

NEWSLETTER FOR CORPUS CHRISTI, BOLTON

5TH NOVEMBER 2017 – THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



An awkward set of readings to sit through as a priest today! The more responsibility we have for the flock of God, the more is demanded of us. But for all God's people, there is the need for constant vigilance, to be on guard against hypocrisy and complacency, the two greatest threats to our living God's way and not our own, self-serving way. This is a prelude to the end: for the next three weeks we will think about the end of the world and the judgement that awaits. This Sunday's readings should begin to encourage us not to fear and dread that day, but to look forward to it, by putting our lives in order and living as the Lord showed us.

Liturgy & Activities This Week

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3

Sunday Missal: *page 484; Preface at Priest's choice*

Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	<p>Sick: Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, 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, 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</p> <p>Lately Dead: Tony Winstanley, Winifride O'Connor, Canon Kevin O'Connor, Jack Hailey, Margaret Holt,</p> <p>Anniversaries: Angela Sharples, Patricia Howe, Dorothy Hodget, Fr Denis Sheahan, Chris Dawson, Marie Pilkington, Elizabeth Taylor, Frances Naylor, Eamonn Doyle, Mark Rinaldo Villa</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Dorothy Hodget, Winifride O'Connor, The O'Connor & McGucken families, Fr Denis Sheahan, Tony Winstanley, Chris Dawson, Jack Hailey, A Special Intention, Deceased members & friends of the Carter & Mathen families, Marie Pilkington, Elizabeth Taylor, Frances Naylor, Margaret Holt, Eamonn Doyle, Cynthia Winstanley (Birthday Remembrance), Mark Rinaldo Villa</p>
Monday (6 th)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm-9pm Needles Sewing Group (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (7 th)	2pm-2.45pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15 SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (8 th)	9.15am Yr4 Mass (SC) 11am Requiem Mass for Tony Winstanley (SB) 6.30pm Sacramental Programme Meeting and Presentation (St John's Church)	
Thursday (9 th) <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.15am Yr3 Mass (SB) – Prayer Partners & Faith Friends 12noon-1pm Harwood Prayer Walk <i>[see overleaf]</i> 7.15pm-8pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)	
Friday (10 th) <i>St Leo the Great</i>	2pm Final School Mass in St Columba's Church – All Welcome 7.30pm Memorial Mass for the Centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele at Salford Cathedral <i>[see overleaf]</i>	
Saturday (11 th) <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	10am Safeguarding Training Day for Children's Liturgists (Patmos Room, SJ) 5pm Final Mass at St Columba's celebrated by Bishop John Arnold – All Welcome <i>A Special Collection for the Retired</i>	
Sunday (12 th) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for all Victims of War</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – With Children's Liturgy <i>Clergy Fund</i> 11am Remembrance Services (Dunscar War Memorial & Bolton Town Hall) 11.15am Mass (SB) – With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	
Corpus Christi - New Parish Logo - Reminder		Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6):
We are looking for a new parish logo for use on our newsletter, other documentation and any new signage. It's not too late to enter a design as the closing date is Monday 13 November. Hard copies of designs can be handed in at church or sent to the parish office at St John's. Electronic copies should be emailed to office@sbsj.org.uk .		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.

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New Mass Times

Following the recent consultation on Mass times, a vote taken amongst those attending the 5pm Mass last Saturday produced a majority (62) in favour of the 5pm Mass transferring to St Brendan's. There were 38 votes in favour of it moving to St John's and 4 voting slips that did not express a preference. St Brendan's is also served better by buses at that time. So the 5pm Mass will move to St Brendan's from Saturday 18 November.

Only one person has been in contact with regard to the proposed change of Sunday morning Mass times, so I will now ask the bishop to approve changing these to 9am at St John's and 11am at St Brendan's from Sunday 19 November.



Congratulations: To Isaac Fox Irving-Piper who was baptised at St John's on Sunday 22 October. Also to Lawson John McClellan who was Baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families continue to grow in faith.

Sacramental Programme: The first meeting for parents and the presentation of the children 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.

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

Christie Friends: Invite you to a Ladies Fashion Show on Wednesday 22 November (7.30pm) at Dunsar Conservative Club, Hardmans Lane, Bromley Cross. Tickets are £7.50 per person and include a glass of prosecco and a pastie supper. Please phone Kath Brown on 07753 170 241 to reserve a seat/table.

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. Any unwanted, quality items (of any use to others) are very welcome. 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

Memorial Mass: To commemorate the centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele (31 July - 10 November 1917). There will be a memorial Mass at Salford Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop John Arnold, at 7.30pm on Friday 10 November. Situated in the north transept of the cathedral is the War Memorial Chapel, where the names and initials of 663 men who died during the War are inscribed on eight white marble tablets. After the Mass a special exhibition will be launched which is dedicated to the approximate 8,000 men from the Diocese of Salford who sacrificed their lives during the Great War.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 18 November (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. Please let the parish office know if you will be attending by phoning 301927 or by email office@sbsj.org.uk



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 include refreshments. There will also be a raffle and all proceeds will go towards the Destitution Project and Urban Outreach. Tickets are now available.

Embrace Liverpool 2017: This year's conference will take 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: tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. Visit www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk for more information.

Live Mass Broadcasts: Parishioners might like to know that if you have difficulty in attending Mass, Sunday Mass is broadcast from Ireland at 11am on RTE Radio1 (Long wave) and online. Daily Mass is broadcast live on EWTN Catholic: Sky TV channel 589 at 1pm and again at 6pm. On Feast Days, Mass is often broadcast live from St Peter's in Rome on the EWTN channel. There are also live streams on android ewtn.co.uk/mobile-app.

Harwood Prayer Walk: On Thursday (9 November) the Churches in Harwood are holding a Prayer Walk beginning at St Brendan's at 12noon. It will move on to the Methodist Church and then to Morrisons (ending by 1pm). The idea is to pray for our community in Harwood and particularly for current difficulties and troubles affecting that community. It is something different to our normal ecumenical activities and all are welcome and encouraged to join in. If you are not able to come along, please consider praying for Harwood at that same time wherever you are.

Marriage Matters

Do we both work hard and devotedly? We cannot avoid being challenged by the devotion, protection and love given to the followers of Jesus by St Paul and his companions. Can we say with equal certainty that in living our vows and commitments, we work as hard and devotedly? Yet this is what we married couples are called to strive for in our relationship with each other.

Think Vocation

The greatest among you must be your servant. Whatever way we choose to respond to the vocation to which God has called us, we should essentially strive to serve God to the best of our ability by using the gifts and talents at our disposal for the benefit of our brothers and sisters

Come and Join Us!

Tea and coffee are always served after Sunday Masses at St John's (9.15am) and St Brendan's (11.15am). All welcome!

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 11/12 November

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	T Lees	M Hilton, J Cranshaw, M Hilton
9.15 (SJ)	P Margiotta	P McArdle, F Smith, M Speed, E Rothwell, M Cropper, A Gracie
11.15(SB)	J Proctor	M Durkan, C Owen, P Brennan