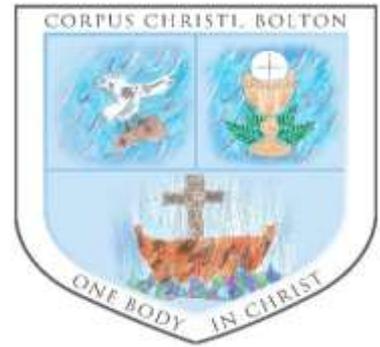


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

1 July 2018

Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time



Today we are invited to marvel at one of the most dramatic and amazing of the Lord's miracles - the raising back to life of the daughter of Jairus. The story is told with a level of emotional realism: the calm faith but dreadful fear of Jairus, the servants who bring the news of his daughter's death, the calm reassurance of Jesus and even the laughter of the servant who mock Jesus; all these make this a story that can engage us and speak to us. And what it says is something profound: all the miracles of the Lord proclaim the Kingdom of God - the world the way God wants it to be. God does not want us to die: death is not part of God's plan for us. This is reinforced by the unfamiliar first reading from the book of Wisdom, which opens our listening to God's Word today with the dramatic phrase: "Death was not God's doing." God created us to live forever, and the raising of Jairus' daughter to life is a vivid and outstanding proclamation of this truth.

Marriage Matters

The triumph of love over fear: The love that a married couple have for one another gives them the strength to overcome together the situations that occur in their life. Whether it is illness, difficult relationships with children or parents, unemployment, work issues or financial worries, Jesus tells us not to be afraid but to trust and have faith in each other and in Him.

Think Vocation

We pray to the Lord for the faith to accept the healing power of Jesus, who wants to remove every obstacle to the response of men and women chosen to follow Him as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: Page 297; Readings page 300 <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i>	
Sunday 1 July	9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy
Monday 2 July	9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)
Tuesday 3 July - St Thomas	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)
Wednesday 4 July	9.30am Mass (SJ)
Thursday 5 July	9.15am Mass (SB)
Friday 6 July	9.30am Mass (SJ)
Saturday 7 July	11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy <i>A Special Collection will be taken</i>
Sunday 8 July	<i>for Apostleship of the Sea</i> 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy Sea Sunday

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Prayers Please

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

Bernard Holder.

Lately Dead: John Carr, Susan Lyon

Anniversaries: Marie Corner, Lucy Hesford, James Hargreaves

Mass Intentions: A Special Intention, John Carr, Lucy Hesford

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

In union with Bishop John, let us pray for the people of the parish of St Michael and St Bernadette, Whitefield, and for Canon Steven Parkinson. We pray also for Fr Ian Farrell and the parish of St Joseph's Longsight and for the Little Sisters of the Poor and those they serve. We pray for their parish primary schools.

May the Lord stay with us on our Journey

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

23/24 June: 5pm-119; 9am-160; 11am - 118
Total -397

Offertory Collection

23/24 June: £1,285.86
Standing Orders (22-28 June) - £100

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

SVP News

Destitution Project: Thank you for all your donations. 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: Takes place this Sunday (1 July). The event starts and finishes at St John's church and refreshments will be available. It's not too late to take part or to sponsor someone who is walking. All proceeds go towards helping local families in need.

Thornleigh Tanzania Appeal (Thankyou): I'm just writing on behalf of myself and Lucy for the opportunity to speak to parishioners last weekend. It was deeply humbling to listen to the advice and stories shared with us after our talk. We were able to raise an outstanding £1,278.97 in total which will provide both Lucy and myself with the funds to reach our total and send us to Tanzania. Thank you to everyone who donated and for giving us the opportunity to speak, we look forward to speaking again when we return from Tanzania and sharing our experience with everyone. *Sam and Lucy*

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: Many thanks to all our members who made our Suffragette themed meeting so enjoyable! Congratulations to our raffle winners. Here are the novels voted "best reads" this year:

1. *Orphan train* by C.B. Kline.
2. *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin.
3. *Nora Webster* by Colm Toibin, *The Light between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman and *The Kashmir Shawl* by Rosie Thomas, all shared third place. Have a lovely Summer and we meet again on 26 September.

Please remember our Summer Book Sale after Masses at St Brendan's on 14/15 July. All proceeds go to Church funds and a named Charity. Please buy your summer reading from us! Plenty of bargains!

Faith and Science: An opportunity to discuss the relationship between faith and science. From Faith to Experience: taking a further look at natural theology. Our starting point will be the comment made by Cardinal Newman: "I believe in design because I believe in God; not in a God because I see design." We will consider how Alister McGrath and John Polkinghorne have developed a natural theology, which moves from God to man rather than in the reverse direction. We will conclude by exploring Polkinghorne's thinking about science and the Trinity utilising such an interpretative framework. All welcome
Date: 18th July

Time: 7pm-9pm

Venue: The Becket Suite, St Thomas of Canterbury, 132 Lonsdale Road, Heaton, Bolton. BL1 4PN.

APF Red Box Collection: The next “gather-in” of Red boxes and donations will be after 9am Mass at St John’s on Sunday 15 July. *Thank you*

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.

Caritas Vacancy - Housing Support Workers
 Caritas are recruiting for an exciting new project working to address homelessness in Manchester and Bury.
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Quiet Prayer: Will be introduced at St Brendan’s Church on Mondays and Wednesdays (3pm-4pm) starting 2 July. This will be term time only and all are most welcome to call in.

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.

References: Over the course of a year I receive a good number of requests for job references. I am always happy to supply these as part of the recruitment process. However, lately I have received a number of such requests for people whose names I do not recognise. When this happens, I can only respond to the school to say that I am unable to help. I do point out that I might know the person by sight but not their name and so, if the school is interested in appointing them, they should ask the applicant to make themselves known to me. If you do want me to supply a reference for a job, please contact me either in person or by contacting the parish office. Thank you. *Fr Parkinson*

Our Lady Rosa Mystica: The purpose of this devotion is to pray for priests and an increase in vocations. It will be held on Saturday 14 July at St Mary’s, Standishgate, Wigan. Holy Mass will be at 12noon followed by devotions, a procession and Benediction at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch (tea and drinks are available in the Parish Hall). All welcome.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 7/8 July		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	A Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	P Partington	J Carroll, M Russell, S May, A Rawlinson, A Gracie, M Speed
11am (SB)	M Durkan	J Murphy, P Carolan, K Wilkinson

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Hope in the Future for Schools - Beacons of Hope

On Tuesday 26th June 2018, Hope in the Future was launched in all of our diocesan schools and colleges at an event which celebrated the gifts and talents of children and young people. This year's theme was Developing Parish Communities: 'Beacons of Hope'. Those present were invited to explore the ideas that surround the '7 steps' from school to parishes. These steps aim to promote the closer involvement of our schools and young people in parish life.

The day finished with a 'Liturgy of Mission' led by Bishop John who reminded all present that we are all ambassadors of Christ with our own purpose to fulfil. He went on to talk about the connectedness of Parishes and Schools, and that together, we can do great things to bring the energy of the gospel to life as missionary disciples. To evidence the link between our parishes and schools, each school was presented with a blessed framed San Damiano Cross and prayer cards. On returning to school the Chaplaincy Teams launched Hope in the Future in their school communities and started looking at ways to work more closely with their parish. All three of our primary schools and Thornleigh were all in attendance at this event.

Below is a brief summary of the *7 Steps from School to Parish* from the Developing Parishes framework:

STEP 1 - LINKING WITH THE COMMUNITY - This step is designed to enable schools to have a close contact with their parish even though they may be geographically at a distance.

STEP 2 - TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE - The appropriate activities of Step 1 can continue. In this step the pupils take a more active role in the life of the parish community.

STEP 3 - UNDERSTANDING PARISH STRUCTURES - This step aims to help the young people get to know and understand the structure of the parish and how it works.

STEP 4 - TAKING A LITURGICAL LEAD - This step looks at ways in which the pupils might lead aspects of the liturgical life of the parish.

STEP 5 - LEADING PRAYER - This step focuses on the pupils leading and facilitating new initiatives in the prayer life of the parish.

STEP 6 - FOSTERING SPIRITUAL GROWTH - This step looks at fostering the growth of young people in the parish by inviting them to be part of the Parish Council.

STEP 7 - JOINING THE TEAM - Joining the "Hope in the Future" parish team (along with a parent).

