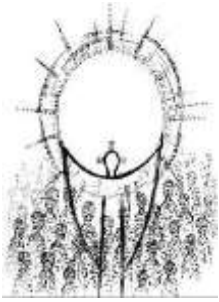


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

6 May 2018

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

There are two obvious themes to today's readings: Saint Peter summarises many of the ideas of Easter - baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God's love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the great discourse at the Last Supper and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus' life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends

Marriage Matters

Called to reflect God's love: "Love one another as I have loved you". With these words Jesus spells out God's plan for marriage. As husband and wife, we are called each day to give our lives to each other as completely as we are able. From today let us decide to reflect this 'sign' of God's love to our children, our family and our friends

Think Vocation

St John tells us that the Lord does the choosing. He sometimes chooses quite unlikely people to serve him in the Church. Let us always be alert when we are speaking of the faith that the Lord may be using us to draw others towards him

Liturgy & Activities This Week	
<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i>	
<i>Sunday Missal: Page 772; Readings: page 775;</i>	
<i>Preface: At priest's choice</i>	
Sunday 6 May	
9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy	
11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy	
2pm Baptism (SJ)	
Monday 7 May	Bank Holiday
9.30am Mass (SB)	
7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday 8 May	
No Mass Today	
7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday 9 May	
9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday 10 May - The Ascension of The Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)	
9.15am Mass (In St Columba's School)	
9.30am (SJ Church)	
11am (SB Church)	
7pm (SJ Church)	
Friday 11 May	
9.30am Mass (SJ)	
7.30pm CAFOD Concert at Dunscair Conservative Club	
Saturday 12 May	
11am Baptism (SB)	
2pm Baptism (SB)	
5pm Mass (SB) <i>A Special Collection will be taken</i>	
Sunday 13 May <i>for World Communications</i>	
9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy	
11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy	
2pm Baptism (SB)	
World Communications Day	

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Prayers Please

Sick: Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Jude McCann Brown, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Father Francis McCauley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 8), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, 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, Marie Williams and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness

Lately Dead: Michael Kelleher, Philip & Marie Derbyshire, Audrey Pawson, Ann Cunliffe, Colin Markland, Andrew Lee, Margaret Knowles, David Attwood

Anniversaries: Joseph Gilmartin

Mass Intentions: Michael Kelleher, Ann Cunliffe, David Attwood, Philip & Marie Derbyshire, Mary Joan Quinn (Birthday Remembrance), A Special Intention, Marie Williams (Sick), Joseph Gilmartin, Audrey Pawson, Mark Villa (Birthday Remembrance)

Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6):

We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work

Hope in the Future

We pray, as one Diocese united in prayer, for the people of the parish of:

St Stephen's, Droylsden and Fr Bernard Wilson their parish priest.

St Anne's, Openshaw and their parish priest Fr Chris Lough.

We pray for the Presentation Sisters and for the primary schools serving these parishes.

May we all pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

26/27 April 5pm-141; 9am-194; 11am- 171
Total-506

Offertory Collection

26/27 April: £1,038.29

Standing Orders (26 Apr-3 May) - £518

Cheques: Whilst we are awaiting our new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to St John's. Thank you.

Financial Summary for April 2018

Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	1914.60
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	3604.23
Standing Orders	2065.75
Piety Stalls, Votives & Almanacs	252.69
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	545.00
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	192.97
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	650.00
Donations	118.06
Restricted Income (Specific Use)	
Mass Intentions	535.00
Money raised for CAFOD	115.30
SVP	35.00
Lourdes Fund	180.00
Ecclesiastical Education Fund	765.38
Total Monthly Income	10973.98
Expenditure	
Church Expenses (both)	3360.42
Presbytery Expenses (both)	1657.89
Clergy Allowances	1439.96
Fundraising/Social Expenses	75.00
Wages (no recharge this month)	0.00
Diocesan Levy (SJ & SB)	4166.00
Restricted Payment	0.00
50% of St Columba Expenses (including Diocesan Levy)	795.18
Total Monthly Expenditure	11494.45
Balance of Income/Expenditure	-520.46

Again, there is an overspend and this does not include the payment of any restricted income received or wages for March & April.



Concert

11 May at Dunscair Conservative Club
(7.30pm)

We have been reminded that all donations to CAFOD before 12 May will be doubled by the Government, so if you wish to give anything more this is a good time to do so.

SVP News

SVP Outing: The Spring outing for the elderly, disabled and housebound will be held on Sunday 3 June at St Joseph's Blackburn. There is a list at the back of each church for those wishing to go on the outing and for those who are able to offer transport.

SVP Sponsored Walk: Will be held on Sunday 1 July. More details to follow soon



Congratulations: To Orla Niamh Wolstenholme who was baptised at St Brendan's Church last Saturday. And to Thomas Alfred McArdle who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

APF Red Mission Boxes: Thank you to all those parishioners who donated to and collected for St Columba's church in the past. The total that has been counted came to £401.57.

Readers' Rota: The rota for June - August is now available to collect from the back of each church. It is also available to view on our parish website by looking under "Liturgy & Activities - Readers List" on the home page.

St John's 200 Club: There are still twenty-five numbers available. Please see Frances Smith if you would like to join or contact the parish office 01204 301927.

Trip to the People's Museum: Departs from St Brendan's at 10am on Wednesday 16 May. We shall leave the Museum at 2.30pm and aim to be back at St Brendan's for 3.15pm. The price is £12 and there are a few places left. (303505)

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 19 May (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is for parents from our parish who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please contact the parish office if you wish to attend on 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk

Needles: The next meeting will be on Monday 14 May. All parishioners are welcome to come and join us. We have cross stitch, embroidery, tapestry as well as knitting and crochet.

Rosary of Light: The Lady's Group at St John Fisher/Schoenstatt are holding a Rosary of Light on Saturday 12 May at St John Fisher's Church in Kearsley. All welcome.

Programme of activity:

10am - Arrival, welcome and refreshments
11am - Formal start and introduction to the day
11.30am - Talk by Fr Reginald
12.30pm - Lunch
1.30pm - Blessed Sacrament Procession from the Shrine to the Church Hall
2pm - Rosary of Lights
4pm - Holy Mass

Lourdes at Home: Lourdes at Home is a series of Marian Devotions at Wardley Hall and Cemetery. They will take place every Thursday in May at 7.30pm. Please see the poster at the back of church.

Receive - Pentecost Youth Celebration: Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL on Sunday 20 May 2018 (2pm-6.30pm) More details can be found on the poster at the back of each church

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine 18 June 2018: Price (£599 per person sharing) includes flights with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, transfers, four nights in Knock House Hotel with full Irish breakfast and four course dinner. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

World Meeting of Families: Pope Francis has now confirmed that he will be attending the World Meeting of Families in Dublin. There are still some places available to accompany Bishop John. The dates are 21 Aug - 27 Aug 2018 (7 days). The cost per person is £690.00 (adults) and £545 (children aged 4 - 12). Contact: formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Vocations Weekend for Young Women (20s and 30s): *Discerning God's Call in My Life* on 25-27 May in Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Thy Kingdom Come - The Global wave of Prayer 10-20 May: *Praying that people come to know Jesus Christ.* At the heart of this global action is the desire that Christians pray in the special days between Ascension and Pentecost; *Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

International Mass at Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL, Saturday 26 May (2pm): This is our second Annual Mass to welcome migrants and celebrate our diversity. To register your attendance please contact Cathedral House on 0161 817 2210 or cathedral@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. All are most welcome

Hope in the Future



Parish Novena to the Holy Spirit

The following Novena is to be said for 9 consecutive days starting on Friday 11 May between Ascension and Pentecost. The daily prayer remains the same but each day there is an opportunity to reflect on the different Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Each day pray for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Lord Jesus, before ascending to your Father you promised to send the Holy Spirit to your disciples. We ask you now to send your Holy Spirit upon our Parish and give us:

The Spirit of Wisdom that we may discern the way forward.

The Spirit of Piety that we may love you with true devotion.

The Spirit of Courage that we may witness to you come what may.

The Spirit of Knowledge that we may know you in friendship and love.

The Spirit of Understanding that our minds will be enlightened by truth.

The Spirit of Counsel that we may choose the right path to follow.

The Spirit of Awe and Wonder that we may be filled with loving reverence for you.

Day 1 (Friday 11 May). Spirit of the Living God, grant us today the gift of Wisdom so that we may work together to make our parish ever more missionary

Followed daily by:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth

Day 2 (Saturday 12 May). Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Spirit of the Living God, grant us today the gift of *Piety* so that we may work together to make our parish ever more missionary

Day 3 (Sunday 13 May). Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Spirit of the Living God, Courage grant us today the gift of *Courage* so that we may work together to make our parish ever more missionary

Day 4 (Monday 14 May). Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Spirit of the Living God, grant us today the gift of *Knowledge* so that we may work together to make our parish ever more missionary.

Day 5 (Tuesday 15 May). Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Spirit of the Living God, grant us today the gift of *Understanding*, so that we may work together to make our parish ever more missionary.

Day 6 (Wednesday 16 May). Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Spirit of the Living God, grant us today the gift of *Counsel*, so that we may work together to make our parish ever more missionary.

Day 7 (Thursday 17 May). Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit Day

Spirit of the Living God, grant us today the gift of *Awe and Wonder*, so that we may work together to make our parish ever more missionary.

Day 8 (Friday 18 May). Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Spirit of the Living God, grant us today the gift of *Healing*, so that we may work together to make our parish ever more missionary.

Day 9 (Saturday 19). Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Spirit of the Living God, grant us today the gift of *Discernment*, so that we may work together to make our parish ever more missionary.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 12/13 May		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Molyneux	TBA
9am (SJ)	P Partington	P McArdle, J Carroll, M Speed, E Rothwell, T Armstrong, A Grundy
11am (SB)	T Proctor	K Wilkinson, J Murphy, P Carolan,

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