

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

10 June 2018

The Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



The readings for this Sunday show us both the alienation brought about by sin, and the merciful love and power of our Lord, who forgives, redeems and brings us to eternal glory. We hear of the story of Adam and Eve's sin of disobedience and unbelief, and how it separates them from God, from their home with God, and from one another. But St Paul tells us that, for those who believe in him, Jesus's rising from the dead becomes the way to eternal life with him, restoring the relationship of humankind with God. The Psalm is the plea for mercy of a sinner who knows he or she can rely on the Lord, who reveres the Lord for his forgiveness and love. In the Gospel we see that what Jesus says and does confounds the expectations of the people around him. He may also disconcert us. This week we pray to grasp, deep in our hearts, the love and forgiving mercy of God. We ask for openness, and a willingness to be surprised, as we seek to do all that God wants of us.

Think Vocation

We pray to the Lord that we may have priests and consecrated religious to show us the Lord's kindness.

Marriage Matters

Together in Christ: Blaming each other is easy when pressures and emotions are running high. We too can feel exposed and naked in our hurry to justify ourselves, just like Adam and Eve when they were 'in trouble'. Never forget the fact that God's grace is continually being poured upon us through our Sacrament of Marriage and the sacramental life of the Church.

Liturgy & Activities This Week	
<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i>	
Sunday Missal: Page 268; Readings: page 271; <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i>	
Sunday 10 June	
9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy <i>St John's Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	
Monday 11 June - <i>St Barnabas</i>	
9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday 12 June	
2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday 13 June - <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	
9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday 14 June - <i>The Dedication of The Cathedral</i>	
9.30am (SJ)	
Friday 15 June	
9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday 16 June	
10am First Communion Mass for St Columba's (SB) 5pm Mass (SB) <i>A Special Collection will be</i>	
Sunday 17 June <i>taken for Day for Life</i>	
9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy	

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Prayers Please

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends.

Lately Dead: Molly Eastham (Livesey)

Anniversaries: Brendan Gilmartin, Robert Healey, Gladys Hall, Patrick O'Donnell

Other Mass Intentions: Winifreda Meadows (Birthday Remembrance), Rose Murphy, Valerie Piddock, Lucy Horrocks

Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (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

As we journey together in Hope as a Diocese we pray for the parishes of:

St Anne's, Crumpsall with Fr David Glover, and for the parish of St Clare, Higher Blackley and the Franciscan community. Let us pray for the Good Shepherd Sisters and their life and work. We also pray for their primary schools.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

26/27 May: 5pm-122; 9am-168; 11am- 151

Total-441

2/3 June: 5pm-113; 9am-178; 11am- 135

Total-426

Offertory Collection

26/27May: £925.98

Standing Orders (21 May-28 May) - £160

2/3 June: £905.64

Standing Orders (29 May-7 June) - £568

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

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Financial Summary for April 2018

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Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	1,531.60
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	2,634.12
Standing Orders	2,590.75
Piety Stalls, Votives & Almanacs	267.97
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	270.00
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	108.81
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	70.00
Donations	48.00
Fuel Credit & Council Tax refund	235.69
Restricted Income (Specific Use)	
Mass Intentions	471.00
Money raised for CAFOD	748.65
Ecclesiastical Education Fund	150.00
World Communications Day	455.60
Total Monthly Income	9,582.19
Expenditure	
Church Expenses (both)	5,027.58
Presbytery Expenses (both)	3,259.81
Clergy Allowances	790.29
Wages (no recharge this month)	0.00
SVP	399.00
St Columba Expenses	152.37
Total Monthly Expenditure	9,629.05
Balance of Income/Expenditure	-46.86

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

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.

Annual Family Sponsored Walk: The sponsored walk will take place on Sunday 1 July. The event starts and finishes at St John's church and refreshments will be available. If you would like to help raise money for local families and people in need then please take a sponsor form and come and join in. It is a great chance for families to help families!

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): Following this new regulation coming into force, we are now following advice from the Diocese about what information we can publish. There will be a statement shortly (from the Diocese) giving further information about this. In the meantime, we are no longer able to print names of the sick and housebound of the parish unless permission has been obtained from that person. If a Mass Intention has been handed in for a sick person, their name can be published in the Mass intentions but without indicating they are sick.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Wednesday 25 July (7pm-8.30pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan'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

The Harbour Room Book Club: Is having a Summer Book Sale after Masses on 14/15 July. These will take place outside St Brendan's church after the 5pm Vigil Mass and the 11am Sunday morning Mass. Donations of books are very welcome and can be stored in the Harbour Room. **Please note that we can only accept paperbacks.** Books will be sold for 50p each or 3 for a £1. All proceeds go to Church funds and a named Charity. Please buy your summer reading from us! Plenty of bargains!

Meet the Author events for the Summer at Bolton Library:

Monday 18 June (6.30pm-8pm) Katherine Clements author of *The Coffin Path* and Beth Underdown author of *The Witchfinder's Sister* (Book Club selection for next Season).

Monday 23 (1pm-2.30pm) Shari Lapena author of *An Unwanted Guest*.

Coming in September - Kate Atkinson

All events are free and tea/coffee provided. If you are interested ring directly to book on 01204 332853 or ring me (Madeleine 303505) and I'll book for you.

Fair Trade: There will be Fair Trade goods on sale after each service this weekend. As world refugee week approaches this is a great way to make a contribution to help to reduce economic inequality in the world and help to provide sustainable futures for those in developing countries.

Christian Meditation: Will be held in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's on Tuesday 12 and 19 June and Thursday 21 June. All Welcome!

St John's Music Group: A small group of parishioners enjoy supporting the Sunday liturgy by playing and singing. We have short practices after the 9am Mass to learn new hymns and harmonies. We are looking for new members to join us as Jim has just moved to Our Lady of Lourdes parish and not all of us can make each service. We would welcome new singers and instrumentalists as it is a great way to develop confidence by playing as part of a group. If you are interested please speak to any member of the group after Mass or contact Martin at martincroe@ntlworld.com or 01204 591693.

Annual Deanery Mass for the Deceased: This will be held at Heaton Cemetery on Wednesday 17 July at 7.30pm for all the deceased relatives and friends of those in the St Joseph's Deanery. In the event of rain, the Mass will be celebrated at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Lonsdale Road, BL1 4PN.

Music Ministry Training Day: At the Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford St, Salford, M3 6DP on Saturday 14 July (10.30am- 4.30pm). A day for Singers, Organists, Musicians and Musical Directors from around the Diocese. The programme starts at 10.30am (with tea and coffee) followed by 10.50am talk, 11.50am lunch, 12.30pm workshops (1) 1.30pm workshops (2) 2.30pm tea & coffee and 2.45pm is the preparation for Mass at 3.30pm. The Admission Free but please bring a packed lunch. Register by emailing: hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Youth Pilgrimage to Rome: We have exciting plans for February 2019 with a Youth Pilgrimage to Rome! The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop John and will run from 16th February until 23rd February. The pilgrimage is available for over 18s. The cost of the pilgrimage is £690 and this includes flights, full board accommodation and insurance. For more information please phone Tracey Ward on 0161 817 2222 or email tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 16/17 June		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Molyneux	TBA
9am (SJ)	H O'Donnell	P McArdle, A Rawlinson, M Speed, E Rothwell, T Armstrong, A Grundy
11am (SB)	T Regan	T Smith, J O'Connor, T Proctor

Loneliness Connects Us Seminar

Loneliness is an issue of our time. Newspaper reports from earlier this year suggest we are facing a loneliness epidemic. According to a recent study by the Red Cross, more than nine million adults in the UK are often or always lonely. As we become older it can become harder to make friends or time and distance means we see people less.

But loneliness is not dictated to by age. Many of our younger people are living in a world defined by likes, shares and retweets. Recent studies have shown that those who spend a large proportion of time on Social Media are more likely to suffer from low esteem and anxiety. The platforms that were designed to connect, are now adding to feelings of isolation or provide pressure to conform or appear popular. The campaigning and advocacy of groups like the Jo Cox Commission is ensuring loneliness is finally being taken seriously. The Government have appointed a Minister for Loneliness; and there is a growing trend to highlight the issue in the media. We all feel lonely sometimes and it can affect us to varying degrees but it is important that we recognise when do feel lonely and look for the help and support that is out there.

Whether old or young, most people have a strong need to feel a sense of belonging and connection with like-minded others. Communities can provide a sense of identity and belonging, which protects people from feeling lonely or isolated in times of change. Having a hub of people with shared experiences, passions or culture, having a hub of people to connect with is good for our health and well-being.

The first step to end loneliness is to show we care. That is why along with Caritas we are supporting the Loneliness Connects Us Seminar, 23 June, at St Michael's Hall, Whitefield. The aim is to raise the awareness of loneliness, by participating and creating an environment where young and older people and professionals in health care, can share ideas and create projects to end Loneliness.

The *Loneliness Connects Us* project is youth co-research project, developed by MMU and 42nd Street, to bring the voice of young people into the growing conversation about youth loneliness and answer these questions.

For more information on this event and to register please follow this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/loneliness-connects-us-seminar-tickets-45481045030>