

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

19 August 2018

Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time



Despite the fact that the theme of Mass today continues that of last Sunday, there is a new twist: in recent weeks we have been looking at the Bread of Life in a very figurative or spiritual way: today we come right down to (literally) fleshy realities: food and drink, flesh and blood. As we shall see, this is too much for the Jews to swallow, and they will desert Jesus after what he says today. How far we have come from a few weeks ago when the crowds flocked over the lake to find Jesus after the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand! Despite the complexity of the message, and the reaction of the crowd, there is an elegant simplicity about it all, which the first reading and the response to the psalm highlight: there we hear a simple invitation: "Come and eat, come and drink!" and "Taste and see." Ignorance and folly disappear when they are surrendered to the generosity of God, and we taste the eternal life that Jesus gives us in himself

Marriage Matters

Called to nourish each other: In marriage we must try to lead intelligent lives as St. Paul reminds us in his letter. No one says you have to be clever, but the wisdom to see through ignorance, folly, thoughtlessness and so on will help us to nourish our love for each other. In this way our marriages will give thanks to God.

Think Vocation

We pray that more men and women will have faith to hear God's call in their lives and respond with hope in His promise and love for the Saviour by following Him as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i> Sunday Missal: page 371; Readings: page 374; <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i>
Sunday 19 August 9am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB)
Monday 20 August - St Bernard 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)
Tuesday 21 August - St Pius X 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)
Wednesday 22 August - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.30am Mass (SJ) 10am Requiem Mass for Angela Egan, former parishioner of St Columba's and teacher at St Columba's School, at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Heaton
Thursday 23 August 9.15am Mass (SB) 7.15pm Christian Meditation (SB)
Friday 24 August - St Bartholomew 11.30am Requiem Mass for Ann Houghton (SB)
Saturday 25 August 2pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB)
Sunday 26 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: Anne Houghton, Marie Leddy, Angela Egan, June Gornall, Mark O'Brien, Mary Roscoe, Valerie Piddock

Anniversaries: Kevin Johnston Mary O'Brien, Patrick O'Brien, Ellen & Charles Liston, Mary Carter, Tommy Rudd

Mass Intentions: Ann Houghton, Marie Leddy, Grateful thanks to the Sacred Heart & our Blessed Lady for favours received, Angela Egan, Kevin Johnson, Tommy Rudd, June Gornall, Mary O'Brien, Patrick O'Brien, Mark O'Brien, Ellen & Charles Liston, In Remembrance of the Liston & Rothwell families, Mary Carter, James O'Malley (60th birthday celebrations), Mary Roscoe

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

In union with Bishop John, let us pray for the people of the parish of the Three Martyrs, (St Sebastian, St Boniface and St Thomas of Canterbury), Salford with Fr MacFarlane, the Spiritans and the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. We pray for the parish of St Vincent de Paul, Norden, and Provost Brindle. May parishes and schools work closely together to build up the kingdom in their locality.

25th/26th August 2018

Let us pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady and St. Joseph, Heywood, with Fr Daly and Fr Deas, and for the people of the Good Shepherd, Colne, and Mgr Wilkinson, with their primary schools and SS John Fisher and Thomas More College, Colne. May they be rooted in love of the Lord who has the message of eternal life.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

11/12 August: 5pm-101; 9am-186; 11am-122
Total -409

Offertory Collection

11/12 August: £984.57
Standing Orders (10-16 August) - £257

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 Riley Daniel Mannion & Jake Howarth Mannion who were baptised at St John's last Saturday. And to Lewis Mason who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families 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

Corpus Christi Property Committee - Next meeting Tuesday 25th September 7.45pm, Patmos Room (SJ)

Parish Concert - Raffle: If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize for the Parish Concert on Friday 14th September (Dunscar Conservative Club), please see any of the Parish Social Committee. Tickets are now on sale for the concert. *Thank you*

Monthly Finance Report: The monthly figures for July and August will be published on the newsletter mid-September.

Prayers of Intercession: 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. This will start on the weekend of 1st and 2nd September. *Fr David*

Reader's Rota: The rota for September to November is available at the back of each church and on the parish website under *Liturgy & Activities*.

Christian Meditation (August): Tuesday 28th, Thursdays, 23rd and 30th in the Harbour Room, St Brendan's beginning at 2pm on Tuesdays and 7.15pm on Thursdays. **Please note, there will not be a meditation on Tuesday 21 August.** All are most welcome!

CCRS for the Parish: 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. Sessions are hosted across three venues in the Manchester area and you can choose to study the whole programme or just individual modules. If you would like some further information please contact us on:- education@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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26 August 2018 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 September 2018 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: Page 381; Readings page 384	Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: page 391; Readings: page 394;
Failure, rejection and isolation: these are the themes of today's remarkable Gospel - but they are not all. In the face of them we see perseverance, fidelity and trust. Above all there is an adherence to the truth that is truly amazing. Jesus speaks the truth to all who will listen, and if they find that truth "intolerable" they are free to leave, just as they are free to believe. No one who reads this passage could accuse Jesus of being interested in fame or fortune or the simple accumulation of followers. He didn't play the 'numbers game'. Even more amazing is that when his followers seem to be down to their lowest ebb, he turns to the Twelve and gives them freedom to go as well. Peter's reply, when he speaks of their belief, is the only answer that matters; it is spirit and life that replies, not the flesh, which has nothing to offer.	We now return to Saint Mark, for the rest of the year. The Gospel brings out one of the central problems of all religion: the way in which peripheral laws and customs gradually take over the more fundamental commandments, and the way in which "externalism" and a concern with superficialities gradually suffocates a true "internal" faith which is lived out. Here we see the angry Jesus: he calls them "hypocrites", as he condemns their "worthless worship". He teaches a central truth: it is what comes from within that determines whether we are clean or unclean, good or evil. The commandments of God, which Moses puts before the people with such great pride, become the source of justice when they are given a place in the heart. When other rules and regulations about how to wash and what to eat displace them, then they are stifled and justice is practised no longer.
Sunday 26 August 9am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB)	Sunday 2 September 9am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB)
Monday 27 August - St Monica 9.30am Mass (SB)	Monday 3 September - St Gregory the Great 9.30am Mass (SB)
Tuesday 28 August - St Augustine 7pm Mass (SJ)	Tuesday 4 September 7pm Mass (SJ)
Wednesday 29 August - The Passion of St John the Baptist 9.30am Mass (SJ)	Wednesday 5 September 9.30am Mass (SJ)
Thursday 30 August 9.15am Mass (SB)	Thursday 6 September 9.15am Mass (SB)
Friday 31 August 9.30am Mass (SJ)	Friday 7 September 9.30am Mass (SJ)
Saturday 1 September - St Edmund Arrowsmith 11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation in thanksgiving for the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (SJ) 2pm Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SB)	Saturday 8 September - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation (Patmos Room, SJ) 2pm Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SB)
Sunday 2 September 9am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)	Sunday 9 September 9am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 25/26 August		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	M Maybury	TBA
9am (SJ)	M Russell	P McArdle, A Rawlinson, M Speed, E Rothwell, T Armstrong, A Gracie
11am (SB)	C Owen	J O'Connor, T Proctor, T Smith,

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 1/2 September		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Molyneux	TBA
9am (SJ)	P Barnes	M Russell, M Speed, A Grundy, F Smith, S May, M Cropper
11am (SB)	C Bridge	P Carolan, J Murphy, K Wilkinson

World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. We prepare to celebrate the fourth annual World Day of Prayer in September 2018.

The annual Day of Prayer is inspired by his landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared earth.

Pope Francis calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

This World Day of Prayer also falls at the beginning of Creation Time, which runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

*God of all creation,
your spirit dances throughout the earth.
You give drink to the trees,
shade for the birds,
bread for the hungry.
You bring life and make all things holy.
Flood our hearts with your grace,
so we may sow seeds of love, justice and beauty,
and reflect your kingdom here on earth.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
Amen.*