

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

22 July 2018

Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time



“Sheep without a shepherd.” This is the simple theme of today’s readings. It is interesting that Jesus’ reaction to the crowd is one of pity - as he sees their great thirst for his teachings. This is, in a sense, a clear fulfilment of the prophecy we hear in the first reading, where God promises a true shepherd who will care for the people of Israel. Shepherding is a particularly suitable image of God’s love and care. The dependency of the sheep on their shepherd, their wandering and drifting without someone to guide them, is also a suitable image of the people God loves. Our own age also displays sheep without shepherds - a great wandering crowd, seeking something, but not knowing what they are seeking. It is to this flock that the present-day followers of Jesus are sent as shepherds.

Marriage Matters

Walking alongside or away? Jesus, the Good Shepherd, experienced rejection: many “walked with him no longer”. This offers us some consolation, when despite doing our best to pass on our faith in Jesus and His Church to our children, we, their ‘shepherds’, experience them drifting away from the faith. God loves our children unconditionally, and we need to continually ‘hold them’ in our love.

Think Vocation

In the Gospel the crowds are longing for the hope and encouragement that comes from the lips of Our Lord. Could we spend more time acquainting ourselves with the Word of God in the Sacred Scriptures? Do we try to take at least one word or phrase from the homily, prayers and readings from the Sunday Mass to nourish us in the week ahead?

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i> Sunday Missal: Page 328; Readings page 331 <i>Preface: At priest’s choice</i>
Sunday 22 July 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children’s Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy 5.30pm Lourdes Pilgrimage Pre-departure Mass (Salford Cathedral)
Monday 23 July - St Bridget 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ) <i>35 years of the Anniversary of the Ordination of Fr Parkinson</i>
Tuesday 24 July - St Brendan’s Day of Prayer for Vocations 11.45am Requiem Mass for Ernest Charnock (SJ) 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7.15pm SVP (SB)
Wednesday 25 July - St James 9.30am Mass (SJ) 7pm Baptism Preparation Course (Harbour Room, SB)
Thursday 26 July - St Joachim & Anne 9.15am Mass (SB) 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)
Friday 27 July 9.30am Mass (SJ) Lourdes Pilgrimage departs today.
Saturday 28 July 5pm Mass (SB)
Sunday 29 July 9am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)

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Prayers Please

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends.

Bernard Holder.

Lately Dead: Ernest Charnock, Michael Hollingsworth, Stephen Hollingsworth, Trevor Williamson, Robin Ritchie, John Stanley Briggs, Stella Lee, Peter Boardman, Eileen Wakes, Mark O'Brien, Paul Handley

Anniversaries: Mary Mathen, Ellen Day

Mass Intentions: Michael Hollingsworth, Stephen Hollingsworth, Trevor Williamson, Robin Ritchie, John Stanley Briggs, Eileen Wakes, Mark O'Brien, Mary Mathen, Ellen Day

Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers

Hope in the Future

As we journey together in Hope as a Diocese we pray for the parishes of the English Martyrs, Whalley Range with Fr Morland SMA, and Our Lady and St John, Chorlton, with Fr McMahan. We pray for their primary schools, for St. Bede's College and for an increase in the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

14/15 July: 5pm-97; 9am-174; 11am-130

Total -401

Offertory Collection

14/15 July: £871.63

Standing Orders (12 July-18 July) - £202

Cheques: Whilst we are awaiting our new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to St John's. Thank you.



Congratulations: To Martin Eccleshare and Rebecca Smalley who were married at St John's this Saturday and to James Proctor and Hannah Rowe who were also married this Saturday at St Helen's Parish Church, Sandal, Wakefield. We wish them a very long, happy and fulfilled married life.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session takes place on Wednesday 25 July (7pm-8.30pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. Please contact the parish office if you wish to attend on 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk

Welcome to Corpus Christi.

This weekend we warmly welcome our new Parish Priest, Fr David Chinnery. We hope that Fr David enjoys living and ministering in our parish and we pray that he has a long and happy time with us.

Born and raised in Eccles, Greater Manchester, to Tommy and Sarah, his parents and with Stephen and Ann-Marie his younger brother and sister, respectively. David served at his local parish of St Mary's from the age of seven to eighteen at All Saints Franciscan Friary, Barton on the first Saturday of each month. He attended St Patrick's R.C. High School, Winton, De La Salle College, Weaste and Salford College.

In 1995 Bishop Kelly accepted David to study for the priesthood and was sent to Campion House, Osterley for a year and to St Cuthbert's Seminary, Ushaw, Durham for six years where he was ordained Deacon in 2001 by Archbishop Kelly. The following year he was ordained priest in his home parish of St Mary's, Eccles on 7 December 2002 by Bishop Brain.

Fr David's ministry has been varied and has reached from one end of the Diocese to the other. From 2002 to 2005 he served as an assistant priest to Fr Brendan Curley at St Cuthbert's Church, Withington in South Manchester and as a chaplain to The Christie with the late Fr Dave McGarry. Bishop Brain then appointed Fr David hospital chaplain to the Royal Blackburn where he served for 6 years. He also took up assistant appointments at St Joseph's, Darwen to the late, Fr David Foster from 2005 - 2006 and St Peter in Chains' to Fr Stephen Doyle and later to Fr Tony Dutton from 2006 - 2009. Then the last two years to 2011 spent as priest in charge of Holy Family in Blackburn at St Joseph's presbytery.

In the Summer of 2011 Fr David was appointed assistant priest to Fr Paul Mitcheson at St Wilfrid's, Longridge and has enjoyed seven years ministry. After Fr Paul retired at Easter 2012, Fr David was made parish priest. Two years to the date, the late, Fr Foster retired from Ss Peter and Paul's, Ribchester for Fr David to take charge. The following year in the December of 2015, the late Fr Anthony Grimshaw retired from St Mary's, Chipping for a short retirement, God rest his soul.

Fr David looks forward to moving to Corpus Christi Parish and to serve as her parish priest to St John's, Bromley Cross and St Brendan's, Harwood. He will be celebrating the Sunday Masses this weekend and is looking forward to meeting and speaking with parishioners. Fr David hopes to do his best in celebrating the sacraments and preaching the Gospel and being your priest.



Summer Holidays: Our schools have now finished for the summer holidays. It is a time to thank all members of staff for all their professional dedication and hard work during the last academic year. We pray for all our Yr 6 pupils, Yr 11 pupils and our Sixth Form students who are moving on. We ask that they may be given guidance and encouragement as they continue on their journeys.

Many of you will also be setting off on holiday over the coming weeks. Whether you are staying in this country, or travelling overseas, we wish you a safe journey and we hope that the sun will shine!

Urban Outreach (Bolton Lunches): More than one in five school children are eligible for free school meals in Bolton due to low incomes - that's 8,600 children! During the summer school holidays, these families face a six-week struggle to find the money to feed their children.

In response to a concerned community in Bolton who wanted to help, we launched Bolton Lunches. In partnership with local children's centres, churches, businesses, and an army of volunteers we make up packed lunches feeding thousands of individual children in the school summer holidays.

Around 50 volunteers assemble each weekday at 7.15am to make around 1500 lunches consisting of a ham, cheese or tuna roll, a carton of fruit juice, a cereal bar, a pack of mini cheese biscuits and a piece of fruit. Over the summer holidays that's more than 43,000 packed lunches! The lunches are taken to more than 20 community venues where children and their parents pick them up. In 2018 Bolton Lunches will run from 23 July - 31 August.

If you can volunteer to help make the lunches, please get in touch with us by phone (01204 385848) or info@urbanoutreach.co.uk. Thank you.

2018 Lourdes Pilgrimage - Corpus Christi Group: Fr Frank and nineteen of our parishioners will leave on Friday 27 July to attend this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage. If you would like us to present your personal petitions/Mass intentions at the Grotto Sanctuary, would you please enclose details, in a sealed envelope, and hand the envelopes to either Fr Frank, Margaret Russell, Peter Carolan or myself. Please note, no money should be placed in the envelope. Thank you. *Terry Smith*

Christian Meditation: August: Tuesdays 7th, 21st and 28th, Thursdays 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th. The sessions are held in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's (2pm on Tuesdays and 7.15pm on Thursdays). All are most welcome.

The Harbour Room Book Club Charity Book Sale: A very big THANK YOU to all who supported our book sale last weekend. Despite World Cup Football, Wimbledon Finals and beautiful weather, we managed to raise £110! This was made possible by wonderful support from many book club members who rallied round to sort out the books, set up tables, sell the books and clear up afterwards. Thank you for all that! Thank you to those who donated books and others who made donations to the charity. The amount raised will be divided up as follows: £70 to the Air Ambulance Service (receipt will be put on notice board) and £40 to church funds. A big thank you to all.

Book Club resumes on 26 September with *The Liberation* by Kate Furnivall up for discussion. Have a lovely Summer break. Best wishes to all. *Madeleine*

Oberammergau Passion Play 2020: Plans are underway for a second Parish trip (1-8 July 2020) to see this wonderful play with a week beforehand among the Austrian lakes and mountains. Places are limited and early booking is recommended. If you are interested in this trip, additional information and booking forms are available from Mary Cropper (01204 596439), Ann Gracie (01204 302912) and Margaret Russell (01204 853515). Mary, Ann and Margaret will be available in the Patmos Room this Sunday after the 9am Mass if you would like to chat to them.

Scripture Festival - Joy the Surprise of the Gospel: Takes place at Salford Cathedral and the Cathedral Centre on 6 October 2018.

It is being organised collaboratively by northern dioceses, members of religious orders and is supported by the Scripture Working Group of the Bishops' Conference. The theme of Joy has been chosen to reflect the appealing message of Pope Francis in *The Joy of the Gospel*. The day is designed to offer a taste of scripture to a wide range of people across the North of England. As well as keynote speakers who will bring insights into how the scriptures offer us joy and hope, there will be a variety of workshops for people to explore the Bible in different ways. There will not just be an opportunity for bible study but also to respond to the text in words, art and prayer. The Word will also be celebrated in liturgy and music. We hope to attract as many people as possible by providing a varied programme at a very affordable cost. Full publicity and booking forms will be available shortly.

Spanish Mass: To celebrate the Feast of St James on the 25 July, 7.30pm in St James' Church, Monserrat Rd, Johnson Fold, BL1 5TX. All are welcome! Food will be available after Mass.

Liturgy & Activities Masses 29 July
Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1
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Preface: At priest's choice

Sunday 29 July
 9am Mass (SJ)
 11am Mass (SB)

Monday 30 July
 9.30am Mass (SB)
 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)
 7.45pm SVP (SJ)

Tuesday 31 July - St Ignatius of Loyola
 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)
 7pm Mass (SJ)
 7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday 1 August - St Alphonsus Mary Liguori
 9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 2 August
 9.15am (SB)
 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)

Friday 3 August
 9.30am Mass (SJ)

Saturday 4 August - St John Mary Vianney
 11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ)
 5pm Mass (SB)


Sunday 5 August
 9am Mass (SJ)
 11am Mass (SB)
 2pm Baptism (SB)

Reader's Rota: A new rota will be published at the end of August. If anyone would like to become a reader or, alternatively, have their name removed from the list, please contact the parish office on 301927.

Hope in the Future - Week of 28/29 July
 As a Diocese united in prayer we pray for the parishes of St Joseph's, Mossley with Fr Lavin, and St John Southworth, Nelson with Fr Murphy. We remember all the young people and staff in their schools.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 28/29 July		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Holmes	TBA
9am (SJ)	A Gracie	M Russell, M Speed, A Gracie, F Smith, S May, M Cropper
11am (SB)	F Doloroso	C Owen, P Brennan, M Durkan,

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 4/5 August		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	J O'Connor	TBA
9am (SJ)	A Hayes	T Armstrong, A Grundy, E Rothwell, P McArdle, M Cropper, A Rawlinson
11am (SB)	F Evans	P Brennan, M Durkan, C Owen

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