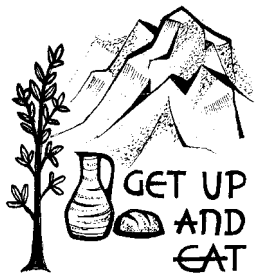


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

12 August 2018

Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time



The bread that comes down from heaven is not just a bread which nourishes the body, but one which gives renewed life - be this in the form of energy and purpose (as we see in the story of Elijah) or in the form of a gift of eternal life. As Jesus continues his discourse on

the Bread of Life, he faces the complaints and criticism of the crowd, who take a very short-sighted view of what he says, and affirms for them that true life, a life that will never end, is found in him, he is the one who has come from the Father, and so is the living bread which gives life. Jesus here makes an explicit link between “belief” and “eating the bread of life”: the two lead to each other, and they both bring about that which man most desires - to live forever. The Response to the Psalm in many ways sums this up: ‘Taste and see that the Lord is good.’

Marriage Matters

When we married we became a flesh and blood sacrament. Today, Jesus says “*I am the bread of life*”. We are ‘food and drink’ for each other. Let’s continue to nourish one another in our marriages, in all those little ways, with tender words and loving actions and become more a ‘sign’ of God’s love for the world.

Think Vocation

St Paul tells us to “follow Christ by loving as he loved you”. We are all called to be friends with each other. All friendship comes from God. Jesus invites us to follow him into a deeper friendship with God the Father.

Liturgy & Activities This Week	
<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i>	
Sunday Missal: Page 359; Readings page 362	
<i>Preface: At priest’s choice</i>	
Sunday 12 August	
9am Mass (SJ)	
11am Mass (SB)	
2pm Baptism (SJ)	
Monday 13 August	
9.30am Mass (SB)	
7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)	
7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday 14 August St Maximilian Mary Kolbe	
7pm Vigil Mass for the Assumption (SJ)	
7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday 15 August - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
9.30am Mass (SJ)	
11am Mass (SB) <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	
Thursday 16 August	
9.15am Mass (SB)	
7pm CAFOD Group Meeting (Harbour Room, SB)	
7.15pm Christian Meditation (SB)	
Friday 17 August	
9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday 18 August	
5pm Mass (SB)	
Sunday 19 August	
9am Mass (SJ)	
11am Mass (SB)	
2pm Baptism (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: Valerie Piddock, Winston Shanley
Anniversaries: Bob Whaley, Denis Coughlan, Andrew Hayes
Mass Intentions: Fr Parkinson (35yrs Anniversary of Ordination), Valerie Piddock, Bob Whaley, Denis Coughlan, In honour of Our Blessed Lady for a very Special Intention, Blessings for the Hollingsworth, Egan, Reape, Williamson & Martin families, Michael Hollingsworth, Andrew Hayes
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
We pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Middleton, and Canon Mullins, and for the parish of St Mary (Our Lady Assumed into Heaven), Langho, and St Mary, Osbaldeston, with Fr Heakin, together with their schools and the Sisters of Charity of St Paul and the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. May they follow the example of Our Blessed Lady, the first missionary disciple.
Facts and Figures
Mass Attendance 4/5 August: 5pm-119; 9am-175; 11am-115 Total -409
Offertory Collection 4/5 August: £990.65 Standing Orders (1 Aug-9 Aug) - £1,526.75
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 Reegan Frankie Marie Gledhill who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 8 September (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is for parents from our parish who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please contact the parish office if you wish to attend on 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk

Scripture Festival

Joy: The Surprise of the Gospel

Taking 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.

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

St John's 200 Club

The August winners are:

£50 P Barnes (119)
£25 A Ginty (80)



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CCRS for the Parish: We are recruiting parish members for our next cohort the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS). CCRS is a qualification which seeks to ensure that the parish community, governors and teachers have at least a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic Faith. Together these all contribute to the Catholic character and formation of our children. The School, in collaboration with the home and the parish, has a privileged opportunity and responsibility to help our children grow in their faith. To achieve this, we need to help the parish community to share our vision and have an adult understanding of their faith. Sessions are hosted across three venues in the Manchester area and you can choose to study the whole certificated programme or just the individual modules which interest you the most. To apply, please complete our online registration form via the link: link:- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSWZ8ecgr-EkT5E_W6Vj3dtgEM6pHNQ0wtyGfvSs_c_2D5iA/viewform Or if you would like some further information or are struggling to complete the online form please contact us on:- education@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Caritas Vacancies

Trainer - Catholic Social Teaching

18.5 hours per week
 £25,463 per annum (pro rata for part time)
 1year Fixed Term Contract
 Caritas are recruiting for an exciting new pilot project working to inspire, train and support 30 service beneficiaries and volunteers in Catholic social teaching. You will raise awareness of social action and social justice issues.
Closing date: Friday, 24 August 2018 at 10am

Housing support Worker (Door Steps)

37 hours per week full or part time
 £20,541 per annum
 2.5year Fixed Term Contract
 Caritas are recruiting for an exciting new project working to address homelessness in the Greater Manchester area. This role will be working in community settings and dispersed housing.
Closing date: Monday, 20 August 2018

To apply, for both positions, please visit our website www.caritassalford.org.uk or contact Rebecca Anderson on 0161 817 2264 or by email r.anderson@caritassalford.org.uk

Official Family Prayer of the World Meeting of Families - August 15-21, Ireland

Below is the official prayer of the World Meeting of Families which you may wish to use for your own private prayer during the month of August.

*God, our Father,
 We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
 One family, in the Spirit of your love.*

*Bless us with the joy of love.
 Make us patient and kind,
 gentle and generous,
 welcoming to those in need.
 Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
 Protect all families with your loving care,
 Especially those for whom we now pray:*

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

*Increase our faith,
 Strengthen our hope,
 Keep us safe in your love,
 Make us always grateful for the gift of life
 that we share.
 This we ask, through Christ our Lord,
 Amen*

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
 Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
 Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
 Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.*

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 myself or Fr Frank if you have any questions. *Fr David*

Reader's Rota: The rota for September to November is available at the back of each church this weekend.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 18/19 August		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	S Mikolajewski	TBA
9am (SJ)	V Halstead	M Cropper, M Speed, T Armstrong, F Smith A Gracie, M Russell,
11am (SB)	T Proctor	T Smith, J O'Connor, T Proctor

Some Thoughts from Lourdes

20 parishioners from Corpus Christi have recently returned from this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.

It was again a tremendous experience despite the inevitable flight delays which seems to be the norm these days.

As in previous years the spiritual benefits were considerably complemented by a wonderful community spirit which was continually evident from start to finish. New friends were made and old friendships renewed

On the Parish front it was lovely to meet some new faces who were experiencing Lourdes for the first time, all were warmly welcomed. We all gathered in the vicinity of the Grotto, a candle was lit and prayers offered for the intentions of all our parishioners and clergy and at the same time your individual petition requests were attended to.

I would like to make a special mention here of our young pilgrims (16-30yr old's) and also the dedicated nurses and doctors. They give of their time freely, having travelled at their own expense, to look after the sick and disabled for whom, of course, the pilgrimage is really intended. They work tirelessly in hot and humid conditions from early morning until late evening, pushing wheelchairs to and from the Hotels and the Grotto. They listen to, talk to, joke and laugh with and generally tend to the many needs of those for whom they are responsible, always with a smile on their faces. We can be proud of them.

God bless them all-they were truly magnificent