

## Parish Logo

The Parish Enabling Team have approved the design and Thornleigh are just doing the final tweaks.

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

21 January 2018

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Where does Jesus begin his ministry? Where John the Baptist left off - preaching a message of repentance, of change, to welcome the new Kingdom of God. There is a simplicity about this

message, which is not compromised by anything - today's Gospel has these simple words from Jesus, and then the story of his calling more disciples to follow him and share in the work of spreading this message. Repentance has had something of a bad press - we tend to think of it as an old-fashioned concept. But every age needs to hear this call: to look at what we do and say and assume, and realise that there are such things as right and wrong, and that sometimes we follow the wrong path. To follow Jesus, and to accept the Kingdom of God, demands that we make a radical choice, which might well change our lives.

**Marriage Matters: Change of lifestyle** - Jonah the prophet and Jesus call us to repent, to a change of lifestyle. When we married there was a radical change in our lifestyles. He became husband, she became wife and together we became a flesh and blood 'sacrament of marriage'. This is our continued call to each other - live a new life of love in the Lord

**Think Vocation:** "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men". Christ formed his disciples to be ready to preach the Gospel. We need to remember that those who are to serve as priests in the Church also need to be formed first. Let us pray for the priests, religious and lay people who serve on the staff in our seminaries and houses of formation in this country and elsewhere.

### Liturgy & Activities This Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3*

*Sunday Missal: Page 195; Readings page 198*

*Preface: At priest's choice*

#### Sunday 21 January

9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy

11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

#### Monday 22 January

9.30am Mass (SB)

7pm-9pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)

7.30pm Christian Unity Service (Christ's Church, Harwood)

7.45pm SVP (SJ)

#### Tuesday 23 January

2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)

7pm Mass (SJ)

7.15pm SVP (SB)

#### Wednesday 24 January - St Francis De Sales

9.15am Yr5 Class Mass (SC School)

10am Requiem Mass for Bernard Benbow (SB celebrant Fr Heakin)

#### Thursday 25 January - The Conversion of St Paul

9.15am Yr3 Mass (SB) - Listening

*End of Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity*

#### Friday 26 January - Sts Timothy & Titus

9.30am Mass (SJ)

#### Saturday 27 January

5pm Mass (SB)

*A Special Collection for Caritas*

#### Sunday 28 January *(Diocese of Salford)*

9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy

11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

5.30pm Reignite Mass (Salford Cathedral)

*Racial Justice Day*

*Parish Priest:* Rev Canon Michael Cooke VG. *Assistant Priest:* Rev Francis Parkinson

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### Prayers Please

**Sick:** 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, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Father Francis McCauley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 8), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, Canon Dorran, Christine Everitt, Mark O'Brien, Sheila Derbyshire, Margaret Gibson, Kathleen & Arnold Banks, Andrew Rostron, Michaela (Sick child), Linda Marsh, Ross Smith (young person), Vernon Holt and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness

**Lately Dead:** Bernard Benbow, Margaret Henderson, Joan Coles, Joni Horton, Rose Mellor, Neville Smith

**Anniversaries:** Michael Axford, Alan Yates, Bernard Joseph Burke, Cynthia Winstanley

**Mass Intentions:** Michael Axford, Alan Yates, Bernard Joseph Burke, A Special Intention, With thanks to St Anthony, Cynthia Winstanley, Margaret Henderson, Mary Cassidy (Ninetieth birthday), Joni Horton

**Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6):** We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed.

### Facts and Figures

#### Mass Attendance

5pm-178; 9am-211; 11am-158; Total - 547

#### Offertory Collection

13/14 January: £978.58  
Standing Orders (11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Jan) = £192

**Caritas Sunday:** Sunday 28 January is Caritas Sunday. There will be an opportunity to read more about Caritas Diocese of Salford, our home charity of the diocese next weekend. We will hold a second collection at Masses next weekend, and the ongoing support will allow us to respond where the need is greatest in our parishes in the year ahead. We will continue to reach out with love, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our communities, in step with the *Hope in the Future* programme.



**Congratulations:** To Bertie Thomas Knowles who was baptised at St John's last Saturday. And to Rosina Elizabeth Burkhill who was Baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

**Theatre Lovers:** Reminder - *Jane Eyre* at the Octagon Bolton. Now is the time to find those tickets! The play is on Saturday 27 January at 2pm. See you there!

**Harbour Room Book Club:** Meets on Wednesday 31 January at 1pm-2.30pm. Please note the earlier start and finishing times (to avoid traffic build up). The book for discussion is *The Snow Child* by Aeowyn Ivey. Refreshments and all welcome.

**Holocaust Memorial Day - 27 January 2018:** This year, the theme chosen for Holocaust Memorial Day is *The Power of Word*. In cities and towns across the United Kingdom, events will be held to mark the liberation of Auschwitz and to remember the evil and injustice which has characterised genocide wherever it has appeared. Holocaust Memorial Day puts us on our guard against what happens when prejudice and racism are allowed to go unchallenged.

**Brixton Singers:** Present Donald McCullagh's *Holocaust Cantata* on Sunday 28 January (2.30pm) at the Bolton Library Lecture Theatre. The performance consists of six readings based on interview transcripts, historical data and the story of Irene Augustynska Kafka interspersed with songs written by prisoners while incarcerated in Nazi Concentration camps and later found in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives.

**Reignite Young Adults Mass:** At Salford Cathedral, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL, this Sunday (21st January) at 5.30pm. For all those that loved Lourdes and WYD, here's another chance to experience our faith as fun, engaging and transformative. Come along for: great speakers, brilliant testimonies, guest homilists, our young adult's music ministry, reunion with friends, pub social time - every 3rd Sunday of the month. Twitter: @Reignite1

**Mothers' Retreat Day:** At Schoenstatt Shrine and Pastoral Centre, St. John Fisher, Manchester Road, Kearsley, Bolton, BL4 8QQ on Saturday 27 January (10.30am-4pm). Join us for a day of prayer with special guest speaker Margaret Mizen and praise & worship with Debbie Prince. Lunch and refreshments provided. The day concludes with Holy Mass. Tel: 07773 509 595.

**Interfaith Officer Vacancy - Blackburn with Darwen Council for Voluntary Service:** Please see the advert for the above role on the notice board. Please also feel free to draw this to the attention of anyone who you think might be interested in such a role.

**NQT Primary Pool for 2018:** We are now recruiting for our NQT Primary Pool for 2018 with vacancies for 1st September 2018. All details and application forms are available at [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk). **Completed forms are to be returned to Department for Education at the above by 12noon on Friday 26 January 2018**



### SVP News

If you know of anyone throughout our parish who needs help or a visit from the SVP, please get in touch with any member.



### Save the Dates

Friday 16 February 2018 - Ceilidh  
**Tickets are now on sale!**

Friday 11 May 2018 - Spring Concert

**National Vocations Office launches 'God Calls' App** [www.godcalls.co.uk](http://www.godcalls.co.uk): *God Calls* is produced by the National Office for Vocation of the Catholic Bishops' Conference for England and Wales. It is available for iPhone and Android. Contact them at [enquiries@ukvocation.org](mailto:enquiries@ukvocation.org) and 020 7901 4829. Resources include:

- Prayers for dawn, noon, and night.
- Daily questions to help you crack open the Gospel.
- Snapshots of the lives of the Saints.
- A journal to allow you to track day-by-day your Spiritual growth.
- A guide to Catholic retreats and events in your area and across the UK.
- A monthly quiz on a faith-related theme.
- A God Calls Twitter feed

### Diocesan Job Vacancy

#### Health and Safety Co-ordinator

**Location:** Salford Cathedral Centre. Regular travel around the diocese will be required.

**Salary:** £38,000-£43,000 per annum subject to skills and experience at 35 hours per week with occasional evenings and weekends.

The successful candidate will be responsible for providing safety advice to trustees, managers and clergy in order to ensure suitable safety arrangements are in place for employees, parishioners and members of the public visiting diocesan property, attending parish events or any other Diocesan undertakings. The Health and Safety Co-ordinator will have a strong working knowledge of health and fire safety legislation, including the process for compiling fire risk assessments. In addition to this they will have an understanding of accident reporting requirements and experience of accident investigation techniques.

As a minimum, candidate's will require the NEBOSH General Certificate (or equivalent) preferably with chartered membership of MIOSH with at least five years' practical experience within the field of health and safety.

**Closing Date:** 12noon, 26 January 2018.

**Contact:** Director of Administration and Personnel, Department for Finance & Administration, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP.

Tel: 0161-817-2203, email: [personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Mind The Gap:** Members of both YCW and Impact groups are concerned about the current help available to young people with mental health issues as well as the stigma attached to mental health in schools, colleges and work places. Because of this, the YCW is carrying out a National Action Campaign on mental health among young people. The first stage will look at this issue and find out the opinions and experiences of friends and colleagues via the survey: [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/mind-the-gap](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/mind-the-gap). Your voice matters and we hope you can take part in this important survey to help gather information and move forward with the campaign. Thank you.

**Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage Gala Dinner:** At St Bernadette's Social Club, 9 Selby Ave, Whitefield, Manchester M45 8UT on Saturday 3 February (7.30pm - late). Join us for a fun filled night at our annual Gala Dinner in aid of the pilgrimage fund. Funds raised will go to support our sick pilgrims and medical team on pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. Tickets are only £35 and include a welcome drink, four course meal and live entertainment. There's also a luxury raffle and chance to win some amazing prizes. To reserve tickets please email Filippa Martin : [martin\\_filippa@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:martin_filippa@yahoo.co.uk)

### St Bakhita Mass

Pray for the Victims of human trafficking and modern-day slavery

Wednesday 7 February 2018  
At St Mary of the Assumption  
Todmorden Road, Burnley, BB10 4AU  
7.30pm

With a presentation afterwards on modern day slavery in East Lancashire  
Refreshments provided.

Come and Join Us!

Tea and coffee is always served after the Sunday Masses at St John's (9am) and St Brendan's (11am). We always love to see new people or have a catch up.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 27/28 January		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Molyneux	TBA
9am (SJ)	A Gracie	P McArdle, A Grundy, M Speed, E Rothwell, M Cropper, F Smith
11am (SB)	F Doloroso	P Brennan, M Durkan, C Owen

#### Hope in the Future Prayer

God our loving Father,  
we thank you for blessing our parish  
with all that we need  
to respond to our vocation to be a missionary  
community in our locality.

We thank you for all our parish members who, in response to your call, give of themselves so freely to enrich our parish life in the ways of love and service.

We ask you now to pour out afresh the gifts of your Spirit upon each one of us that we may be inspired to serve you in new and creative ways as missionary disciples, bringing your Light to the world.

We ask your blessing upon us as we journey together in hope, through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

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