

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

9 September 2018

Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time



What shows us the presence of God? In the Biblical world it was miracles - signs, which pointed towards the emergence of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come, and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish. Jesus, in both his preaching and his miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in his own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as he displays to the people of his own time, and to us, the nature of Gods Kingdom: in it all diseases and afflictions are abolished: so opening the man's ears and eyes tells us two things: first that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly that he calls us into a Kingdom where all is perfect.

Marriage Matters

Healing and wholeness may take time: Criticism, intended or not, can lead to harsh words or painful silences. When trying to talk, the hurts can be so deep, they seem too big a block to overcome. To leave space or do something we enjoy doing together, and then trying to talk, can often enable us to open our ears to listen and our hearts to love.

Think Vocation

We pray for a deeper participation amongst families in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, knowing that Christ is in their midst.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: Page 401; Readings page 404 <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i></p>
<p>Sunday 9 September - Education Sunday 9am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) <i>A Special Collection will be taken for the Catholic Education Service</i></p>
<p>Monday 10 September - St Ambrose Barlow 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 11 September 11.30am Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 12 September No Mass Today</p>
<p>Thursday 13 September - St John Chrysostum No Mass Today</p>
<p>Friday 14 September -The Exaltation of the Holy Cross No Mass Today</p>
<p>Saturday 15 September - Our Lady of Sorrows 5pm Mass (SB) <i>A Special Collection will be taken</i></p>
<p>Sunday 16 September - for Home Missions 9am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) Home Mission Day</p>

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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: Betty Broadrick, Eileen Fallows, Glen Carr, Ann Houghton, Rita Page, Pat Penny, Frank Bettison

Anniversaries: Gerard Lamoury, Mary Watson, David Gracie, Mark Coughlin, Bridget & Jack Day, John & Mary Gilmartin, John Gilmartin Jnr, Mary Marshall, James Dowbakin, Esther Thomas

Mass Intentions: Gerard Lamoury, Betty Broadrick, The Chinnery family, Mary Watson, A Special Intention, David Gracie, Neville Smith (Birthday Remembrance), Mark Coughlin, Bridget & Jack Day, Thomas Rabbitt (Birthday Remembrance), Eileen Fallows, Glen Carr, The Hollingsworth family, John & Mary Gilmartin, John Gilmartin Jnr, Ann Houghton, Rita Page, Pat Penny, In thanksgiving for successful results, Mary Marshall, James Dowbakin, Intentions for a speedy recovery

Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families

Hope in the Future

This week let us pray for the parishes of Our Lady and St Patrick, Walton-le-Dale and St Mary and St John Southworth, Samlesbury, with Fr Nathaniel, and for the parish of St Robert of Newminster, Levenshulme and Longsight, with Fr Dever.

We pray for their primary schools and for St Peter's High School, Manchester.

May the prayers of St John Southworth and the Lancashire Martyrs strengthen us in our mission.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

1/2 September:

5pm- 125; 9am- 161; 11am - 145

Total -431

Offertory Collection

1/2 September **£933.70**

Standing Orders (1-6 September) - £1,281.75

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

Finance Committee: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 September at 7pm in the Patmos Room (SJ)

CAFOD Group: The next meeting will be held on Thursday 20 September at 7pm in the Harbour Room (SB).

Financial Summary for July 2018

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Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	2,058.63
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	2,732.73
Standing Orders	2,110.75
Piety Stalls, Votives & Almanacs	278.93
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	1,015.00
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	96.17
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	130.00
Donations	112.00
Legacy	2,000.00
Restricted Income (Specific Use)	
Mass Intentions	335.00
Money raised for CAFOD	127.92
Peter's Pence	242.65
Apostleship of the Sea	394.35
Total Monthly Income	11,634.13
Expenditure	
Church Expenses (both)	384.00
Presbytery Expenses (both)	1,029.00
Clergy Allowances	808.65
Wages (no recharge this month)	0.00
Fundraising	75.00
CAFOD	1,111.90
St Columba Expenses	1,385.37
Diocesan Levy	4,166.00
Total Monthly Expenditure	8,959.92
Balance of Income/Expenditure	2,674.21

Even though, it looks like we were looking healthier in July, wages had not been re-charged and the restricted Income will now be sent to the respective charities.



Congratulations: To Theo Michael Turner who was baptised at St Brendan's on Sunday 19 August. To Wren Bridget Skipworth who was baptised at St John's on Saturday 25 August. To Esmé Louise Riley who was baptised at St Brendan's on Sunday 26 August. And to Madeleine Sophia Trainor, who was baptised at St Brendan's on Saturday 1 September. We pray that all these children and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Barbara & Les Pearl: Wish to say a sincere Thank you to our dear friends of St Brendan's for the numerous greetings cards and loving best wishes you gave to us on our 60th wedding anniversary.

Thank you, Fr David, for offering up your Sunday 11am Mass for us and also including us in your bidding prayers it was a lovely gesture and we cherish it. Thank you, Fr Frank and our dear friends, for remembering us in your prayers at Lourdes. We truly felt blessed on our very special occasion. God Bless You All. With Love and thanks. *Barbara & Les*

Angela Mary Egan: Kevin and family would like to express sincere gratitude to the many parishioners, and former colleagues and friends of Angela for your kindness and prayers throughout Angela's long illness and in the time since her sad passing. Following our loss, much comfort has been taken from the many heartfelt tributes, condolences and Mass cards received. We are indebted also to the many who attended the funeral service and to those whose dignified contributions helped make it a beautiful occasion. A Mass will be said for your intentions. Thank you.

Nuptial Blessing (SB): Following the celebration of our wedding on Saturday 21 July 2018, at St Helen's, Wakefield, a Nuptial Blessing will take place during the 11am Mass on Sunday 23 September 2018 at St Brendan's followed by refreshments after Mass, to which all parishioners are invited. *James & Hannah Proctor*

Oberammergau 2020: There are still 2 or 3 places available for this trip. If you are interested, please see either Mary Cropper, Anne Gracie or Margaret Russell.

Children's Liturgy: New volunteers would be welcome to help at any of our Masses (particularly at the 5pm Saturday Mass). Please contact the parish office if you are interested, or speak to any of our current volunteers.

SVP News

The Destitution Project: The next collection of food items and clothing for our parishes will be during September. Below is a list of items that are desperately needed:

Tins of: - Tuna, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, pilchards, red kidney beans, chick peas, sweet corn, spinach, fruit (a real treat), corned beef or any other meat product. Cartons of concentrated apple or orange juice, vegetable oil (1ltr), long life whole milk, tea bags, coffee, sugar, small tins of sardines, long grain rice, jam, toilet rolls & tissues.

The team are so grateful for everything we do to support them. Thank you

Sponsored Walk Final Total - £2,168!! A huge Thank You to everyone who supported us. This total exceeded all our expectations. We are truly grateful. We will, in due course, let you know how the funds have been spent to help the needy in our area.

Thank You For All Your Continued Support

Becoming Catholic You may, or may not be aware that at the parish of Corpus Christi (St John's Church) we have previously run a programme for any adult who has an interest in becoming Catholic or simply wants to know more about the Catholic Faith. This year we are looking to begin a new programme in October (date to be confirmed) which will run until Easter. If you would like more information and think this is something that you would be interested in, please contact our parish office at office@sbsj.org.uk (01204 301927) or alternatively, please see Fr David after Mass.

Adoremus: For those not able to attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool this week there will be a live transmission of the Congress. Live coverage of events will be broadcast by Shalom World - It is a free channel available on various devices with internet connection. You can download via a free app in smartphones, tablets, smart TV or <http://www.shalomworldtv.org/live> to watch it on a computer. You can also watch it on the websites: <http://catholicnews.org.uk> <http://cbcew.org.uk>. Live Broadcast dates and time are: Friday, 7 September (10am to 2pm), Saturday, 8 September (10am to 2pm) and Sunday, 9 September (11am to 2pm).

For the Adoremus programme visit: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage>

Marian Procession: Meeting at St Edward's, 13 Thurloe Street, Manchester, M14 5SG Saturday 6 October at 10.30am. Everyone is invited to this celebration of our faith!

Diploma in Pastoral Ministry and Leadership Once again this year the Diocese, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Liverpool and, this year with Wrexham Diocese, are offering a Diploma in Pastoral Ministry and Leadership. The Diploma is a combination of online learning and a series of leadership workshops, leading to a Loyola University Chicago Certificate and a series of Liverpool Hope CPD Awards. The course starts in January 2019 and ends in December 2021. The full Diploma costs £2600, which is payable over three instalments. An increasing number of parishes are willing to part-fund students towards the Diploma. There is an Information Evening at the Salford Cathedral Centre 3 Ford St, Salford, M3 6DP on Tuesday 9 October (7.30-9pm), with refreshments from 7pm. Please do not hesitate to contact Fr Chris Lough Christopher.lough@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or Fr Paul Daly paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for further information.

Joy: The Surprise of the Gospel

Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford,
M3 6LE.

Saturday 6 October 2018

This Scripture Festival is being organised collaboratively by northern dioceses, members of religious orders and is supported by the Scripture Working Group of the Bishops' Conference. The theme of Joy has been chosen to reflect the appealing message of Pope Francis in The Joy of the Gospel. The day is designed to offer a taste of scripture to a wide range of people across the North of England. As well as keynote speakers, there will be a variety of workshops for people to explore the Bible in different ways. There will not just be an opportunity for bible study but also to respond to the text in words, art and prayer. There is a £5 registration fee. To book go to:

<http://www.scripturefestival.org/>

or to get a booking form send a stamped address envelope to: Scripturefest, 1537 Ashton Old Road, Manchester, M11 1GR

Poetry Competition: To accompany the Northern Scripture Festival on 6 October, a poetry competition is being run. Members of every parish in the North-West, who are over 16, are invited to submit a poem of no more than 20 lines on the theme of "*Joy: the surprise of the Gospel.*" The poem can be in any style, must be in English, must not have been published previously and can't be a translation of another author's work. Entry forms and more details are on our website - www.scripturefestival.org

Hope in the Future Retreat

St Bede's College, Manchester, M16
8HX

Saturday 22 September 2018 10am -
3pm

Theme - 'Sowers of God's Word (Luke
8:4-15)'

Keynote Speaker - Fr Chris Gorton
Prayer Experiences led by Fr Brendan
Callaghan SJ, Sr Brenda Matterson
DC & Fr Gavin Landers

Holy Hour led by Bishop John

Register by email:

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Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 15/16 September

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Holmes	TBA
9am (SJ)	S Copley	J Carroll, M Russell, F Smith, A Gracie A Rawlinson, M Speed
11am (SB)	K Denton	K Wilkinson, P Carolan, J Murphy

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