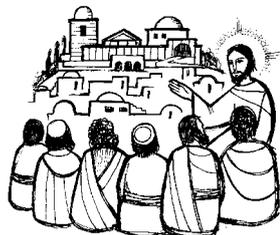


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

17 November 2019

Thirty-Third Week of Ordinary Time



As we approach the end of that part of Saint Luke's Gospel before the Passion narratives, and approach the end of the Church's year, our thoughts are turned towards the end of time and the Second Coming

of the Lord - this will lead us into Advent in two weeks' time. Saint Luke's message is very distinctive: the Lord will come, but there is a lot to be lived through first. The coming of the Lord is not going to be a "quick fix" - we will have to live through (and endure) all the mess of human joy and suffering. The Lord is clear too, that we have to be aware of the personal cost of belonging to him - think back to last week's readings and the stories of religious persecution from every place and every age, even to this day. Even as this sounds gloomy and depressing, it is worth noting where the Gospel passage starts - in the material beauty of the Temple - and where it ends - something far more precious will be saved: our lives.

Marriage Matters

Go on quietly working at our marriage, stand before God together: In marriage, one partner can work hard at the relationship, the other take it for granted. When both work at it, marriage can be the most marvellous relationship possible. Today, take time to stand before God together and '*the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays*'. We all need this healing. Let's reaffirm our vows today.

Think Vocation

November is the month of the Holy Souls. We can all think of priests and Religious who have helped us on our journey of faith and have now died. In this Year of Faith, let us remember them in our prayers. It is also an opportunity to express our gratitude for their example and guidance.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i></p> <p>Sunday Missal: Page 504; Readings page 510; Preface: At priest's choice</p>
<p>Sunday 17 November <i>World Day of the Poor</i> 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>A Special Collection will be held this weekend for Retired Clergy [See pack page for more information]</i></p>
<p>Monday 18 November 9.30am Mass (SB) 10.45am Requiem Mass for Mary Lomax (Holy Infants) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 19 November 6.30pm Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 20 November 9.15am Yr3 Class Mass (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p>Thursday 21 November - <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 9.30am Mass (SB)</p>
<p>Friday 22 November - <i>St Cecilia</i> 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p>Saturday 23 November 11am Annual Mass for the Deceased (SB) 5pm Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy</p>
<p>Sunday 24 November - <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King</i> 9am Mass (SJ)- With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 1pm Baptism (SJ) 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Young People</i></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, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Matthew Harvey, Margaret Russell, Anne Hurst, Kenneth Martin, Vernon Holt
Lately Dead: Margaret Usher, Mary Lomax, Isabelle Owen, Rosemary Burke, Sr Mary Doyle
Mass Intentions: Sr Mary Doyle. A 50 th Birthday, A special Intention, For deceased members of the Egan, Williamson, Hollingsworth and Martin families, Mary Lomax
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 people of the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gregory, Farnworth and for Fr Gerard Kelly, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for Mount St Joseph's College, and for the chaplaincy to the Royal Bolton Hospital
Facts and Figures for 9/10 November
Offertory Collection: £932.78 Standing Orders (8-14 November): £334 Mass Attendance 5pm-125; 9am-171; 11am-128; Total-424 Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to <i>Corpus Christi</i>. Thank you.

Harwood Churches Together
Christmas Dinner on Jesus: Please continue to bring in <i>Pringles</i> towards the Urban Outreach Christmas meal for needy families. Thank you.
Churches in Harwood Christmas Choir: Rehearsals will be on Monday and Thursday evenings starting on Monday 25 November (7pm) at the same venue. Come along and join an informal and friendly group of singers!

Congratulations: To Franco George Frappola who was baptized at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation: If you are seeking Baptism for your child, please contact the Parish Office Tel: 01204 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk

Annual Mass for the Deceased: Will be held on Saturday 23 November at 11am at St Brendan's.

Holy Souls: There are small cards available in each church for the names of your deceased loved ones. These can be placed in the basket on the altar. Masses will be offered for them.

Financial Summary for October 2019	
Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	1,553
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	2,456
Standing Orders	2,108
Piety Stalls, Votives & Almanacs	292
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	1,210
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	229
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	206
Other	58
Total Income	8,112
Restricted Income (Specific Use)	
CAFOD General	122
Fast day	1,452
Mass Intentions	460
Missio	470
Expenditure	
Church Expenses	5,486
Presbytery Expenses	1,602
Clergy Allowances	1,675
Wages (though not recharged yet)	2,000
Diocesan Levy	2,060
Fundraising (200 Club)	75
Total Monthly Expenditure	12,898
Balance of Income/Expenditure	-4,786
Restricted Expenditure	2,057

World Day of the Poor: Pope Francis asked the entire Catholic community worldwide to observe the World Day of the Poor on this weekend. This year's theme is *'The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever'*. Pope Francis reminds us that "the poor are not numbers, but people", to be assisted, accompanied, protected, defended and saved.

'The Way' - Catholic Youth Gathering: On Saturday 23 November (National Youth Weekend) at Thornleigh Salesian College (10am-5pm). For young people in Years 6 - 9. Free, register here - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-way-bolton-catholic-youth-gather-tickets-71950625257>. Children must be accompanied by an adult or with a group leader and with signed consent. Please email thewaybcyg@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Formation Series: The Eucharist - Food for the Journey: St Gabriel's RC High School, Bridge Road, Bury, BL9 0TZ on Wednesday 4 December at 7.30pm. A lecture led by Mariana Miller, held as part of the Formation Series. This lecture will focus on The Eucharist. Tea & Coffee will be served from 7pm and parking is available onsite. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mariana-miller-formation-series-the-eucharist-food-for-the-journey-tickets-73549306957>

National Youth Sunday - 24th November: On the Feast of Christ the King, the Church in England and Wales celebrates National Youth Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year's NYS is 'Significance' taken from Christus Vivit, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation to young people: "For him, you have worth; you are not insignificant. You are important to him, for you are the work of his hands. That is why he is concerned about you and looks to you with affection" (Christus Vivit, 115). For resources to use in your parish, go to: www.https://nationalyouthsunday.com/foryourparish/

Thinking Ahead to Advent

Walk With Me Booklets and Calendars: Will be available for you to take with you next weekend.

Religious Stamps: are now on sale at Post Offices. There are six new designs showing Nativity scenes. When buying stamps for Christmas post just ask for "religious" stamps to encourage local post offices to stock them.

Advent Series at Wardley Hall: As we begin "*The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word*," there will be Advent reflections held at Wardley Hall which will focus on praying with three voices: Isaiah, John the Baptist and Matthew in his Gospel account of the Christmas Story. Using Scripture, art, music, and poetry, the reflections will explore God's message and its relevance for us today making time for prayer and discussion. Each event will run from 10.30am - 12.30pm at Wardley Hall.

29 November: The Voice of the Prophet Isaiah

6 December: The Voice of John the Baptist

13 December: The Voice of Matthew

To book your place or for further information, please contact: Marie Sartini, Bishop's PA, 0161 794 2825, marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

CAFOD World Gifts: Give a life changing gift this Christmas, whether it's teaching someone to read, or giving enough seeds to grow a year's worth of food in a vegetable garden. World gifts has something for everyone. Catalogues are available at the back of each church.

A Holy Night Amidst the Christmas Chaos

A quiet time away on the 13 and 14 of December to prepare for the Christmas mystery. Two talks, Holy Mass, communal prayer, and social time. Comfortable en suite accommodation and bed and breakfast provided. All set within the beautiful surroundings of the Stonyhurst Estate. For booking and full details, please visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/advent-recollection/>

Parish Social Events

Gaelic Coffee Morning: Will be held at St John's this Sunday (after the 9am Mass). All Welcome

Request from the Parish Social Committee: Donations of bottles and chocolate would be greatly appreciated over the coming weeks for the tombola at the *Family Bonanza* in St Brendan's School Hall on Friday 22 November. Tickets are now available from either St Brendan's school or at either church. Thank you!

St John's School Christmas Fair: Will be held on Sunday 1 December (11am-2pm). All welcome.

Flower Demonstration: Our popular Christmas Flower Demonstration will be held on Saturday 7 December (11am-1pm) in the Patmos Room at St John's. Tickets are now on sale at £6 which includes a pastie lunch. Margaret Fazackerley will create some wonderful arrangements which will be raffled. All proceeds will go to helping families in need at Christmas.

JINGLE BELL SING-A-LONG': Presented by Bolton Cancer Voices with special guests *Besses Boys' Band* and Bolton's own *Cottontown Chorus*. The event takes place on Saturday 7 December, 6.45pm; at the Victoria Hall, Bolton BL1 2AS. Tickets priced £10/£5 (under 19s) from the Ticket Secretary - 01204 595562/07773 164235 www.trybooking.co.uk/7863/ or the Victoria Hall Box Office

Parish Quiz: Many thanks to those who helped to make the parish quiz at Dunscair Conservative Club a successful fundraiser. Particular thanks to all those who helped by bringing raffle prizes or by organising the event, but most of all those who bought tickets and spent money on the night, because without you there it would have been a very quiet night. We raised £480.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers For next weekend 23/24 November		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	S Mikolajewski	TBA
9am (SJ)	H O'Donnell	J Carroll, F Smith, S May, A Rawlinson, A Gracie, M Speed
11am (SB)	K Wilkinson	J Murphy, P Carolan, K Wilkinson

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Retired Clergy

Some years ago, The Diocese of Salford established a Retired Priests' Fund to ensure all priests can receive the accommodation, care and support they need in their retirement. There are now 70 retired priests in the Diocese and more priests are expected to retire in the coming years. Many of these priests remain very active in retirement and often, when possible, provide support to parish clergy enabling them to take a period of holiday away from their parishes.

The Retired Priests' Fund covers needs such as:

- Assistance with housing
- Assistance with living costs and accommodation
- Care during convalescence
- Nursing care for sick and infirm priests
- Minor repairs and maintenance of accommodation

We aim to ensure that our priests, having retired from parish or other ministries, are financially secure. With a greater number of retired priests there is an increasing call on the Retired Priests' Fund to support them.

Most of our Diocesan priests work long into their late seventies, caring for the spiritual life and welfare of their people, often to the detriment of their own long-term welfare, and need care and support in their well-deserved retirement.

Each year we hold an Annual Appeal and Special Collection to build up the fund so that we can provide for our retired priests. This year the appeal is held this weekend and will take place as a second collection.

You can also make a one-off or more regular donation to the Retired Priests' Fund by completing a Standing Order Form please contact finance@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for more information on how to do this.

Thank you for your generosity to this appeal.