



## NEWSLETTER FOR CORPUS CHRISTI, BOLTON

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2017</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 465; Preface: <i>At priest's choice</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 475; Preface: <i>At Priest's choice</i></p>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Everyone on this earth belongs to God. All are made in his image. Therefore, it is right that all men and women, 'from the rising to the setting of the sun', should know the God to whom they belong. The only desire of our God is that all should know and love him, and find in him the fulfilment that they seek. Even a pagan king like Cyrus is used to further this knowledge of God - just as Jesus uses Caesar's head to make the point again: all belong to God, and the mission of all who acknowledge that belonging is to help others to find it. This is exactly what we see Paul, Silvanus and Timothy doing, as they write to the people of Thessalonica, to whom they carried the Good News of Jesus Christ</p> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>When you look at something like the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and see its 691 pages, or look at the 2,000 pages of the big Jerusalem Bible, you can be forgiven for thinking that Christianity is a complicated affair. But Jesus reminds us today that it is essentially very simple: everything can be summed up in two basic rules: love God, love your neighbour. Exodus backs this up, by talking about the simple love that we must show to each other. Not that this is easy - love is always costly, and involves some degree of sacrifice. We will have to change, to become perfect in love; but it is possible, and when we do, like the people of Thessalonica, we become a great example to people everywhere.</p> </div> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses, Feasts &amp; Activities</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Masses</b> 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB); 2pm Baptism (SJ)</p> <p><b>Monday (23<sup>rd</sup>)</b> 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p> <p><b>Tuesday (24<sup>th</sup>)</b> 2pm Christian Meditation (SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p> <p><b>Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup>)</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ); 1.15pm Harbour Room Book Club</p> <p><b>Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>)</b> 9.15am Mass (SB) 7.15pm Christian Meditation (SB)</p> <p><b>Friday (27<sup>th</sup>)</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p> <p><b>Saturday (28<sup>th</sup>)</b> 5pm Mass (SC) – <i>St Simon &amp; St Jude</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>British Summertime ends – Clocks go back one hour</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses, Feasts &amp; Activities</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Masses:</b> 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB); 2pm Baptism (SB)</p> <p><b>Monday (30<sup>th</sup>)</b> 10am Requiem Mass for Margaret Holt (SB) 7pm <i>Needles</i> (Harbour Room, SB); 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p> <p><b>Tuesday (31<sup>st</sup>)</b> <b>7pm Vigil Mass for All Saints (SJ)</b> 7.15pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Becoming Catholic (Patmos Room SJ)</p> <p><b>Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup>)</b> <b>9.15am School Mass (SC)</b>     <i>All Saints</i> <b>9.30am School Mass (SJ)</b>     <i>Holy Day of</i> <b>11am School Mass (SB)</b>     <i>Obligation</i></p> <p><b>Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b> 9.15am Mass (SB) - <i>All Souls</i></p> <p><b>Friday (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p> <p><b>Saturday (4<sup>th</sup>)</b> 11am-12noon Adoration &amp; Reconciliation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) – <i>St Charles Borromeo</i></p> <p><b>Next Sunday (5<sup>th</sup>)</b> 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB); 2pm Baptism (SB)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Think Vocation</b></p> <p>"Give to God what belongs to God." Our very lives belong to the Lord. Let us be open, with the Blessed Virgin, for them to be disposed to His will: "Be it done to me according to thy word."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Think Vocation</b></p> <p>God wants you to love him with everything – with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. Meditate on that "all" and how you can reach closer to it in your vocation.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marriage Matters</b></p> <p><b>We all need each other:</b> The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus: He told them to give to Caesar what belongs to him, "and to God what belongs to God". The world tells us to look after ourselves and not to need others. As married couples, we know that we are made by God for one another, not needy but needing to give of ourselves entirely.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marriage Matters</b></p> <p><b>How can I best love you today?</b> In today's gospel Jesus says love should be at the centre of our lives, so we must ask 'How can I best love my partner today?' To know how our partner experiences our love best, we need to explore together whether it is through compliments, special time together, presents or acts of service, or simple hugging and kissing.</p>
<p><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6):</b> We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work &amp; the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners &amp; their families</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APF – Mill Hill Mission Thank You &amp; Appeal</b></p> <p>This will take place on the weekend of 28 &amp; 29 October at all the Masses when we welcome Fr Jan Klaver MHM to our parish. Thank you to all parishioners who already support this wonderful Association through Red boxes. If you haven't yet thought of doing so, perhaps this appeal might persuade you. Please see the poster at the back of church for more details.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please take time to read the extra pages attached to this newsletter which are about some things to consider with regard to the future of our parish of Corpus Christi. Thank you.</i></p>	

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## Prayers Please

**Sick:** Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Josephine Knowles, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, John Pryor, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Robert Morissey, Father Francis McCauley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 7), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, Canon Dorran, Christine Everitt, Mark O'Brien, Sheila Derbyshire, Margaret Gibson, Kathleen & Arnold Banks, Andrew Rostron, Rose Mellor, Michaela (Sick child), Linda Marsh and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness

**Lately Dead:** John Heywood, Margaret Holt

**Anniversaries:** Doreen Molyneux, William Westley, George Cowley, Nicola Lamoury, Joseph Halliwell

**Mass Intentions:** Doreen Molyneux, William Westley, George Cowley, John Heywood, Margaret Holt, Nicola Lamoury, To Our Lady & Padre Pio, Joseph Halliwell, Most grateful thanks to our Blessed Lady & St Jude



**Congratulations:** To Trixie Marie Ilano who was baptised at St Brendan's last Saturday. Also to Emma Veronica Karen Tudge and Nicole Janine Mavis Kenny who were baptised at St Columba's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families continue to grow in faith.



**Congratulations:** To Marjorie Greenhalgh (a parishioner in Harwood) who will celebrate her 104<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Monday 23 October. We all wish Marjorie many happy returns and hope that she has a lovely day.

**World Mission Day:** This Sunday the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support today will help brave missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of peace in South Sudan and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. Thank you.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25 October at 1.15pm. The book for discussion is *Nora Webster* by Colm Toibin. All welcome.

**CAMEO:** Meets again on Wednesday 15 November (2pm-4pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. There will be a *Fun Auction* with Kathleen Denton and the proceeds will help to buy Christmas gifts and offer help to families in our parish. All are welcome to come along and there will be the usual refreshments.

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 18 November (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is for parents from our parish who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please let the parish office know if you will be attending by phoning 301927 or by email [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

**Parish Quiz Night, Friday 17 November**  
**At Dunsar Conservative Club**  
**Tickets now on Sale!**

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**Afternoon Tea:** Thank you to all those who organised and supported this very successful event. A good time was had by all and it raised £152 for parish funds!

## SVP News

### Annual Mass for the Deceased

This will be held on Saturday 25 November at 11am in St Brendan's Church, Harwood. Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

**Christmas Flower Demonstration:** Saturday 18 November (2pm-4pm) in the Patmos Room at St John's. Tickets cost £5 per person and includes refreshments. There will also be a raffle and all proceeds will go towards the Destitution Project and Urban Outreach. Tickets will be on sale at Masses on 28 and 29 October.

### Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018 - Volunteer Information Meeting

The 86th Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place between 27 July & 2 August 2018. We are seeking volunteers, both medical and non-medical, to assist with our sick pilgrims. If you would like to find out more about volunteering with us please come along to our next Volunteer Information Meeting, on Wednesday 22 November 2017 at 7.30pm - 8.30pm (Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford St. Salford. M3 6DP).

**Embrace Liverpool 2017:** Takes place on Saturday 25 November at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral (9.30am - 6pm). It is a day to celebrate the faith of young people. Please email Tracey Ward at [tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or visit [www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk](http://www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk) for more information. We would like to arrange a coach for the Bolton Deanery, depending on numbers the cost would be around £8 return. If anyone wants a seat on the coach please contact John Griffin on 07944 287 690 or email [john@embrace-liverpool.org.uk](mailto:john@embrace-liverpool.org.uk) before 12 November.

**Sacramental Programme:** The first meeting for parents and the presentation of the children from all three parishes, involved in the Sacramental Programme this year, will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 8 November in St John'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 in this year's programme, please have a word with one of the priests.

**Becoming Catholic:** The next group begins on Tuesday 31 October at St John's Church (7.30pm-9pm) and will run until Easter for anyone in our parish wishing to become Catholic, or wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith. If you would like more information please contact our parish office on 301927 or [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk)

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 28/29 October

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	C Mollineux	F Ginty, C Molyneux, J O'Connor
9.15 (SJ)	A Gracie	E Rothwell, D Ramsden, A Gracie, F Smith, M Speed, M Cropper
11.15(SB)	C Bridge	J Murphy, K Wilkinson, P Carolan,

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 4/5 November

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	C Smith	M Hilton, J Cranshaw, M Hilton
9.15 (SJ)	J Carroll	M Cropper, A Rawlinson, F Smith, T Armstrong, A Grundy, M Russell,
11.15(SB)	L Lamoury	K Wilkinson, P Carolan, J Murphy

## Developing Corpus Christi Parish Some thoughts from the Parish Priest

19 October 2017

Following the announcement a few weeks ago that the Bishop has decided to form this new parish, there are a good number of things for us to begin thinking about. Members of the Parish Enabling Team (PET) have already turned their mind to some of these matters but many of them require or would benefit from broader reflection. In his letter announcing the decision, the Bishop asked us all to work together to develop our new parish.

### **A New Parish Identity**

In seeking to bring together people who were previously part of three separate parish communities (although working together for a number of years now) it is important that we try to create a real sense that this is something new and that this is now one parish.

It has been suggested that we use a particular logo for our parish which can feature on our newsletter, other documentation and any new signage. There is no existing logo that we can simply adopt and so I am asking pupils in our three primary schools and at Thornleigh if they would like to have a go at designing something. This competition can also be open to any other parishioners (young or older) who might wish to submit an entry.

In designing a possible logo for the parish it is important to bear in mind the two significant aspects of our name. Corpus Christi focuses us on the Eucharist (the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ) but it also reminds us that we ourselves are called to be the Body of Christ in the world today here in this locality. So hopefully the logo will capture one or both of these aspects.

Hard copies of designs should be handed in at church or sent to the parish office at St John's. Electronic copies should be e-mailed to [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk). Please include contact details of the designer(s). All entries should be submitted by **Monday 13 November** and the competition will be judged at the PET meeting later that week.

### **New Mass Times**

As mentioned at each of the Masses last weekend, once St Columba's church closes on 11 November, we will need to move the 5pm Saturday evening Mass to one of our other churches. Some views have already been expressed on this but I am keen that those who currently attend that Mass regularly should have the main say in this matter. So, we will have some ballot papers available at St Columba's next Saturday evening so that those attending can express their preference.

In seeking to decide between St Brendan's or St John's for that Saturday evening Mass, it is important that we give consideration to those who will need to get there by public transport. Which of our two remaining churches is best served by buses at that time on a Saturday evening?

Whilst keeping the Saturday evening Mass at 5pm (in whichever church), it would be appropriate at this point to slightly amend the Sunday morning times to enable us to coordinate our Masses with those in our nearest neighbouring parishes. This can be done quite easily by bringing them forward by 15 minutes. So our new Mass times would be 9am at St John's and 11am at St Brendan's. Subject to approval by the Bishop we would introduce them from the weekend of 18/19 November. Let me know by **Wednesday 1 November** if you have any thoughts on this proposal.

### **Standing Orders and Offertory Envelopes**

Over the coming weeks, the Diocesan Finance Office will be making arrangements with the bank to combine our existing parish bank accounts into one new account for Corpus Christi parish. Anyone who currently contributes to any of our parishes by standing order should not notice any difference, since all of these should be automatically directed to the new account by the bank. If any hiccups arise with this transfer, we will let you know and, likewise, it would be appreciated if you let us know if it causes any problems for you. Hopefully, it shouldn't.

If you contribute by envelope (whether gift-aided or not), you should continue to use your current set of envelopes through to the end of this financial year. When we order the new sets of envelopes (for 2018-19) they will have our new parish name (and hopefully our logo) on them.

If anyone else would like to make their regular contributions to the parish by standing order or offertory envelopes, please get in touch with the parish office and we will put you in touch with the appropriate organisers of these schemes.

If you live within that part of the former parish of St Columba's which is now in Holy Infant's parish, and you would prefer your envelope contributions to go there, we can pass them on or you could ask for a new set of envelopes from Holy Infant's.

### **Parish Boundaries and School Admissions**

In a few weeks time, we will publish some more detailed information about the boundaries of our new parish and about the area of St Columba's parish which is now part of Holy Infant's. Parish boundaries are important when it comes to identifying a person's rights and responsibilities within the Church, where sacraments can be celebrated and whether or not permission might be needed.

Since references to current parish boundaries will no longer be appropriate, we will be adjusting the wording of the admissions policies for our primary schools, whilst retaining the same catchment area for each.

### **Hope in the Future**

This diocesan initiative for building up missionary parishes has come at an ideal time for us as we seek to develop our single new parish of Corpus Christi. Some members of the PET team will be taking a lead on this but we are also open to other people joining them who are willing to volunteer their time and energy in helping to shape how we implement the different stages of this initiative.

If you would like to register an interest in helping with this, there is a form available in each of our churches or on the parish website which you can complete.

### **Final Mass at St Columba's**

In the midst of looking to the future of our new parish, we need to remain conscious of the fact that St Columba's church will be closing soon and to recognise the sadness this will cause for a good number of people. It is right that we mark the closure with a Mass of thanksgiving for the life of that parish and church building.

The Bishop will be coming to celebrate this Mass on 11 November and the school will also celebrate Mass in the church building for the final time the previous day. Further details for both of these will follow. In the meantime, you may wish to make former parishioners of St Columba's aware of these celebrations so that these Masses are truly very special occasions, giving everyone who wants to be there the opportunity to fittingly give thanks to God for all that St Columba's has been.