

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

14 October 2018

Twenty-Eighth Week of Ordinary Time



In today's story of the rich young man, who comes to Jesus full of good intentions, there are some simple words that speak so clearly to our own age: when Jesus tells him to sell everything and give it to the poor, "his face fell at

these words, and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth." How sad it is that such a keen (he runs up to Jesus), and by all accounts good young man (whom Jesus loves) could not free himself from the one thing that was holding him back: his dependence on money. Jesus' words "How hard it is..." perhaps indicate his own sadness that the young man could not free himself from this. Jesus' teaching was new - as the disciples' reaction shows. In Israel at the time, riches were thought to be a blessing from God. But as Jesus knew and taught, holding on to anything that passes away can distract us from holding on to things that are eternal.

Marriage Matters

The call to change: No his or hers. Today, the Gospel calls us to share ALL that we have. We promised to do this on our wedding day when we said that we would change the things that come between us and develop the things that bring us together. It is this journey of change that makes our marriage the sign of Jesus' love for us all.

Think Vocation

These days quite a few people present themselves as candidates for the priesthood and religious life after having worked in all sorts of different occupations. In undertaking such a change of life, they are prepared to give up property, good salaries and other comforts. May more people have the courage to make such sacrifices with confidence and trust in the Lord Jesus.

<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i> Sunday Missal: Page 455; Readings page 458 Preface: <i>At priest's choice</i>	
Sunday 14 October 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> <i>A Special Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their families</i>	
Monday 15 October - St Teresa of Jesus 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday 16 October 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>(Please note change of time for this week)</i> 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday 17 October - St Ignatius of Antioch 9.30am Requiem Mass for Julia Jolly (SJ)	
Thursday 18 October - St Luke 9.15am Mass (SB) 7pm CAFOD Meeting (Harbour Room, SB)	
Friday 19 October 9.30am Seeds and Gardener's Mass (SJ In Church)	
Saturday 20 October 2pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> <i>A Special Collection will be</i>	
Sunday 21 October <i>taken for Missio</i> 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>World Mission Day</i> A Day of Special Prayer for the Spread of the Gospel	

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Prayers Please
We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder, Fr John Ashton (SB), Peter McGowan
Lately Dead: Julia Jolly, Emilia Carerra, Rita Flanagan, Margaret Almond, Edith Brooks
Anniversaries: Margaret Holt, Mary Ainscough, Mary & Walter Cranshaw
Mass Intentions: For someone having an operation, For Srs Barbara & Monica, Emilia Carerra, Bert Winstanley (Birthday Remembrance), Margaret Holt, Mary Ainscough, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Rita Flanagan
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 our Diocese prays for the parish of Christ the Redeemer, Bolton, with Fr O'Brien, their parish priest and the parish of St Gabriel and St John the Baptist, Rochdale, with Fr Johonnett, their parish priest. We pray for the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of St Joseph, and the Sisters of the Cross and Passion, as well as the primary schools of the parishes. May we be filled with the love of God and rejoice in him.
Facts and Figures
Mass Attendance 6/7 October: 5pm-119; 9am-186; 11am -163 Total - 468
Offertory Collection 6/7 October: £921.70 Standing Orders (4 Oct-12 Oct) - £1,240.75 Cheques: Whilst we are awaiting our new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to St John's . Thank you.



Congratulations: To Freya Louise Lucas, who was baptised at St Brendan's last Saturday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 10 November (10.30am-12noon) 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 will be attending by phone 01204 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk.

Financial Summary for September 2018	
Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	2,089.77
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	2,786.64
Standing Orders	2,160.75
Piety Stalls, Votives & Almanacs	140.23
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	160.00
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	945.64
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	175.00
Donations	62.00
Restricted Income (Specific Use)	
Mass Intentions	265.00
Home Missions	343.89
Catholic Education	202.94
Money raised for CAFOD	106.49
Total Monthly Income	9,438.35
Expenditure	
Church Expenses (both)	3,029.79
Presbytery Expenses (both)	1,427.99
Clergy Allowances	1,083.89
Wages (no recharge this month)	0.00
Fundraising	75.00
St Columba Expenses	551.36
Peter's Pence	242.65
Apostleship of the Sea	394.35
Day for Life	549.55
Total Monthly Expenditure	7,354.58
Balance of Income/Expenditure	2,083.77

Christian Meditation: The dates for October are Tuesday 23rd (2pm): Thursday 25th (7.15pm). We meet in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's and all are welcome.

Sacramental Programme 2018/2019: The first meeting for parents and the presentation of the children from all three schools, involved in the Sacramental Programme this year, will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 6 November in St Brendan's Church. If you have a child in Yr3 who does not attend one of our schools, or an older child who did not take part in the programme previously, and you would like them to take part this year, please have a word with Fr David.

Parish Quiz: Will be held on Friday 16 November at Dunscair Conservative Club. Tickets Cost £8 per person (including pastie supper). Teams should be a maximum of six people. **Tickets are now on sale.**

SVP News

Morning Coffee Events: The first one will be at 10am after the Friday Mass on 2 November and 7 December and every first Friday of the month thereafter. Please come along and join us.

Prisoners' Sunday: Today is the National Day of Prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment.

Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to 'hold a hand out to'. But the gospel reminds us of our duties towards them, 'I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me; (Matthew 25:36). Pact's work embodies the Christian value of mercy and belief in the innate dignity of every human being.

Our theme this year '*Go Beyond*', reflects on the impact we have when, as a community, we work to build a platform from which those confined to the margins of society can have their voices heard. As we '*go beyond*' in our dedication, our belief, our common love, we offer fresh hope to those affected by imprisonment. We hope that you will join us in Prayer today.

Becoming Catholic: 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 beginning a new programme on Tuesday 6 November (7.30pm) 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.

Christie Friends Afternoon Tea: Monday 22 October at Hoyster's, Holcome (2pm). Tickets are £20 per person and this includes a glass of prosecco. There will be a raffle also. This event is being organised by Holly Souter, a sixth form student, as part of her Duke of Edinburgh (Gold). Please come and support this good cause which helps raise money for the patients and their families. Tickets can be obtained through me, Kath Brown. *Many thanks*

Our Lady of Walsingham Tour to Salford Cathedral: The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will come to Salford Cathedral on the weekend of 18-20 October. A full timetable of the events can be found with the poster at the back of each church.

Parish Social Committee Litter Picking Change of Date: Together with Bolton at Home and the local Harwood/Bromley Cross litter picking organisations, we will be litter picking around St Columba's and Tonge Moor on Saturday **10 November** (10am-11.30am) based at St Columba's school. All equipment will be provided by Bolton Council (tea & coffee will follow). Anyone who would like to join in should wear protective clothing. All children must be accompanied by an adult and only adults should work around the immediate church area (potential sharps). We look forward to a great morning where our parish can help the local community, so come along if you can! The Social Committee plan to run more events: gardening and crafts, a parish meal and a variety night over the coming months. For more information, contact Andrew Sainsbury or any member of the PET team. **Apologies to anyone who turned up to pick litter this Saturday, it had to be re-arranged at the last minute!**

Mass for Vocations: 7.30pm Thursday 18 October in St Catherine of Siena Parish, Didsbury, M20 6HS. An opportunity to gather to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Celebration of St Oscar Romero: Please join us to celebrate the canonisation of Oscar Romero on Tuesday 23 October 2018. Mass will be held at 12.10pm in the Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE. Phone or email CAFOD/Caritas Salford. Tel: 0161 705 0605 Email: annwilson@cafod.org.uk Tel: 0161 817 2263 Email: info@caritassalford.org.uk

Entente Choral: A joint Choral Commemoration to mark the 100 years since the ending of World War I at the Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE on Saturday 17 November at 7.45pm. Tickets £15 (concessions £12) Available from: <http://www.wegotickets.com> email: tickets@salfordchoral.org.uk

Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2019

Volunteer Information Meetings

We are seeking volunteers of all ages and abilities, both medical & non-medical, to assist our sick pilgrims so that they can fully experience the joy of pilgrimage to Lourdes. To find out more please come along to one of our volunteer information meetings: Sunday 14 October, 2pm-3pm & Wednesday 28 November, 7.30-8.30pm at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford St. Salford. M3 6DP. We look forward to seeing you. All welcome.

Hope in The Future - Launch of Phase 2

The second phase of Hope in the future was presented on Thursday 4 October at Salford Cathedral. Below is the covering letter from Bishop John Arnold.

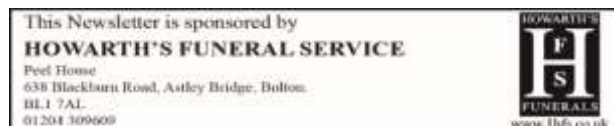
4th October 2018 - Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we come to the end of Stage 1 of our Diocesan programme Hope in the Future we have much for which to be thankful to God. The majority of our parishes now have an active team in place, each bringing their own creativity to the programme and working more closely with their schools. We have built firm foundations on prayer with the Formation Days on Mission and Evangelisation, the parish cycle of prayer and the parish teams retreat. We must now embark on the second stage of the programme and follow where we feel God is leading us as the Church in Salford. Stage 2 has two key focuses. The first is about Discerning our God-given Gifts, Talents and Charisms and then using them for the building up of our Parishes. The second is also about clergy and laity working closely together to share in the leadership of the Parish. In order to successfully do this, I believe we all need to recognise that the Spirit is already at work in our Diocese and Parishes and we need to deepen our listening. Personally, each of us needs to deepen our appreciation of our own Gifts, Talents and Charisms. Then we should collectively establish a shared leadership model right for our Parish made up of a range of people, each contributing their own God-given Gifts, Talents and Charisms. On behalf of the Hope in the Future working party I am pleased to share with you the next set of resources (Stage 2, Resources 1). The resources are also available electronically (www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/resources). Further resources to help with setting up a Parish Shared Leadership Team will be distributed at the start of Lent 2019. If you require any further support, either with setting up a Hope in the Future Team or with Stage 1 or 2 or if you would like to share ideas or feedback please get in touch by emailing hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. Please keep the Hope in the Future Programme and your Parish Community in your prayers. With my thanks for all that you do and prayers for the success of your Parish endeavours.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.

+John
Bishop of Salford



Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 20/21 October		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	J O'Connor	TBA
9am (SJ)	M Isherwood	J Carroll, M Russell, F Smith, A Rawlinson, A Gracie, M Speed
11am (SB)	C Owen	T Smith, J Murphy, T Proctor