

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

3 February 2019

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Last week, when Jesus spoke in the synagogue, his words pleased the crowd - as we hear at the beginning of today's Gospel. How quickly the mood changes! This story shows very clearly that Jesus was not a "crowd-pleaser" - he wasn't interested in saying the right things to be popular or accepted. He was interested in the truth - which is the basic definition of a prophet - whatever the personal cost. So today, when Jesus points out that salvation is not just for the Jews, or even just the people of Nazareth, they reject the message and the messenger. Just like Jeremiah, when he was called to be a prophet (first reading), Jesus has to confront the land: they will fight with him, but not overcome him.

Marriage Matters

We reflect God's love: Through our marriage we become a living flesh and blood sacrament of our Church! Saint Paul says 'be ambitious for the higher gifts'. Our love isn't just a warm feeling but an action; it flourishes in being given attention to and nurtured. In this way we become a Sacramental 'sign' of God's love for our children, family, friends and Church.

Think Vocation

I used to talk like a child, think like a child." Children are often very ambitious when they think about their future lives. As adults we should encourage children to discover their gifts as they get older but to always remember they are firstly children of God. So whatever they turn out to do with their lives, they should remember to be grateful to God.

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Sunday 3 February

9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Monday 4 February

9.30am Mass (SB)
 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)
 7.45pm SVP (SJ)

Tuesday 5 February - St Agatha

2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)
 6.30pm Reconciliation (SJ)
 7pm Mass (SJ)
 7.30pm Becoming Catholic Course (SJ)
 7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday 6 February - St Paul Miki & Companions

9.30am Mass (SJ)
 7pm CAFOD Talk with Bishop John Arnold at St Thomas of Canterbury Church

Thursday 7 February

9.15am Mass (SB)

Friday 8 February - St Josephine Bakhita - A Day of Special Prayer for Victims of Trafficking

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Saturday 9 February

3pm Service for Engaged Couples (Salford Cathedral)
 5pm Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Sunday 10 February

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, Fr John Ashton (SDB), Jackie Harte, Jim Carney, Moya Fau-Goodwin
Lately Dead: Margaret Gibson, Thomas Benbow, Jean Gorse, Jack Donnelly, Nellie Shechter
Anniversaries: Winifred Meadows, Betty Finn, Lewis Brown, Bob Bowes
Mass Intentions: Thomas Benbow, With most grateful thanks to our Blessed Lady, St Jude & St Brendan for prayers answered & favours received, Eileen Wakes (Birthday Remembrance), Winifred Meadows (1 st Anniversary), Betty Finn, Lewis Brown, Mary Dobbins (Birthday Remembrance), Marie Lamoury (Birthday Remembrance), A very sick family, For all those who helped us, Bob Bowes
Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6): We pray for: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick & Those who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed
Hope in the Future
We pray for the parishes of St Winifred, Heaton Mersey, with Mgr Quinlan, and St Mary, Heaton Norris, with Fr Marlor, for their primary schools and for St Anne's High School. We pray for the Sisters of Charity of St Paul and the Sacred Heart Fathers.
Facts and Figures for 26/27 January
Offertory Collection: £1,029.24 Standing Orders (25-31 January): £202
Mass Attendance: 5pm-151; 9am-201; 11am-172; Total 524
Cheques: We now have our new Corpus Christi parish account name. Please make all cheques payable to <i>Corpus Christi</i> . Thank you.
Enjoy Praying With Scripture Lent 2019 More Information, as promised!
The purpose of the course is to allow people to experience a variety of methods of prayer so they may discover what works best for them.
Dates: Tuesdays: 12,19 & 26 March and Tuesdays: 2,9,23 April
7.30pm-9pm at St John's Church
For more information, contact Paul Brennan via the Parish Office: office@sbsj.org.uk or Tel: 301927

Reading Rota: A new rota will be published in the next 2 weeks. If you would like to become a reader or, alternatively, you wish your name to be removed from the list, please contact the Parish Office on 301927 or email: office@sbsj.org.uk. Thank you.

A Message of Thanks

Dear Friends in the Parish of Corpus Christi,
Can I begin by first of all wishing you all a very Happy and Peaceful New Year 2019 and I pray that for all of us it will be a chance to grow as Missionary Disciples with the Lord staying with us on our journey. I want to thank you all for the very kind and generous gift you gave to me on the 23rd December as I moved on to pastures new. It was such a wonderful occasion at the Mass and many thanks to Fr David for the invite and all of you for your generosity in this gift. Many thanks.

It certainly is on to pastures new and a completely different way of ministering as a Missionary Disciple, never did I think that from the odd call to Royal Bolton Hospital I would end up as full time Chaplain to Blackburn Hospital with 790 beds across all the sites, 7,500 staff as well as patients. The Lord certainly does like to be a God of Surprises. But together we make a difference. So many thanks and prayers for all. I'm sure we will meet up again at various events, Lourdes or in the Diocese. My prayers and best wishes to you all. *Fr Frank*

Thank you: Paul and Caryl Shechter would like to thank everyone who helped them after the sudden death of Paul's mum (Nellie). The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions. God Bless you all.

Caritas Sunday: Thank you to everybody who contributed to last week's Caritas Sunday. Our parish raised £565.83, which will allow Caritas Diocese of Salford to #BeTheChange in our own parish and across the Diocese. If you want to use your gifts and talents to #BeTheChange and to be missionary disciples in our parish, please speak to our Caritas Representative, Julie Summerton.

First Holy Communion Mass Times: For those who have a child taking part in this year's Sacramental Programme, lists are now in both churches for the various dates and Mass times available for First Communion. Please make sure your child has their name on a list as soon as you can.

CAFOD: The CAFOD Ceilidh will be held at St Osmund's on 22 February (7.30pm to 11pm). Tickets, as last year, are £10 and are now on sale.

Lent Family Fast Day Gathering: At St John's Church (Patmos Room) on Thursday 14 February (7pm - 8.30pm). Sally Kitchener from CAFOD will be speaking about her recent trip to Bangladesh, visiting those at the focus of this year's Lent campaign. Everyone welcome! For more information contact: salford@cafod.org.uk Email: salford@cafod.org.uk Tel 0161 705 0605

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 9 March (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 on 01204 301927 or email: office@sbsj.org.uk.

Service for Engaged Couples: Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE on Saturday 9 February 2019 at 3pm. Bishop John will be leading a Special Service of Blessing for Engaged Couples at Salford Cathedral. This date has been chosen because it is the weekend closest to the feast of St Valentine. During the Celebration, God's particular Blessing will be asked for all couples getting married this year, as they enter this final stage of preparation for marriage. The Diocese looks forward to welcoming all the couples who will be celebrating their marriage this year.

Mass for Our Young People: "Be Who God Created You To Be:" Tuesday 26 February, 2019, 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Rochdale. All are welcome at this Mass for Youth, especially the young but all others who wish to encourage and pray for our young people. It should be a great celebration and there will be refreshments afterwards. Please come along and show our "Hope in the Future" in our young people.

Please contact Fr Kevin Murphy if you have any queries about the Mass: kevin.murphy@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

The National Pilgrim of the Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima: We are delighted to announce that The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will visit the Cathedral on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th February. A whole series of events and services are planned across the two days. Devotions are encouraged across the two days between services and all are welcome to celebrate this once in a lifetime visitation. Full details can be found on the diocesan website or via the poster at the back of Church.

St Josephine Bakhita: Thursday 8 February is the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita - the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. On this day Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime. This year the particular focus is on those who are caught up in forced labour and exploitation both in the UK and beyond. On the back page of our newsletter is an item from The Santa Marta Group (an initiative of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales) whose mission is to bring the global Church and law enforcement together to combat and eradicate modern slavery. For more information about St Josephine Bakhita who, herself, was kidnapped at the age of nine and sold into slavery, please visit www.santamartagroup/santa-marta.

Diocese of Salford - Vacancies

Operational Management and Support Roles, Cathedral and Cathedral Centre

What we're looking for: The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit candidates for a variety of posts to support the ongoing management, operations and maintenance across the Cathedral Church, Cathedral House and Cathedral Centre, Salford.

Roles available: Operations and Events Manager, Maintenance Operative, Cleaner.

Closing Date for applications: Wednesday 20 February (12noon).

For more details see

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/> or

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Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 9/10 February 2019		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	S Mikolajewski	TBA
9am (SJ)	A Grundy	P McArdle, M Speed A Rawlinson, L Rule E Rothwell, A Grundy
11am (SB)	C Bridge	P Brennan, C Owen, M Durkan

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MODERN SLAVERY BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

There are an estimated 40 million victims of modern slavery worldwide. Modern slavery now ranks as the second most profitable worldwide criminal enterprise. Modern slavery is a serious crime in which people are coerced or deceived into a situation where they are exploited, for the purpose of making a profit. This exploitation can take many forms including; forced labour, sexual exploitation, domestic servitude, forced criminality and organ harvesting. It is believed that modern slavery affects every country in the world and here in the UK some recent figures suggest there are in excess of 100,000 victims hidden in plain sight. Labour exploitation currently makes up the greatest percentage of modern slavery cases in the UK. Victims of forced labour are made to work long hours, often in tough conditions without the training and safety measures in place. The majority, if not all, of wages are taken by the traffickers. This often accompanied by threats and violence. Cases of labour exploitation have been widely reported in car washes and nail bars however victims have been found in the manufacturing, entertainment, hospitality, agriculture, and construction industries. The eradication of modern slavery and the pastoral care of victims is a priority for the Catholic Church. Pope Francis continually draws the attention of the Church and the wider world to the moral and human crisis evident in this widespread exploitation. *“Faced with the tragic reality of rising contemporary slavery, no one can wash their hands of it without being, in some way, an accomplice to this crime against humanity. This immense task, which requires courage, patience and perseverance, demands a joint and global effort on the part of the different actors that make up society.”* (Pope Francis to the participants of the 2nd International Forum on Modern Slavery, May 2018)