

Corpus Christi Parish Bolton

Incorporating St John, the Evangelist, Bromley Cross, St Columba's Tonge Moor and St Brendan's Harwood

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

28th June 2020

PRAYERS PLEASE

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends.
Bernard Holder, Christopher Scott, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Anne Hurst, Margaret Padfield, Anne Killeen, Fred Heywood, Emily Martin

Lately Dead: Daniel Izza, Michael McKeown, Manuel Santos, Christopher Scott

May they rest in peace

Mass Intentions: Special Intention, Sister Barbara Sexton C.P.(LD), Dr Robert Aston (LD)

We keep them all in our prayers.

Let us pray for the victims of this pandemic, their families and loved ones. Remembering also the key workers who are on the front-line during this current pandemic. We thank them for all they are doing and ask the Lord to keep them safe.

Hope in the future

We pray for the people of the parish of St. Cuthbert, Withington, and for Fr. Brendan Curley, their parish priest. We pray for the parish primary school and for the Manchester L'Arche community.

Church Services Online: There are many online resources available to help you with your prayers at this time, including the daily live streaming of Holy Mass. For links regularly updated: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/covid-19-online-resources

www.churchservices.tv or www.mcnmedia.tv

If you have no internet-The Diocese of Middlesbrough are now offering Mass by phone. The number is 01642 130120



Reflection Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

Acts 2: 1-11 Psalm 33 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16; 13-19

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Now I know it is all true

We are all fallible; no matter what we attain to, we sometimes fall short, we are both saints and sinners, this is what makes us wholly human. None of us is perfect. Whenever I read about Saint Peter or Saint Paul there is always, in the undertones of the passage, this feeling that no matter how clear the message, the character of these two men shines through. If they were applicants for a job they would end up on the rejected pile, Peter for his gift of clear insight marred by his failure to commitment and Paul for his attitude of rushing ahead with a project no matter what the cost to himself or to others, both are accidents waiting to happen. But this is unfair. They were ordinary men, thrust into an extraordinary role, in a world which was not ready to accept them or the message they were sent to proclaim. They represented a challenge to the ways of the world. It is the same today, the world is not ready to accept the message of Christ but we, inspired by Peter and Paul, must keep proclaiming the Gospel, the Good News, of God's love for all creatures that exist.

Peter in our first reading is in prison. His preaching has reached the ears of Herod and the unrest he is creating against the established order is irritating the Rulers and the priestly hierarchy of Israel. As with all those whose message is contrary to the ruling elite he must be suppressed and cast out of society. Christ's message of love is a threat and the only cure is to cut it off at the head. But Peter has an even greater mission than preaching to the Jews, he is given the task of going out to all nations and bringing them into the church of Christ and so. in an instance, all is changed, an angel leads him from his cell into the world, free from his captivity and ready to undertake the task for which he was chosen, deep in his heart, he realises "Now I know it is all true"

Paul, tired through all his trials and weary from his constant travelling is ready for the end. He has run the race and he, too, knows that God has stood by him. He has no regrets, he is leaving the world to his people, those he has formed in the Lord. We all work in the Lord's vineyard, trying our best to make the way of the Lord. We can only achieve the task we are called to, and if we are asked in whose name, we do these things we must stand with Peter and proclaim "For Christ, the Son of the living God".

With thanks to David Franks

Diocese Visit to Corpus Christi

This last week we met the representative from the Diocese. At the time of writing we are still awaiting formal approval to open St Brendan's for private prayer, but hopefully this will be not too far off. We also hope they will visit St John's this week.

So, at present, we still await authorisation from the Diocese before we can open for prayer, let alone Holy Mass.

SAFETY MUST REMAIN A PRIORITY

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As of July 4th, the Government has indicated services can recommence in Churches, albeit with very limited numbers. There is quite a lot of guidance to digest and this is going to be a gradual process once we have received Diocesan authorisation for private prayer.

In the current situation, there will be no immediate return to Masses next weekend, but hopefully private prayer as of next week. With every blessing Fr Alf

The Sunday obligation to attend Mass remains lifted at this time.

In the meantime, local churches opening times are: -

St Osmund's, Brightmet

Monday 9.30am - 11.30am Tuesday- Saturday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

St William of York, Great Lever

Monday 9.30am - 11.30am Wednesday 6.30pm - 8.30pm Saturday 10.30am - 12.30am

St Thomas of Canterbury

Tuesday 2-3pm Thursday 2-3pm Sunday 2-3pm

Apologies if anyone was misled by the incorrect Tuesday times for St Osmund's we published last week.

Zoom webinar

As part of Hope in the Future developing links between Home, School and Parish; the following event is being offered by the Diocese. The event is open to all and you can attend as a guest or if you are interested in assisting with marriage and family life formation.

'Family is Sacred' - An Introduction - Zoom Webinar

Thursday 9th July, 7:30pm-9:00pm on Zoom

Family is Sacred is a course to support and enrich Marriage & Family life and strengthen the Domestic Church. Anyone over 18 is welcome to attend. The session will include an overview of the course, small group discussion and plans to offer this course around the diocese.

Register your free place by emailing hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk (Zoom details to follow)

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