

Parish Logo

The new logo will be based on elements from two of the submissions (one from a pupil in St Brendan's and one from a pupil in St John's). The final design is being produced at Thornleigh (after the Christmas break).

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

7 January 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord



In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the Time of Manifestation, or Showing. Today is the Feast of the Manifestation, or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the

wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord. The same is true of the key word in the second reading: Revelation. Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

Marriage Matters: The gift of unity - At this joyful time of the year, let us look with delight at one another, remembering that we have each been entrusted, by God, with the grace he meant for each other when we got married. God's gift has made us one body and the gift of our children is this grace made flesh bringing joy into our hearts

Think Vocation: The Wise Men travelled far in order to bear witness to Christ as the Saviour of the whole world. Our basic vocation, through baptism, is to make Christ known in the world around us. Some have a more specific vocation but each one of us, at the end of Mass, is invited to manifest Christ as we "Go and announce the gospel of the Lord."

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> <i>Sunday Missal: Page 165; Readings page 167</i> <i>Preface page 37</i>
Sunday 7 January 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy
Monday 8 January - The Baptism of the Lord 9.30am Mass (SB) 11am SC School Epiphany Mass (in school) 7pm-9pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ) <i>The Christmas Season ends with this feast</i>
Tuesday 9 January 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)
Wednesday 10 January 9.30am Requiem Mass for Rose Mellor (SJ)
Thursday 11 January 9.15am Mass (SB) 7pm CAFOD Group Meeting (Patmos Room, SJ) 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)
Friday 12 January 9.30am Mass (SJ) 1.30pm Funeral Service for Neville Smith (Overdale)
Saturday 13 January 2pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB)
Sunday 14 January 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) Peace Sunday

Happy New Year to you all from the parish clergy & from Bishop John
 Thank you to all who sent us cards, gave us gifts or wished us well for Christmas
Fathers Cooke & Parkinson

Prayers Please

Sick: Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Father Francis McCauley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 8), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, Canon Dorran, Christine Everitt, Mark O'Brien, Sheila Derbyshire, Margaret Gibson, Kathleen & Arnold Banks, Andrew Rostron, Michaela (Sick child), Linda Marsh, Ross Smith (young person), Vernon Holt and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness

Lately Dead: John Pryor, Rose Mellor, Neville Smith, Audrey Healey, Tess Fallon, Veronica Caperon, Alan Hipwell

Anniversaries: Eileen Croft, Harriet McAvoy, Fr Gerard Duffy, James Wheeler, Marian Kosecki, Bernard Molyneux

Mass Intentions: Neville Smith, Eileen Croft, Harriet McAvoy, Fr Gerard Duffy, James Wheeler, Thomas Rabbitt, Marian Kosecki, Audrey Healey, William & Elizabeth Jenkinson, Deceased members of the Quinn, Marshall & Nicholson families, Tess Fallon, John Pryor, Barbara Grimes, Veronica Caperon, Alan Hipwell, Bernard Molyneux

Cycle of Prayer Part 1 (of 6): We pray especially for: openness to the Word of God; migrants and refugees; expectant mothers

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

23/24 December (Sunday Masses):

5pm -107; 9am-188; 11am-92; **Total 387**

24/25 December (Christmas Masses): 5pm-450;

6.30pm-248; 9am-108; 11am-100; **Total - 906**

30/31 December: 5pm-121; 9am-180; 11am-125;

Total - 426

Offertory Collection

23/24 December: £873.59

24/25 December: £2,002.92

30/31 December: £1,597.19

[This last figure includes £621.30 from SC envelopes collected since 11 November]

Other significant amounts received:

Ministry Income - £360

Patmos Room Rental - £475



Congratulations: To Gerard Kearns and Sarah Patel who were married at St Brendan's on 30 December. We pray they have a long, happy and fulfilling life together.

NQT Primary Pool for 2018: We are now recruiting for our NQT Primary Pool for 2018. The Primary Pool will identify and recommend high quality candidates who have gained QTS in summer 2018, for interview to Catholic schools with vacancies for 1st September 2018. All details and application forms are available at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk. **Completed forms are to be returned to Department for Education at the above by 12noon on Friday 26 January 2018**

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 20 January 2018 (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's Church. This is for parents who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please email office@sbsj.org.uk. or telephone the parish office on 301927 if you would like to attend.

Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristans (St Brendan's): A meeting of all Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers (existing and new volunteers) will be held on Wednesday 10 January at 7pm at St Brendan's to review arrangements; the rotas and the list of communicants needing home visits. Please try to attend and contribute any ideas you may have. More volunteers are needed for both Sacristan and Eucharistic ministry. Please email the parish office at office@sbsj.org.uk if you can assist or if you would like a chat speak to Peter Carolan.

Christian Meditation: In the Harbour Room at St Brendan's). Dates are as follows:

Tuesday 9th - 2pm-2.45pm

Thursday 11th - 7.15pm-8pm

Tuesday 16th - 2pm-2.45pm

Thursday 18th - 7.15pm-8pm

Tuesday 23rd - 2pm-2.45pm

Tuesday 30th - 2pm-2.45pm

CAFOD

Next Meeting: Will be held in the Patmos Room on 11 January 2018 at 7pm.

Save the Dates

Friday 16 February 2018 - Ceilidh

Friday 11 May 2018 - Spring Concert

During 2017, we raised a grand total of £6204.75 for CAFOD and an estimated £288 through Gift Aid. Thank you.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 13/14 January		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	M Maybury	TBA
9am (SJ)	M Roe	J Carroll, M Russell, F Smith, A Rawlinson, A Grundy, A Gracie
11am (SB)	K Wilkinson	M Durkan, C Owen, P Brennan

Come and Join Us!

Tea and coffee is always served after the Sunday Masses at St John's (9am) and St Brendan's (11am). We always love to see new people and have a catch up.

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Hope in the Future Prayer

God our loving Father,
we thank you for blessing our parish
with all that we need
to respond to our vocation to be a missionary
community in our locality.

We thank you for all our parish members who,
in response to your call, give of themselves so
freely to enrich our parish life in the ways of
love and service.

We ask you now to pour out afresh the gifts of
your Spirit upon each one of us that we may
be inspired to serve you in new and creative
ways as missionary disciples, bringing your
Light to the world.

We ask your blessing upon us as we journey
together in hope, through Christ our Lord.
Amen

"We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage."

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Pastoral Letter from Bishop John Arnold

Read in our churches last weekend - 30/31 December

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Following the opening of a New Year in the life of the Church on the First Sunday of Advent, we come to the eve of our calendar New Year of 2018. I hope that, wherever you may have celebrated Christmas, it was a happy experience and that we have all celebrated together its real meaning - that God loves the world so much that He sent His only Son to be our saviour. That gift and reassurance of God's presence needs to be firmly held in our lives each day.

What do we see as we enter this New Year? There are some disturbing concerns. There seems to be more division and conflict in our world, with some nations openly threatening one another. Political and religious persecution ravage many nations. There is uncertainty for our own nation and its future with neighbouring mainland Europe. We are only beginning to recognise the extent of the damage that we are doing to our planet - our common home. Closer to home, we face the scandal of poverty in our streets, despite also the evident wealth of many. The picture certainly seems gloomy but we must rely on our "Hope in the Future" and our trust in a God who is ever-present to us and never fails in His love for us.

Around the Diocese, we are already experiencing change as a result of our consultation. I am very grateful for the generosity of so many who accept that change needs to come and that it can be embraced to produce positive results and developments. We have the wonderful and encouraging leadership of Pope Francis who, by his own way of life and teaching, reminds us of the basic truths of the Gospel and our duties and responsibilities as "missionary disciples" forming "mission parishes" to bring the Gospel to a world much in need of direction and values.

Our pastoral project "Hope in the Future" has begun well in more than half of our parishes. Other parishes will follow at the right time for them and this project will also make an impact in our schools. Many communities have reported that they were not aware of all that is already being achieved and how much is going on in our parishes. We are right to celebrate this good work and the generosity of so many people who dedicate their time and their skills. "Hope in the Future" will help us to see how we may strengthen our faith and spirituality through our prayer and liturgy and catechesis and how we can engage in our society particularly in reaching out to the marginalised, the poor and the isolated.

During this year we will be close to two important events and I hope that many from our diocesan family will be able to participate. In August, Dublin will host "The Gospel of the family - Joy for the World" at which it is reliably believed Pope Francis will be present. The family remains a sure foundation within our Church and beyond, and the alternatives are not providing security for adults or children, often with tragic consequences. We need to give time to understanding how we strengthen family and encourage its essential place in our lives. In September, Liverpool will host the celebration "Adoremus" which will focus on the importance of the Eucharist. I would hope that our parish communities may come to value times of Eucharistic Adoration which really does have a positive impact in so many ways in our parish life. In a way it can be the simplest of prayers: We can just look at God and let God look at us.

On this feast of the Holy Family, I assure you of my prayers for all of our diocesan family as we embrace the challenges of our world. Jesus said "I am with you always" so we can certainly have "Hope in the Future". Please pray for me that I provide good leadership and pastoral care. "Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey".

Yours devotedly,

+John
Bishop of Salford