




# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

<p><b>27 May 2018 - The Most Holy Trinity</b>  <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i>  <i>Sunday Missal: page 816; Readings page 818;</i>  <i>Preface page 824</i></p>	<p><b>3 June 2018 The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b>  <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i>  <i>Sunday Missal: page 826; Readings page 832; Preface page at</i>  <i>priest's choice</i></p>
 <p>When the Church celebrates the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, it is an attempt to summarise the whole mystery of our God into one day. This is not just a "theological feast" but a feast which should speak to us of this simple fact of faith: the Father loves us, has revealed that love in his Son, and has called into a relationship sustained by the Spirit. It is our joy that, as baptised members of the Church, we can somehow share in that divine life and love which is the Trinity-becoming children of God. God has chosen us, and we are his own people, just as he chose the people of Israel long ago. The mystery of the Trinity is not meant to make this more difficult - on the contrary it is to clarify and summarise all that our faith is about: that we are children - with the Son, in the power of the Spirit - of the one Father.</p>	<p>The key to today's readings is the word "Covenant". A Covenant is a solemn and binding agreement between two parties, which establishes the way in which each party will behave towards the other. It establishes rights and duties and forges a new relationship between two people or groups of people. In the Ancient World, a Covenant was always sealed with a sacrifice and a meal: the sacrifice brought divine blessing on the covenant, and the meal sealed the relationship between the participants. In the Covenant that God forged with his people in the Old Testament, it was expressed very simply: God said, "You will be my people, and I will be your God." God would remain faithful to the people, and they were to remain faithful to God (this is where the commandments come in). This Covenant was sealed in its greatest form on Mount Sinai, as we hear in the first reading. When the Old Covenant had been broken beyond repair, God sent his only Son to establish a New Covenant: the sacrifice and meal of this New Covenant is Calvary and the Last Supper, where Christ is both priest and victim and altar. When we eat and drink this sacred meal at every Mass we are renewed in the New Covenant and the relationship with God, because Calvary and the Upper Room are present once more and the New Covenant is sealed for us anew.</p>
<p><b>Masses, Feasts &amp; Activities</b>  <b>Sunday 27 May</b> Masses 9am (SJ); 11am (SB); 2pm Baptism (SB)  <b>Monday 28 May</b> No Mass Today <b>Bank Holiday</b>  <b>Tuesday 29 May</b> 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB); 7pm Mass (SJ); 7.15pm SVP (SB)  <b>Wednesday 30 May</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ)  <b>Thursday 31 May</b> 9.15am Mass (SB) - <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>; 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)  <b>Friday 1 June</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>St Justin</i>  <b>Saturday 2 June</b> 11am-12noon Adoration &amp; Reconciliation (SJ); 5pm Mass (SB)</p>	<p><b>Masses, Feasts &amp; Activities</b>  <b>Sunday 3 June</b> Masses 9am (SJ); 11am (SB); 1.30pm SVP          Outing to St Joseph's, Audley Range, Blackburn  <b>Monday 4 June</b> 9.30am Mass (SB); 7.45pm SVP (SJ)  <b>Tuesday 5 June</b> 7pm Mass (SJ); 7.15pm SVP (SB) - <i>St Boniface</i>  <b>Wednesday 6 June</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ)  <b>Thursday 7 June</b> 9.15am Mass (SB)  <b>Friday 8 June</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>  <b>Saturday 9 June</b> 5pm Mass (SB) - <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></p>
<p><b>Think Vocation:</b> "Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". Water is life giving and life taking. Baptism is also a matter of life and death. By dying to ourselves we rise to the promise of eternal life offered in Christ. Through this life-giving water we receive the Holy Spirit and became children of God the Father through faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p><b>Think Vocation:</b> "This is my body...this is my blood." These words of Christ said by the priest at Mass remind us that the Eucharist is an incredible gift from Christ to his Church. May we never take for granted the great gift of the Eucharist nor may we never take for granted the need to pray for and encourage vocations to the sacred priesthood.</p>
<p><b>Marriage Matters - The Blessed Trinity is an intimate love relationship:</b> Jesus summarises the commandments: love God and your neighbour. The intimacy of married love has this high calling: wholly love God and love each other, we are one another's closest neighbour. It is said that married love most closely reveals the love relationships in the Trinity: three persons in one God, calls us to be two persons in one flesh.</p>	<p><b>Marriage Matters - A promise of eternal life:</b> Today, the letter to the Hebrews speaks of a new covenant, a new promise of eternal life. We became a new covenant when we promised to be a married couple on our wedding day. We renew our married covenant each time we nourish and feed each other in our relationship with acts and words of tender kindness.</p>

### 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, Aaron Moulin and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness

**Lately Dead:** Alex Banerjee, Margaret Gubbins, Marie Williams, John Harte

**Anniversaries:** Bernadette Walmsley, Rosemary Atkins, Margaret Riley

**Mass Intentions:** Bernadette Walmsley, Margaret Gargan, Aron Moulin (sick), John Harte, Alex Banerjee, Mary & Philip Marshall (Birthday Remembrance) Rosemary Atkins, Eileen Dearden (Birthday Remembrance), Margaret Riley

#### Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6):

We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers

### Hope in The Future

26/27 May 2018

On the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity we pray for the parish of Christ the King, Newton Heath with Canon Alan Denny and the parishes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St John Bosco, Blackley with Fr Philip Brady. We pray for their primary schools.

**May God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit guide us on our Diocesan Journey**

2/3 June 2018

We pray for the parish of Our Lady and St John, Chorlton -cum- Hardy with Fr Patrick McMahon, and the parish of St Ambrose, Chorlton with Fr William Foley. We remember also in our cycle of prayer their primary schools.

**May Jesus in the Holy Eucharist enrich our parishes to be the place where we become what we receive.**

## SVP News

**Destitution Project:** We will be holding our usual parish collection of items for the Destitution Project throughout June. A list of items can be found on the church notice boards. Everything we are kind enough to send really does help to make a difference, and the centre is always very grateful for all that we do.

**SVP Outing:** The Spring outing for the elderly, disabled and housebound will be 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. Details are on the posters at the back of each church.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 2/3 June		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	M Maybury	TBA
9am (SJ)	M Parkinson	J Carroll, M Russell, F Smith, A Rawlinson, A Gracie, M Speed
11am (SB)	C Owen	P Brennan, M Durkan, C Owen
Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 9/10 June		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	L Lamoury	TBA
9am (SJ)	F Carter	M Cropper, M Speed, T Armstrong, A Gracie, M Russell, F Smith
11am (SB)	M Durkan	T Proctor, T Smith, J O'Connor

### Facts and Figures

#### Mass Attendance

5pm-91; 9am-184; 11am-151; Total - 426

#### Offertory Collection

19/20 May: £902.30

Standing Orders (18 May-23 May) - £110

**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.

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**Christian Meditation:** The dates for May are: 29th May and Thursday 31st May. The group meets in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's and all are most welcome.

**Early notice for Book Club.** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 30 May. The novel for discussion is *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin. Please note we now start at 1pm and finish 2.30-2.45pm to avoid school traffic jams! All are welcome.

**Youth Loneliness Seminar:** Youth Loneliness is a growing problem and is quickly becoming a hot topic appearing in the national press. St Michael and St Bernadette's Parish, have joined up with MMU and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street to explore this issue further. If anybody would like to attend this seminar, please contact Neill Watkins via [lonelinessconnects@gmail.com](mailto:lonelinessconnects@gmail.com). The event will be held on Saturday 23rd June (10am - 4pm) at St Bernadette's & St Michael's, Ribble Drive, Whitefield, Manchester M45 8JN. Please see the poster on the notice boards.

**Celebrating 60 years of the Diocese of Salford Catholic Fellowship:** Come and Join the Diocese of Salford Catholic Fellowship (for people with sensory, physical and learning disabilities, their families and friends) at the Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL on Saturday 2 June (2pm) to celebrate 60 years of service in the Diocese of Salford. The Catholic Fellowship give support and welfare to children and adults which physical, sensory and learning disabilities and this celebration will be looking back with *Joy* and looking forward in *Hope* that such service may continue and evolve to suit the needs in our communities today. There will be a Mass at 2pm concelebrated by Bishop John with other priests who are associated with the Fellowship.

**Come and Join Us:** Tea and coffee is always served after the Sunday Masses at St John's (9am) and St Brendan's (11am). All very welcome!

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Pastoral Letter of the Right Reverend John Arnold Bishop of Salford  
Read in all Churches on the weekend of 19th/20th May, the Feast of Pentecost

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is plenty of scriptural evidence to suggest that the disciples were left with a degree of confusion as Jesus departed from them at His Ascension. Having been able to get used to his return to them after the resurrection, they would again have seen him as their leader, guide and decision-maker. How relieved they must have been after the traumatic events of Good Friday and their sense of loss. But now, suddenly, he announces that he is going and, rather more alarmingly, he leaves them with a mission “to go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news and baptise...” What on earth would they have made of that? Jesus had sent them out on a local mission before, but now they are to be alone and left with the command to go out to the whole world. But of course, they are not to be alone. Jesus has told them that he will be with them always and he will send the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who will remind them of all that he has said to them and lead them in all truth. I think that we must allow for some sense of bewilderment on the part of the disciples as to who this Advocate might be and how it will all work out. God has His plan but the disciples and all of us as their descendants, are to have the privilege and the challenge of putting that plan into action. Pope Francis, in all of his letters to us, most particularly in his most recent “Gaudete et Exsultate” (Rejoice and be Glad) reminds us of our personal involvement in making Christ present in our world and continuing His work through our personal holiness and action. I am very pleased and grateful to see how the people of this Diocese are responding to that invitation. Our pastoral project “Hope in the Future” is being interpreted in so many different and exciting ways in our parishes and we are certainly building that sense of mission and purpose which not only strengthens our parish communities but also has an impact on our wider neighbourhoods, particularly for the benefit of the poor, the marginalised and the isolated. While we have seen many Catholics drift away from any attachment to a parish, even among our family members, there is every reason to believe that people will want to return when they recognise that Faith has an essential place in our lives and is not something that can be replaced by money, material goods and a very superficial sense of having fun. I am also very grateful for the efforts of so many people to adjust to the amalgamation of parishes, even where this has included the closure of churches. The call to mission, throughout the centuries, has always meant the need to change and to step out into the unknown. But we must also remember that much remains the same in all that we believe and understand that we are called to be and to do. On the Monday following this Feast of Pentecost, Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate a new Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church”. Mary, from the moment of the Annunciation, must have lived with the confusion of all that was asked of her: The birth of Jesus, the exile in Egypt, the constant movement of His ministry, His death and Resurrection. How important it is to keep her with us in our journey, with its demands and uncertainty. The Lord has told us that He remains with us always. So does Mary, the most faithful of His disciples. God bless you for all that you are doing to build, strengthen and renew our Faith. We travel together and ask “Stay with us Lord on our journey” as we build and strengthen our Church for future generations

Yours devotedly,

+John Bishop of Salford