of the O’Kane &amp; Boardman families, Philip Marshall</p>
<p><i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 494; Preface at Priest’s choice</p>		
Sunday <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children’s Liturgy 11am Remembrance Services (Dunscar & Bolton Town Hall) 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>A Special Collection for the Retired Clergy Fund</i>	
Monday (13 <sup>th</sup> )	9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm-9pm Needles Sewing Group (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (14 <sup>th</sup> )	12noon-12.30pm Harwood Prayer Walk (Tottington Road) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15 SVP (SB) 7.30pm Becoming Catholic Course (Patmos Room, SJ)	
Wednesday (15 <sup>th</sup> )	9.15am Yr3 Mass (SC School) 2-4pm CAMEO Group (Harbour Room, SB) 7-9pm Parish Enabling Team meeting (Patmos Room, SJ)	
Thursday (16 <sup>th</sup> )	9.15am Mass (SB) 7pm CAFOD Group Meeting (Harbour Room, SB)	
Friday (17 <sup>th</sup> )	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Parish Quiz Night (Dunscar Conservative Club)	
Saturday (18 <sup>th</sup> )	10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation (Patmos Room, SJ) 2pm-4pm Flower Demonstration (Patmos Room, SJ) 5pm Mass (SB) – <b>Please note new venue</b>	
Sunday (19 <sup>th</sup> )	9am Mass (SJ) – With Children’s Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) – With Children’s Liturgy <span style="float: right;"><b>Please note new times</b></span>	
<p><b>Final Mass at St Columba’s</b></p> <p>This weekend we welcome Bishop John to celebrate the final Mass at St Columba’s. This is a Mass of thanksgiving for the life of the parish (86 years) and to mark the closure of the church (after 61 years). As we give thanks to God, we pray for the future of the Church in this part of Bolton whether in Corpus Christi parish or Holy Infants.</p>		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Remembrance Sunday</b></p> <p>On this day we remember all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn.</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> O God, merciful and strong, who crush wars and cast down the proud, be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst and to wipe away all tears, so that we may all truly deserve to be called your children. (<i>Roman Missal</i>)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6):</b></p> <p>We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work &amp; the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners &amp; their families.</p>

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### New Sunday Mass Times

The bishop has now approved the new times for our Sunday Masses here in the parish of Corpus Christi. They are 5pm Sat at St Brendan's, 9am Sun at St John's and 11am Sun at St Brendan's. They will take effect from next weekend.

Of the 62 people who voted for the Saturday 5pm Mass to move to St Brendan's, only 14 live in Tonge Moor and of that 14 only 2 or 3 walk to church and only 5 or 6 catch a bus. If you are driving there and you know someone who needs a lift, why not offer to pick them up? If you are a person who needs a lift and you know someone who drives, why not ask them to take you? This is not only a practical step but it helps build up our community. Please take care of one another.

**Annual Second Collection for Retired Priests:** There are currently some 60 retired priests of the Diocese of Salford. They have generously given their lives in ministry and service in the pastoral care of our people. Now we must be sure to provide for their comfort and well-being in retirement. Please be as generous as you are able in your contribution to their care. Thank you.



**Congratulations:** To Evie Ruth Walsh who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family continue to grow in faith.

**Sacramental Programme:** Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Presentation Service on Wednesday evening. Let us pray for them and their families during this special year.

**Harwood Prayer Walk:** Thank you to those who supported this ecumenical event last Thursday. There is another Prayer Walk this Tuesday (12noon to 12.30pm) to pray particularly for issues around Tottington Road Methodist Church building. This is not going to be a weekly event; it was just too much to do in one go!

**Readers' Rota:** A new rota is being prepared. If you previously read at the 5pm Mass at St Columba's and now wish to read at the 5pm Mass at St Brendan's, or indeed at any of the other two Masses, please let the office know as soon as possible on 301927 or [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk). This is also the same for any other readers who want to join the 5pm rota.

**Christie Friends:** Invite you to a Ladies Fashion Show on Wednesday 22 November (7.30pm) at Dunscair Conservative Club, Hardmans Lane, Bromley Cross. Tickets are £7.50 per person and include a glass of prosecco and a pastie supper. Please phone Kath Brown on 07753 170 241 to reserve a seat/table.

**CAMEO:** Meets again on Wednesday 15 November (2pm-4pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. There will be a *Fun Auction* with Kathleen Denton. Any unwanted, quality items (of any use to others) are very welcome. The proceeds will help to buy Christmas gifts and offer help to families in our parish. All are welcome to come along and there will be the usual refreshments.

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 18 November (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. Please let the parish office know if you will be attending by phoning 301927 or by email [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk)

**Interfaith Week 12-19 November 2017:** This is a week to focus on interfaith understanding and cooperation. It is an opportunity to strengthen good interfaith relations at all levels, increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society and to increase understanding between people of religious and nonreligious beliefs. Visit [www.boltoninterfaithcouncil.org.uk](http://www.boltoninterfaithcouncil.org.uk) for details of local activities.

**Aid to the Church in Need:** Are asking parishes to join the ACN's #RedWednesday campaign this year to stand up for faith and freedom in solidarity with Christians and others who are persecuted for their faith on Wednesday 22 November (Feast of St Cecilia). For more information and to pledge your support please go to [www.acnuk.org/redwednesday](http://www.acnuk.org/redwednesday).

**Embrace Liverpool 2017:** This year's conference will take place on Saturday 25 November at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral (9.30am – 6pm). It is a day to celebrate the faith of young people. Please email Tracey Ward: [tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) Visit [www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk](http://www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk) for more information.

### SVP News

**Annual Mass for the Deceased:** This will be held on Saturday 25 November at 11am in St Brendan's Church, Harwood. Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

**Christmas Flower Demonstration:** Saturday 18 November (2pm-4pm) in the Patmos Room at St John's. Tickets cost £5 per person and include refreshments. There will also be a raffle and all proceeds will go towards the Destitution Project and Urban Outreach. Tickets now available.

**Destitution Project:** There will be a special collection of food items during the rest of November and the first week of December. A list of items is displayed on the notice boards. Thank you for your continued support

### Marriage Matters

**Always be ready:** Jesus said we must always be ready for His second coming, ready to meet Him. Being 'ready' doesn't mean spending all the time doing religious things. For married couples, being 'ready' means being ready to listen to each other, sharing thoughts and feelings. Keep your 'love tank' full by thinking of ways he or she can be surprised by love.

### Think Vocation

November is the month of Holy Souls. May all of us remain faithful to the need to remember those who have died. May we take seriously the need to pray for the souls of those who have died and to ask the Lord to forgive them for their sins and to welcome them into their eternal homes.

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 18/19 November

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	J O'Connor	T Proctor, T Smith, C Molyneux
9am (SJ)	L Rushton	M Russell, M Speed, A Rawlinson, T Armstrong, J Carroll, M Cropper
11am (SB)	F Evans	C Owen, P Brennan, M Durkan