

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

16 September 2018

Twenty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time



As we follow through the Gospel of Saint Mark we come to an important turning point this week: after the preaching, the miracles and the journey so far, Simon Peter publicly recognises Jesus as the Messiah. But there is an important point, which is brought out by the choice of first reading today: this Messiah is a king

who is destined to be rejected and killed. Jesus knows this very well, and rebukes Peter when he tries to lead him on a different path. From this point on, Saint Mark's Gospel leads to the cross: Jesus himself accepts his own cross, and reminds all his followers that the cross is a part of following him. If we are considering the question "Who is Jesus?", these scripture passages give us a deep insight into the mission of salvation that he accepts for us.

Marriage Matters

Love in action: Jesus invites us "to love as He loves". We hear this so often in the Scriptures that there is a risk the words become so familiar that we stop really hearing them. We can say the words "I love you" to our spouse but without the relevant actions the words may mean little or nothing: 'actions speak louder than words'.

Think Vocation

As Roman Catholics, we are invited to add our name to Peter's profession of faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. We are asked to not only say who we believe Jesus is for us, but to show it by the way we live our lives. This will inevitably lead occasionally to criticism and conflict, but it is then that we unite ourselves with the sufferings of Christ.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i></p> <p>Sunday Missal: Page 411; Readings page 414 <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i></p>
<p>Sunday 16 September - Home Mission Day 9am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) <i>A Special Collection will be taken for Home Missions</i></p>
<p>Monday 17 September 10am Requiem Mass for Helen Withers (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 18 September No Mass Today 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 19 September No Mass Today</p>
<p>Thursday 20 September - St Andrew Kim-Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions 9.15am School Mass (SB Church) 2pm School Mass (SC School) 7pm CAFOD Group Meeting (Harbour Room, SB)</p>
<p>Friday 21 September - St Matthew 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p>Saturday 22 September 1pm Baptism (SJ) 2.30pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB)</p>
<p>Sunday 23 September - Harvest Sunday 9am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) with Nuptial Blessing of James & Hannah Proctor</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: Irene Maguire, Betty Broadrick, Eileen Fallows, Glen Carr, Rita Page, Pat Penny, Frank Bettison
Anniversaries: Rosemary Davies
Mass Intentions: Irene Maguire, Rosemary Davies, A Diamond Wedding Celebration, A Special Intention
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
We pray for the parishes of St Joseph's, Shaw, with Fr Scanlan, and St Joseph's, Reddish, with Fr Caldwell, and for their schools. May our faith be manifest in our good works.
Facts and Figures
Mass Attendance 8/9 September: 5pm-123; 9am-193; 11am -174 Total - 490
Offertory Collection 8/9 September £1,045.94 Standing Orders (7-13 September) - £292
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).

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.

Financial Summary for August 2018	
Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	1,936.89
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	2,281.44
Standing Orders	2,675.75
Piety Stalls, Votives & Almanacs	149.60
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	460.00
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	80.70
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	50.00
Donations	68.00
Restricted Income (Specific Use)	
Mass Intentions	350.00
Money raised for CAFOD	64.20
Total Monthly Income	8,114.58
Expenditure	
Church Expenses (both)	2,985.06
Presbytery Expenses (both)	1,717.59
Clergy Allowances	867.42
Wages (no recharge this month)	0.00
Fundraising	150.00
St Columba Expenses	274.55
Total Monthly Expenditure	5994.62
Balance of Income/Expenditure	2,119.96
Again, even though, it looks like we were looking healthy in August, wages had not been re-charged.	

SVP News

The Destitution Project: The collection of food items and clothing for our parishes continues 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

Thank You for All Your Continued Support

Congratulations: To Frank & Pat McDowell on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. We wish them all the very best.

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Home Mission Sunday: In today's Gospel Jesus presents us, as disciples, with a challenging question, 'Who do you say I am?' For some the most challenging element of this question is whether we talk about him at all. Today on Home Mission Sunday we have been praying for the spread of the Gospel and in the second collection will have the opportunity to support it financially. The money you give to this collection is used to help Catholics in England and Wales become more confident in sharing their faith

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*

Meet The Author Event At Bolton Library: A reminder for those who have tickets for the Kate Atkinson event that this takes place on Tuesday 18 September at Central Library (1pm -2.30pm). Please bring your tickets as over 116 places have been taken up for this event and there may be checks. See you there!

Christian Meditation: The dates for the remainder of September and October are Tuesdays: 25 September, 2 October and 23 October. Thursdays: 11 October, 25 October. We meet in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's and all are welcome.

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.

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.

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.

Hope in the Future Retreat
St Bede's College,
Manchester, M16 8HX
Saturday 22 September 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:
hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
or call 0161 817 2222 (ext. 246)

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. 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

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 22/23 September		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	L Lamoury	TBA
9am (SJ)	G French	M Cropper, M Speed, T Armstrong, A Gracie, M Russell, F Smith
11am (SB)	F Doloroso	M Durkan, C Owen, P Brennan

Government-Funded Buildings Pilot Launched

A Government-funded pilot programme to repair and enhance England’s listed places of worship was launched on Tuesday 11 September by the Heritage Minister in Manchester.

The £1.8 million scheme, which will see expert advisors working with all faiths and denominations, comes in response to last year’s Taylor Review: Sustainability of English Churches and Cathedrals, which concluded that church buildings played a “vital role” in providing public services and a sense of identity to communities across the country.

The 18-month scheme will be run by Historic England and will test the recommendations made in the Taylor Review across the largely urban area of Greater Manchester. A second pilot will run in rural Suffolk.

The Taylor Review acknowledged how passionately people feel about church buildings, which constitute some of the most inspiring architectural and landscape elements of our historic environment. Its recommendations focus on targeting resources and funding to promote care, maintenance and community engagement, while supporting the volunteers and church members who work tirelessly to keep church buildings in use and accessible.

Heritage Minister, Mr Michael Ellis, said: “Historic faith buildings are a key part of our rich heritage and it is important they are protected.

Every year thousands of volunteers dedicate a huge amount of time to their upkeep, but many need high levels of maintenance and repair. Through these pilots in Manchester and Suffolk, we will unlock the wider community potential of listed places of worship, and provide practical guidance to help preserve these much-loved buildings.”

The Bishop of Salford, John Arnold said “We are grateful that Greater Manchester has been selected for one of the pilots. We look forward to working with Historic England and their team and to share with them our Catholic heritage and enhancing the provision of sacred space in our communities.

I am hopeful that the pilot will help to explore the idea that Churches can serve the needs of wider audiences by simply being churches, offering a spiritual space to all comers. Particularly as places of beauty, quiet and peace they can provide much value to visitors of all faiths or none, particularly if accessible to all throughout the day, away from the noise and constant secular distractions of our everyday lives”

Sophie Andreae, Vice Chairman of the Patrimony Committee of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales said: “This initiative is warmly welcomed. There are many historic Catholic churches in need of funding for urgent repair and since the HLF closed its dedicated grants programme for historic churches last year accessing funding for repairs is proving extremely challenging. This pilot will help to assess the needs of such buildings so that policies can be put in place to ensure that these important historic buildings are not lost”.

Article taken from <http://catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/News/Pilot-Scheme> (Catholic Church of England and Wales)