

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

17 June 2018

The Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



**It is the smallest of the seeds,
yet it grows into the biggest
shrub of them all.**

How does a tree grow? The scientists can give us their answers, but the miracle of life on our earth, in all its dazzling complexity and variety is exactly that - a miracle. God is responsible for the miracle of Nature and growth - how, we don't know, but we accept God's guiding hand as a fact of our faith. This mysterious growth in Nature is used as a parable today, for the life of the Church and the Kingdom of God. Just as a seed, planted and watered, turns by miraculous processes into something different and bigger and beautiful, so the seed of the Gospel will grow into something else, by some means we can never fully understand. And that is the grace of God, encouraging, prompting and helping all men and women of good will to swell the coming Kingdom of our God.

Think Vocation

Like the mustard seed, a vocation can grow from something very small. We should always be aware of how some small act of kindness or encouragement done with love in the name of the Lord can make a huge difference to people's lives. The Lord can constantly use us to build up his Kingdom.

Marriage Matters

The seed that grows to become a shelter: Each of us has a 'seed' of love in us at our birth. This is fostered as we grow to value others through our relationships. Learning to love ourselves and each other more deeply helps our seeds of love to swell. Eventually our unified love becomes a 'shelter' for our children, our families and all those whose lives we touch.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: Page 278; Readings: page 281; <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i>	
Sunday 17 June - Father's Day 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy <i>Day for Life: A Special Collection will be taken for Day for Life</i> <i>[More information about this can be found on the back page of the newsletter]</i>	
Monday 18 June 9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday 19 June 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) No Evening Mass 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday 20 June No Mass Today	
Thursday 21 June - St Aloysius Gonzaga 9.15am Mass (SB) 1.45pm Funeral for John Carr (Bolton Parish Church) 7pm CAFOD Group Meeting (SB) 7.15pm Christian Meditation (SB)	
Friday 22 June - St John Fisher & St Thomas More 9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday 23 June 10.30am First Communion Mass (SB) 5pm Mass (SB)	
Sunday 24 June - The Nativity of St John The Baptist 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm First Communion Mass (SJ)	

Priest: Rev Francis Parkinson

Parish Office: St John's Presbytery, The Crescent, Bromley Cross, Bolton BL7 9JP

Tel: 01204 301927 **E-mail:** office@sbsj.org.uk

Website: www.sbsj.org.uk

Salford Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered Charity - 250037

Diocesan website: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Prayers Please
<p>We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends.</p> <p>Bernard Holder.</p>
<p>Lately Dead: John Carr, Beryl Duncan, Molly Eastham (Livesey), Susan Lyon</p>
<p>Anniversaries: Walter Mariner, Barbara Hollinshead, Edna Brooks, Denis O'Toole, Guy Warburton, Georgette Kosecki, John Crowley</p>
<p>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</p>
Hope in the Future
<p>As a Diocese united in prayer we pray for the parish of: St Bernadette, Withington, with Fr Colin Wright, and the parish of St Bernard, Burnage with Mgr Michael Kujacz, and Fr John Coe. We remember all the young people and staff in their parish primary schools and Loreto High School as well as the Marist Sisters.</p> <p>On this day for life we pray that our parishes may be beacons of hope promoting the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.</p>
Facts and Figures
<p>Mass Attendance 9/10 June: 5pm-114; 9am-167; 11am- 148 Total-429</p>
<p>Offertory Collection 9/10 June: £947.14 Standing Orders (8 -14 June) - £1,195.75</p> <p>Cheques: Whilst we are awaiting our new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to St John's. Thank you.</p>

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.

John Carr RIP: The funeral for John Carr will take place of Thursday 21 June at Bolton Parish Church (1.45pm) with a private committal afterwards.

Thornleigh Tanzania Appeal: At our Masses next weekend (23/24 June), two students from Thornleigh Sixth Form, will give a short talk and make an appeal for their forthcoming visit to Tanzania in July.

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

Coming in September - Kate Atkinson

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

Christian Meditation: Will be held in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's on Tuesday 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 and 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.

St John's 200 Club
The June winners are:
£50 D O'Kane (171)
£25 M Glynn (131)



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, Musical Directors from around the Diocese and anyone interested in music. 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 is 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

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

SVP News

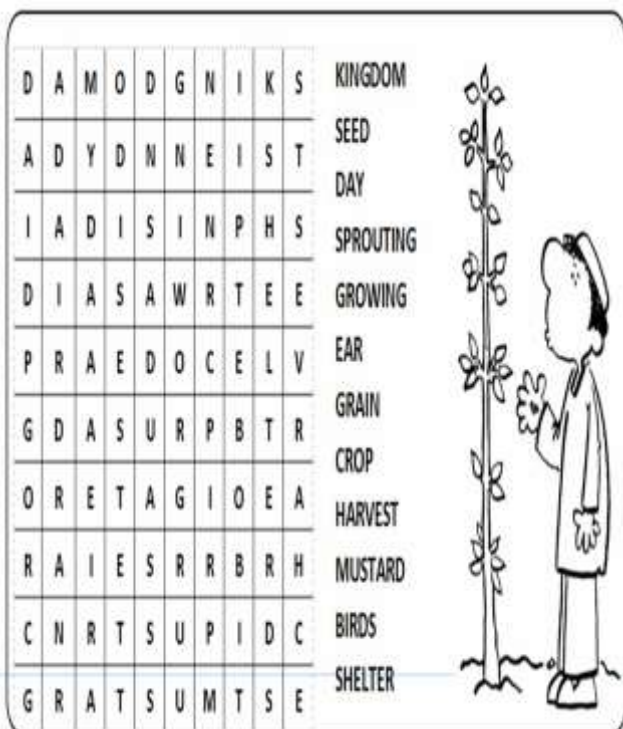
Destitution Project: The parish collection of items for the Destitution Project continues throughout June. A list of items can be found on the church notice boards. Everything we are kind enough to send really does help to make a difference, and the centre is always very grateful for all that we do.

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!

Manchester Chamber Choir: Perform Rachmaninov Vespers at Salford Cathedral on Saturday 23 June (7.30pm). Tickets are £14 for adults, £12 for concessions and £5 for Students. There is also a discount when bought online at www.manchesterchamberchoir.org.uk

Happy Father's Day

Today is a chance to remember our fathers, living or deceased, and to thank God for the love shown to us through them.



Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 23/24 June

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Holmes	TBA
9am (SJ)	E Rothwell	M Russell, M Speed, A Gracie, F Smith, S May, M Cropper
11am (SB)	C Bridge	J O'Connor, T Proctor T Smith,

This Newsletter is sponsored by
HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE
Peel House
63R Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton.
BL1 7AL
01204 309609



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MODERN SLAVERY

Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

Jesus tells us, “I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10 NJB). But many people do not have life to the full. They have fallen victim to the scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery which are an assault on a person’s innate human dignity. People are not commodities to be traded ruthlessly for criminal profit. Indeed, this is something that is happening in communities across our country, not just in our big cities. It’s not only happening in brothels and nail bars, but on farms, building sites and factories as well. Nor is this a problem confined to immigrant communities, it is affecting our own citizens too. Trafficking is a growing problem and the UN estimates that over 40 million people worldwide are in slavery. In the UK alone, it is estimated that every year there are over 13,000 victims of trafficking from all countries. Criminals exploit some of the most vulnerable and desperate people. We can act together to stop this. It is a crime hidden in plain sight, it’s difficult to investigate, and the police need our help to identify and stop the traffickers and rescue and support the victims.

Caritas (Diocese of Salford) Anti-Trafficking, in partnership with the Santa Marta Group and the Medaille Trust, is seeking support from parishioners to raise awareness on human trafficking and modern-day slavery throughout the Diocese. Our awareness campaign aims to provide much needed intelligence to the Greater Manchester Police and Lancashire Police by alerting them to instances where something doesn’t look right and may indicate an incidence of human trafficking.

The Medaille Trust (in partnership with Caritas) is the largest provider of safe house accommodation for victims of trafficking in the UK and has two safehouses in our diocese. There are copies of the newsletters from the Medaille Trust available for you to read, or there is more information on the Day for life website dayforlife.org or medaille-trust.org.uk

The proceeds of the Day for Life collection to be held in parishes is used for the promotion of the dignity of the human person. Money collected for Day for Life will be used to fund projects that support work in this area by organisations which further this objective. Your donation is greatly appreciated.