



Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

4 February 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



This world, as we know, is a fragile and fallible place, in which we encounter hunger, disease, sickness and death. Jesus proclaims, by his actions of healing, that there is another

world, the Kingdom of God, which will be free from all such anxieties and afflictions. The story of Paradise and the Garden of Eden painted a picture of a world which was perfect, and free from all problems. Jesus came into the world precisely to offer us a return to Eden, if we follow him. Each of his miracles is also, in some sense, a parable or teaching, pointing out to us something of the lost happiness and perfection which he is restoring. This vision of Paradise is not Utopian or delusory, not just a vain hope to comfort us with, but the true manifestation of God's love for us. Jesus could not cure every disease or sickness in the world then: but his miracles of healing are a sign that one day, when the Kingdom comes, sickness and disease will be wiped away for ever.

Marriage Matters: Making the time to talk and to listen - As married couples we need time to grow in knowledge and understanding of each other. This week let us make time when we are not tired, to talk together, to share what's happened in the day, our thoughts and feelings, the things that worry us or make us happy. Perhaps we can also plan a regular celebration of our love.

Think Vocation: In the Gospel we see a day in the life of Jesus. It was busy but he made time for prayer. Let us remember those men and women who serve the Church in the contemplative religious life. Their mission is to support, through prayer, those who are busy with the apostolic work of the Church. May others be drawn to live this vital and generous way of living the Christian vocation.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> <i>Sunday Missal: Page 217; Readings: page 219</i> <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i>
<p>Sunday 4 February 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy</p>
<p>Monday 5 February - St Agatha 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm-9pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 6 February - St Paul Miki & Companions 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Becoming Catholic (Patmos Room, SJ)</p>
<p>Wednesday 7 February 9.15am Year 4 Class Mass (SC School) 7.30pm St Bakita Mass (St Mary, Burnley)</p>
<p>Thursday 8 February 9.15am Mass (SB)</p>
<p>Friday 9 February 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Funeral Service for Philip Ainscough (SJ) <i>Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking</i></p>
<p>Saturday 10 February - St Scholastica 2pm Baptism (SB) 3pm Service for Engaged Couples (Salford Cathedral) 5pm Mass (SB)</p>
<p>Sunday 11 February 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Day of Prayer for the Unemployed and for the Sick and those who care for them</i></p>

Prayers Please

Sick: 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: Joe Flannigan, Bernard Benbow, Karen Storrow, Margaret Garsin, Margaret Gargan, Philip Ainscough, William Egan, Michael Avery, Bernard Coop, Noel O'Reilly, John Wright

Anniversaries: Frank Kilfoyle, Frederick Martin, Betty Finn, Lew Brown

Mass Intentions: Frank Kilfoyle, Joe Flannigan (USA), Bernard Benbow, Frederick Martin, Betty Finn, Rita Brooks (Birthday Remembrance), Lew Brown, Marie Lamoury (Birthday Remembrance), Karen Storrow, Margaret Garsin, Margaret Gargan

Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6): We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

5pm-150; 9am-185; 11am-170; **Total - 505**

Offertory Collection

27/28 January: £934.92

Standing Orders (27 Jan - 1 Feb) -£478

Caritas Collection - £976.07

Cheques: Whilst we are in the process of establishing one new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to **St John's**. Thank you.

St Bakhita Mass

Pray for the Victims of human trafficking and modern-day slavery

Wednesday 7 February 2018

**At St Mary of the Assumption
Todmorden Road, Burnley, BB10 4AU
7.30pm**

**With a presentation afterwards on modern day slavery in East Lancashire
Refreshments provided**

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults is at the heart of the Church's mission. There is no place in the Church, or indeed society, for abuse, which can affect people for their entire lives.

We recognise that with increased reporting and the ongoing national inquiry it has raised awareness of abuse and this may have led individuals to reflect on their own experiences.

The Diocese of Salford encourages all those who have any concerns of abuse past or present by any person connected to the Diocese to report such abuse to either Dawn Lundergan (Safeguarding Co-Ordinator) or Cath Taylor (Safeguarding Officer) via the contact details below:

Phone: 0161 817 2206. E-mail:

dawn.lundergan@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or
catherine.taylor@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Caritas Sunday: Caritas Diocese of Salford are very grateful for parishes across the diocese highlighting their work on Caritas Sunday and for the second collection. Many people from parishes have already come forward to volunteer for local social action projects either one of those run directly by Caritas or run by other organisations.

Closer to home, we are grateful to Julie Summerton, our Caritas Representative, for ensuring information about Caritas was presented to us at the Masses last weekend. Our second collection raised £976.07. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Service of Blessing for Engaged Couples: Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL, on Saturday 10 February at 3pm. Bishop John will be leading a special Service of Blessing for Engaged Couples at Salford Cathedral. This date has been chosen because it is the weekend closest to the feast of St Valentine. During the Celebration, God's particular blessing will be asked upon all couples getting married this year as they enter this final stage of preparation for marriage. This celebration together will be an opportunity to express that joy and offer prayers that the wedding day is truly the beginning of something even more wonderful not just for the engaged couples but for their family and friends and indeed for wider society. We look forward to welcoming all the couples who will be celebrating their marriage in the Diocese this year.



SVP News

Next weekend a member of our parish SVP group will be speaking to us at each of the Masses and information about their work will be made available.

As well as highlighting their work it is an opportunity to encourage new members and also to ask if there are people we know who would benefit from a visit or help.

This is not an appeal for funds.

If you know of anyone throughout our parish who needs help or a visit from the SVP, please get in touch with any member.



Save the Dates

Friday 16 February 2018 - Ceilidh
Tickets are now on sale!

Friday 11 May 2018 - Spring Concert

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 5th May 2018

Led by Bishop John Arnold

If you are interested please contact the parish office on 01204 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk.

Coaches leave around 7am and return around 10pm.

Alternatively, contact 0161 817 2222
E: john.griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Pilgrimage includes - Procession,
Reconciliation and Holy Mass

"When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England"

200 Club

All monies for the next year (£1 per month) will fall due at the beginning of March. It is a simple way to support the parish and perhaps win some money. There are some numbers available if you would like to join. See Frances Smith to join or to pay your subs.

Churches In Harwood Lent Course "Stormbreaker"

7pm-9pm Monday Evenings

19 February - St Brendan's (Harbour Room)

26 February - Longsight Methodist

5 March - Christ's Church

12 March St Brendan's

19 March Longsight Methodist

All welcome to come along and join in these sessions. Refreshments available.

A Lenten Retreat

Accompanying Jesus in the Events of Holy Week

Join us at Wardley Hall for our Lenten retreat

Every Friday 10.30am - 12.30pm

(Tea and coffee provided)

16 February: Palm Sunday & Anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany

23 February: Last Supper - Institution of the Eucharist

2 March: Last Supper - Jesus washes the disciples' feet

9 March: Gethsemane and Arrest

16 March: Trial

23 March: Crucifixion

Using Scripture, poetry, art and/or music, we will pray with the events and people of Holy Week. Sessions will include presentations, individual prayer time and sharing. Suggestions for daily prayer will be provided. Presenters: Sister Joan Kerley, FMSJ and Maria Kidd. To confirm your participation, please contact: Marie Sartini, Bishop's PA, Wardley Hall, Worsley M28 2ND; 0161 794 2825 Email: Marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or Sister Joan Kerley, FMSJ; 0161 971 7842; Email: joankfmsj@gmail.com

Receive - Pentecost Youth Celebration

Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street,
Salford, M3 5LL

Sunday 20th May 2018

2pm- 6.30pm

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" Acts 1:8

Keynote Speaker - Fr Ged Kelly

Led Holy Hour with Music

Workshops

Birthday cake for the Church

Mass at 5.30pm celebrated by

Bishop John Arnold

For more information email:

Lorraine.Leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Urban Outreach: We have received a formal “thank you” for collecting the savoury crackers. 1275 hampers were distributed, meaning that 4110 people had Christmas Dinner on Jesus. There were over 40 churches, agencies and schools involved in pledging different items, a significant number of monetary donations and over 100 volunteers preparing and distributing the hampers. A great community effort.

YCW Action Campaign: Young Christian Workers are involved in a campaign about young people and mental health - MIND! The Gap - and have asked us to make as many young people as possible aware of this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycw-mental-health-survey>

Christian Meditation: The dates for February are Tuesdays (6th, 13th, 20th & 27th) at 2pm and Thursday 15th at 7.15pm (and then 1st March).

Ash Wednesday at Wardley Hall: There will be an exhibition on the Shroud of Turin and a priest available to impart ashes from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Groups need to book (0161 794 2825).

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

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 10/11 Feb		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	S Mikolajewski	TBA
9am (SJ)	A Hayes	F Smith, E Rothwell, A Gracie, P McArdle M Cropper, T Armstrong
11am (SB)	E Rankin	T Smith, J O'Connor T Proctor

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Salford Diocesan 2018 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2018 is the 160th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady to St Bernadette at Lourdes and our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place there from 27 July to 2 August. Perhaps the dates will help with forward planning for those thinking about joining the Parish group to Lourdes this year.

The application forms showing hotel details and prices are not, as yet, available but last year our party stayed at the Hotel Roissy and came back with good reports all round. It makes sense therefore to opt for this hotel again, if it is listed. It will be a popular venue and we will need to get our bookings in as early as possible.

The cost, last year, was £735 per person including Flight and Full Board but with no reduction for children. This year should be similarly priced.

If you are thinking about going please advise Margaret Russell at St John's, Peter Carolan at St Brendan's or myself, also at St Brendan's, as soon as you can, so that we can let you have more accurate information as it becomes available.

On a slightly different note you may wish to know about a voluntary donation fund which was set up some 3 or 4 years ago to enable Canon Michael to discretely offer a subsidy to parents to offset child attendance costs. The fund, however, is now somewhat depleted and further donations would be more than welcome. If you would like to help, please contact either Canon Michael or Fr. Frank.

God Bless. Terry Smith (01204 305832)