

NEWSLETTER FOR CORPUS CHRISTI, BOLTON

19TH NOVEMBER 2017 – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness



We must be very careful that the real point of today's first reading is not washed away in genuine concerns over what one can and cannot say about the responsibilities of spouses. This is not, in fact, a recipe for the perfect wife, but an illustration, from one age, of the virtue of fully employing the talents God gives us. Some things are timeless, such as holding out a hand to the poor, while other talents shift and change. The point is that all of us are gifted in varying ways and degrees: none of us should begrudge anyone else their talents, for fear that we overlook our own. We work wisely and well, looking forward to the master's return, when we can hand over to him not just what he gave us, but also the fruits that our labours have gained.

Liturgy & Activities This Week

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1
Sunday Missal: page 504; Preface at Priest's choice

Sunday	9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am 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, 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, Ross Smith (young person) and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness</p> <p>Lately Dead: Josephine Knowles, Veronica Higgins, Mary Greenhalgh, Thomas Rabbitt Martin Rule, Joan Ashcroft, Jason Haynes, Tony Winstanley, Winifride O'Connor, Canon Kevin O'Connor, Jack Hailey</p> <p>Anniversaries: Graham Taylor, Maureen Smyth Taylor, Louis & Florence Hodkinson</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Veronica Higgins, A Special Intention, Graham Taylor, Maureen Smyth Taylor, Louis & Florence Hodkinson</p>
Monday (20 th)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm-9pm Needles Sewing Group (Harbour Room, SB) 7.30pm Prayer Fellowship (Christ's Church, Harwood) <i>All Welcome</i> 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (21 st) <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15 SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (22 nd) <i>St Cecilia</i>	11.30am Requiem Mass for Josephine Knowles (SJ)	
Thursday (23 rd)	9.15am Mass (SB) 7.15pm-8pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)	
Friday (24 th) <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday (25 th)	9.30am-6pm Embrace, Liverpool 11am Annual Mass for the Deceased (St Brendan's) 5pm Mass (SB)	
Sunday (26 th) <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King</i>	9am Mass (SJ) – With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) – With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>A Special Day of Prayer for Young People</i>	
St Columba's		Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6):
Thank you to all who prepared and attended the final Mass last Saturday. It was a very fitting way to give thanks to God for 86 years of parish life and to mark the closure of the church after 61 years. The large number attending (about four times our normal weekly attendance) shows what St Columba's has meant to so many people over the years.		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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World Day of The Poor: This Sunday is the first 'World Day of the Poor'. Pope Francis has instituted this new day as a way of inviting us to understand that sharing with those living in poverty "enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel". In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means, to unite in love and in acts of service to one another. He explains: "It is my wish that ... Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance." Please consider how you can create moments of encounter and friendship today.



Congratulations: To Freya Livia Grisdale and Finlay Rowan Grisdale who were baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their family continue to grow in faith.

Quarant'ore at the Hidden Gem: This Wednesday lunchtime until Saturday afternoon (22-25 November) there will be a special time of prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's, the Hidden Gem, in Manchester. Quarant'ore, Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, starts on Wednesday with the Opening Mass at 12.30pm and concludes with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday afternoon at 4pm. During this time of prayer there will also be the opportunity each day for confessions. Please see the diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk for further details and a copy of the programme for the four days.

St Brendan's Forthcoming Funerals: The Requiem Mass for Thomas Rabbitt will be held on Tuesday 28 November at 10am. The funeral for Mary Greenhalgh will be announced in due course.

Fort Alice – Christmas Toy Appeal

Following the overwhelming generous response to this special toy collection over the past two years, we have been asked if we would hold another collection of newly purchased toys in aid of Fortalice. Fortalice provides frontline services for women and children who are affected by or who are fleeing domestic abuse. Without the generosity of people in the local community, the charity would not be able to survive or give parents and children a new experience of receiving individual presents. We will hold the toy collection at our Saturday and Sunday Masses on the 9 & 10 December and a representative from Fort Alice will give a short talk. *Thank you*

Readers' Rota: A new rota is being prepared. If you previously read at the 5pm Mass at St Columba's and now wish to read at the 5pm Mass at St Brendan's, or indeed at any of the other two Masses, please let the office know as soon as possible on 301927 or office@sbsj.org.uk. This is also the same for any other readers who want to join the 5pm rota.

Christmas Window Displays (St Brendan's): Parishioners are invited to sponsor a poinsettia again this year in memory of a loved one. There is a form to complete (at the back of church). Thank you.

Christie Friends: Invite you to a Ladies Fashion Show on Wednesday 22 November (7.30pm) at Dunscair 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.

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.

Destitution Project: There will be a special collection of food items during the rest of November and the first week of December. A list of items is displayed on the notice boards. Thank you for your continued support

Aid to the Church in Need: Are asking parishes to join the ACN's #RedWednesday campaign this year to stand up for faith and freedom in solidarity with Christians and others who are persecuted for their faith on Wednesday 22 November (Feast of St Cecilia). For more information and to pledge your support please go to www.acnuk.org/redwednesday.

Journeying with Advent Families: What can a penniless foreign widow, an elderly barren woman and a young Virgin mother tell us today about welcoming Jesus, God-with-us for our Advent series on the following dates:

1 December: Ruth, Naomi and Boaz (Promise Foretold).

8 December: Zechariah, Elizabeth and John the Baptist (Promise Foreshadowed).

15 December: Mary, Joseph and Jesus (Promised Fulfilled).

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm (Tea and coffee provided)

Venue: Wardley Hall, Worsley M28 2ND

Format: Prayer and Lectio Divina; reflection on Scripture passages and their relevance for today.

Presenters: Sister Joan Kerley, FMSJ and Maria Kidd

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Think Vocation

As the end of the Church's year approaches, we are to be focused on the end of our lives. May we always be aware of the need to live out our Christian vocation each and every day, knowing that we can be called by the Lord to his side at any moment. May we always remember to examine our consciences at the end of each day.

Marriage Matters

Our love must be nourished: The parable of the talents could be compared to our marriage and the consequences if we, like the lazy servant, do not work at our relationship. Avoiding conflict can mean that the opportunity for forgiveness and growth is allowed to pass by. Let's not allow our love for each other to simply slip away, but work to keep our life flourishing.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 24/25 November

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	L Lamoury	TBA
9am (SJ)	P Barnes	F Smith, E Rothwell, A Gracie, P McArdle, M Cropper, T Armstrong
11am (SB)	E Rankin	P Brennan, M Durkan, C Owen,

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