

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

8 July 2018

Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time



A prophet's job is to open people's eyes to the reality of their situation - pointing out to them the things they would rather forget or ignore. A prophet is a sort of "national conscience", always awake to situations of injustice and always speaking out about them. A prophet is

commissioned to do this by God, who sends the prophet on his mission Jesus is just such a prophet - teaching and preaching about the Kingdom of God and the best way to live. Despite the welcome his message has received elsewhere, when he comes to his hometown he is faced with rejection -such that "he was amazed at their lack of faith." It is curious is that they seem to accept his wisdom, and his miracles, but because he grew up among them they cannot accept him as a teacher from God. We should remember that it is often hardest to stand up for the truth among those who know us well.

Marriage Matters

Recognizing our real beauty: When we married we became, together, a 'prophet', not predicting the future, but proclaiming the good news of marriage, here and now. Yet, there are times when we feel sorry for ourselves, blaming each other. Let's admit our own faults and weaknesses and remind one another of the beautiful qualities we found when we first fell in love.

Think Vocation

"This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary." Sometimes our remarks and comments can stifle confidence in other people. We do not see the potential a person has as God sees. When we speak to other people let's be encouraging and uplifting. We should be gently striving for each person to become the person God wants them to be.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: Page 297; Readings page 300 <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i>
Sunday 8 July 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy <i>A Special Collection will be taken for Apostleship of the Sea</i>
Monday 9 July 9.30am Mass (SB) 1pm Wedding Service for Marc Fontes De Mello and Agnieszka Zaperta (SJ) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)
Tuesday 10 July 12noon Requiem Mass for Mark O'Brien (SB) 7.15pm SVP (SB)
Wednesday 11 July - St Benedict 9.30am Mass (SJ) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Europe</i>
Thursday 12 July 9.15am Yr2 Mass (SB) - Celebration of KS1 years
Friday 13 July 9.30am Requiem Mass for Paul Handley (SJ)
Saturday 14 July 5pm Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy
Sunday 15 July 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.

Bernard Holder.

Lately Dead: Eileen Wakes Mark O'Brien, Winifred McKenna, Alice Guanieri, Paul Handley

Anniversaries: Eileen Dearden, Josephine Westley, Michael Hayes

Mass Intentions: Christine Hargrave (Birthday Remembrance Eileen Wakes, Alice Guanieri Eileen Dearden, Josephine Westley, Michael Hayes

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 part of our diocesan journey with Hope in the Future, we pray the parish of St Margaret Mary's, New Moston with Fr Starkie and the Manchester Ordinariate Mission. We pray for the parish of St Patrick, Collyhurst, and for Fr Jim Clarke. We pray for the Presentation Sisters, the sisters of Evron and the brothers Missionaries of Charity and for the primary schools of those parishes. May God guide and inspire their missionary efforts

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

30June/1 July: 5pm-103; 9am-180; 11am-124
Total -407

Offertory Collection

30June/1 July: £1,122.78

Standing Orders (29 June - 5 July) - £492

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

Today is Sea Sunday: When the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk. Thank you.

Congratulations: To Lennon Seals who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family continue to grow in faith.

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

Keys Found: A set of keys were found last week on St Brendan's car park. Please contact the parish office if you think they are yours.

The Harbour Room Book Club Charity Book Sale: Please support our Book Sale on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday July 14th/15th after the 5pm and 11am Masses at St Brendan's. All paperbacks are 50p each or 3 for a £1. Plenty of summer reading! All the proceeds this year go to church funds and the Air Ambulance Service (North). (Last day for donating books is Saturday morning of the 14th in the Harbour Room). Thank you.

Quiet Prayer: continues at St Brendan's Church on Mondays and Wednesdays (3pm-4pm) until 20 July. This will be term time only and all are most welcome to call in.

Spanish Mass: To celebrate the Feast of St James on the 25 July, 7.30pm in St James' Church, Monserrat Rd, Johnson Fold, BL1 5TX. All are welcome! This will be an opportunity for all who speak Spanish as their first language and all who enjoy learning Spanish to celebrate Mass in Spanish. Food will be available after Mass.

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: 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

Salford Lourdes Pre-departure Mass: At Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE on Sunday 22 July at 5.30pm. We warmly invite members of our pilgrimage community, past and present, to join us at Salford Cathedral for Holy Mass as we gather together in preparation for our departure to Lourdes for our 86th diocesan pilgrimage, during the 160th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John with music from our wonderful pilgrimage choir. This will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Cloisters and a chance to catch up with friends old and new before we travel. Please do wear your Salford blue t-shirts and hoodies if you have them and let's fill the Cathedral with a sea of Salford blue! We look forward to seeing you. Please share this invitation with those who may not otherwise see it. All are welcome.

Annual Deanery Mass for the Deceased: 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. 37hrs per week X3.SCP14-16 £17,681 - £18,319. Essential Car User Allowance 2.5 year Fixed Term Contract
Closing date: Tuesday, 9 July 2018 at 10am.
 To apply, please visit our website www.caritassalford.org.uk or contact Rebecca Anderson on 0161 817 2264 or by email r.anderson@caritassalford.org.uk

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) concluding with Mass at 3.30pm. The Admission is free but please bring a packed lunch. Register by emailing: hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

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.

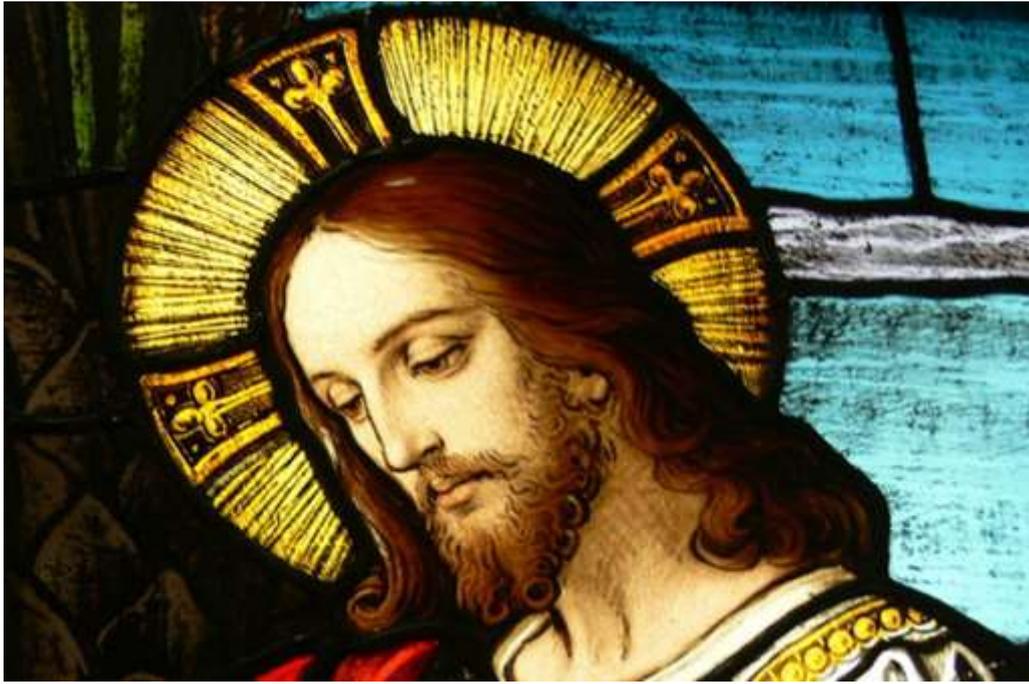
Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 14/15 July		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	M Maybury	TBA
9am (SJ)	M Roe	M Cropper, A Gracie T Armstrong, M Speed, M Russell, F Smith
11am (SB)	K Wilkinson	K Wilkinson, J Murphy, P Carolan

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**Welcome to my place.
It's great to see you.
Sit down, make yourself
at home and just stay
with me a while.**