

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

5 August 2018

Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time



*"He who comes to me never be hungry.
He who believes in me will never thirst."*



We continue reading from John 6: this is the aftermath of the miracle, and we see the beginnings of a misunderstanding that will develop over the next four weeks. People have seen the miracle, but not the message: they have seen the sign, but

not what it points towards. The bread that was given is a sign of the Bread of Life, which is the teaching, the words and the very person of Jesus, as the revelation of the Father. His mission is to draw people back to his Father, to found a New Covenant or relationship. As the weeks go by, we will see that the people's hunger is simply for spectacle and miracle, not for the much harder teaching of living nourished by God's word and the presence of his only Son. For us, the People of the New Covenant, these passages must make us think of how we receive the Lord in the Eucharist. Are we nourished by his presence, so that all the hunger and thirst of our lives is answered by the One who is the Bread of Life?

Marriage Matters

Jesus will give us courage and strength: The readings today focus very much on God's love and care for each of us. Our relationship at times can be challenged by something like a serious physical or mental illness, making it very hard to communicate. At such times, if we dig deep, we will find the trust we have in Jesus. This can pull us through together.

Think Vocation

Every time we come to Mass and receive Our Lord in Holy Communion, we have an opportunity to dedicate our Communion for a particular intention. Perhaps this week, we could offer this intention for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life.

Liturgy & Activities This Week
<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i> <i>Sunday Missal: Page 349; Readings page 352</i> <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i>
Sunday 5 August 9am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB)
Monday 6 August - <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i> 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)
Tuesday 7 August 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)
Wednesday 8 August - <i>St Dominic</i> 9.30am Mass (SJ)
Thursday 9 August - <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i> 9.15am Mass (SB) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Europe</i>
Friday 10 August - <i>St Lawrence</i> 9.30am Mass (SJ)
Saturday 11 August - <i>St Clare</i> 11am Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB)
Sunday 12 August 9am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SJ)

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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: Philip Berry, Gizela Kosecka, Aileen Rayner, Hazel Simpkin, Valero Vora, Winston Shanley, Ernest Charnock,

Anniversaries: Leonard Ainscough

Mass Intentions: Philip Berry, Gizela Kosecka, Aileen Rayner, Hazel Simpkin, Valero Vora, Winston Shanley, Ernest Charnock, Thanksgiving for 60 years of Marriage, Leonard Ainscough, Vincent Heron (Birthday Remembrance), For a sick Person

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

On our Journey with Hope we build firm foundations through our prayer for one another. This week let us pray for the parish communities of The Holy Family, New Springs, with Fr Foulkes, and St Mary's, Oswaldtwistle with Fr O'Brien, together with their primary schools and Mount Carmel College, Accrington. May the Holy Spirit inspire us all to become Missionary Disciples

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

21/22 July: 5pm-117; 9am-174; 11am-160
Total -451

28/29 July: 5pm-109; 9am-160; 11am-117
Total -386

Offertory Collection

21/22 July: £1,073.35

28/29 July: £820.70

Standing Orders (19-31 July) - £347

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

Parish Fundraising Concert

Come and join us for
A Night at the Musicals & Back to the 60's
with the Eden Eight
at Dunsar Conservative Club
on Friday 14 September (7.30pm).

Tickets are £8 including Pasty Supper.
All Proceeds go towards the upkeep of our two churches

SVP Sponsored Walk: Thank you to those who took part and those who sponsored somebody during the walk held on 1 July. The amount raised, so far, is £1,605.30. Thanks also goes to those who helped with refreshments on the day. The money raised will be used to provide support for needy families at Christmas

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).

Scripture Festival - Joy the Surprise of the Gospel: Takes place at Salford Cathedral and the Cathedral Centre on 6 October 2018. 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. There will not just be an opportunity for bible study but also to respond to the text in words, art and prayer. Full publicity and booking forms will be available shortly.

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

Sunday Masses - Prayers of Intercession: As some of you are aware, at the 5pm Vigil Mass at St Brendan's, the Prayers of Intercession are read by the same person who is on the reading rota. In order to standardise this, I would like to invite the reader at the 9am and 11am Masses to do the same. As there are many people away at the moment, it would be appropriate to start this on the weekend of 1st and 2nd September. Please do come and have a chat with me if you have any questions. *Fr David*

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 11/12 August

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	F Smith	TBA
9am (SJ)	J Carroll	T Armstrong, E Rothwell, A Grundy, P McArdle, M Cropper, A Rawlinson
11am (SB)	E Rankin	T Proctor, T Smith, J O'Connor

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