

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

30 September 2018

Twenty-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time



There is a peculiar type of pettiness that will not allow someone to do what others do (even if - or perhaps especially if - they are good at it) because they aren't part of the group, or club, or circle. Unless you wear the uniform, the badge or tie, you can't share in the work.

When this is applied to doing good or following the Lord, it seems even more petty than ever: if someone does a good thing, does it matter that she or he is not a Catholic? The words of the Lord, "Anyone who is not against us is for us," should be taken to heart this Sunday. Let us recognise anyone who helps the poor, serves peace and justice, does what the Lord Jesus wants as our co-worker, whatever the 'label' they work under.

Marriage Matters

Attitudes stemming from jealousy: We read today how Moses and Jesus ignored criticism, seeing it as rooted in jealousy. So many evils have been perpetrated because of jealousy. A problem today for husbands and wives is the temptation to judge their spouse on their ability to match up to what the media shows, becoming so deep-seated it can cause serious harm. Stand firm together.

Think Vocation

Marriage, Holy Orders and Religious vows are life-long commitments and are not easy to undertake. Let us pray for those who feel unable to make such commitments. May they receive help and strength from the Lord in being able to trust him in the choices and decisions that they are able to make with their lives

<p><i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: Page 433; Readings page 436 Preface: At priest's choice</p>
<p>Sunday 30 September 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 2pm Baptism (SJ)</p>
<p>Monday 1 October - St Therese of the Child Jesus 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 2 October - The Holy Guardian Angels 1pm Requiem Mass for Edith Brooks (SJ) 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 3 October 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p>Thursday 4 October - St Francis of Assisi 9.15am Mass (SB)</p>
<p>Friday 5 October - CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p>Saturday 6 October 11am Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 2pm Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> <i>Special Collection</i></p>
<p>Sunday 7 October <i>for CAFOD</i> 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 2pm Benediction & Afternoon Tea for Elderly & Housebound (SJ)</p>

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Prayers Please

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder. Fr John Ashton (SB), Peter McGowan

Lately Dead: Edith Brooks,

Anniversaries: Barabara Grimes

Mass Intentions: David Greenhalgh (Birthday Remembrance), Barbara Grimes, For all those who prayed for a sick person, A sick person

Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families.

Hope in the Future

Let us pray for the parish of St Peter, Stonyhurst, with Fr Curtis, and for Stonyhurst College. We pray also for the parish of St Joseph, Todmorden, with Fr McGiveron, and for its parish school.

May we fulfil our baptismal calling to prophets for the Lord.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

22/23 September:

5pm-138; 9am-185; 11am -167

Total - 490

Offertory Collection

22/23 September £982.48

Standing Orders (21-27 September) - £227

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 Theodore Brian Woods and Eva Grace Sainsbury, who were baptised at St John's church last Saturday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 10 November (10.30am-12noon) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan'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 will be attending by phone 01204 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk.

Christian Meditation: The dates for October are Tuesdays (2pm): 2nd and 23rd. Thursdays (7.15pm): 11th and 25th. We meet in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's and all are welcome.

Sacramental Programme 2018/2019: The first meeting for parents and the presentation of the children from all three schools, involved in the Sacramental Programme this year, will take place at 6pm on **Tuesday 6 November** in St Brendan's Church. If you have a child in Yr3 who does not attend one of our schools, or an older child who did not take part in the programme previously, and you would like them to take part this year, please have a word with Fr David.

Becoming Catholic You may, or may not be aware that at the parish of Corpus Christi (St John's Church) we have previously run a programme for any adult who has an interest in becoming Catholic or simply wants to know more about the Catholic Faith. This year we are looking to begin a new programme on Tuesday 6 November (7.30pm) which will run until Easter. If you would like more information and think this is something that you would be interested in, please contact our parish office at office@sbsj.org.uk (01204 301927) or alternatively, please see Fr David after Mass.

The Catholic Bishops of England & Wales Safeguarding Commission Review: The Catholic Bishops are undertaking a thorough review of their procedures around dealing with child sexual abuse. The "independent and comprehensive" review will involve survivors in the process. A statement about this review can be seen in full on the back page of the newsletter.

SVP News

Afternoon Tea and Benediction for the Elderly & Housebound: Will be held at St John's on Sunday afternoon (7 October at 2pm). Transport will be provided for those who need it. There is a list at the back of each church for those wishing to go and for those who can offer transport. **We have a shortage of drivers. If anyone could help, please could you add your name to the list.** Thank you

Morning Coffee Events: The first one will be at 10am after the Friday Mass on 2 November and 7 December and every first Friday of the month thereafter. Please come along and join us.

Thank You for All Your Continued Support

Fair Trade Stall: The monthly Fair Trade stall will be held at both churches on the weekend of the 13/14 October giving you the option of buying fairly traded items while supporting Cafod. We have recently heard that Traidcraft, which is the leading pioneering fairtrade company, may well cease its trading operations at the end of this year owing to falling sales in part relating to the weakening of the pound against the dollar in the last two years. We would encourage fair trade supporters to buy more Traidcraft products in the coming months.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: On Family Fast Day (Friday 5 October), CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water. On Family Fast Day CAFOD invites us to give the money we can to help people like Longora. The attached envelopes will be collected at Masses next weekend. Many thanks for your support.

Our Lady of Walsingham Tour to Salford Cathedral: The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will visit every English Catholic Diocese & Cathedral between 2018 - 2020 as we prepare for the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary. We are delighted that the statue will come to Salford Cathedral on the weekend of 18th- 20th October. A Full timetable of the events can be found with the poster at the back of each church

Caritas Vacancy

Social Worker, Caritas Schools Team

Required for: 3, 3.5 or 4 days per week, term time only (39 working weeks, 13 non-working weeks)

Due to expansion of the team, we require a Social Worker to provide a high-quality social work service in schools across the Diocese of Salford.

Closing date: Monday, 8 October 2018 at 10am

To apply, please visit
www.caritassalford.org.uk
 and return completed applications to
recruitment@caritassalford.org.uk
 or contact Rebecca Anderson
 0161 817 2264.

A Celebration of St Oscar Romero: Please join us to celebrate the canonisation of Oscar Romero on Tuesday 23 October 2018. Mass will be held at 12.10pm with Bishop John Arnold in the Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE. Refreshments after Mass followed by short talk at 1.30pm on Romero's Legacy with Steve Atherton, Liverpool Archdiocese Justice and Peace Worker. To book your place, phone or email CAFOD/Caritas Salford. Tel: 0161 705 0605
 Email: annwilson@cafod.org.uk
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Called to Work Workshop: A weekend to help Catholics connect their faith with their working lives.

How do your ideals relate to your work?

How does your faith affect your work?

Want to change what you do?

Or how you do it?

Or just looking for inspiration?

The Workshop takes place at Boarbank Hall, Cumbria on the weekend of 5-8 or 5-7 October 2018.

For the cost and more information please visit:

<http://www.boarbankhall.org.uk>

To book, email margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk


Marian Procession: Meeting at St Edward's, 13 Thurloe Street, Manchester, M14 5SG Saturday 6 October at 10.30am. Everyone is invited to this celebration of our faith!

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 6/7 October		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	S Mikolajewski	TBA
9am (SJ)	A Gracie	M Russell, M Speed, A Gracie, F Smith, S May, M Cropper
11am (SB)	F Evans	P Brennan, M Durkan, C Owen

Come and Join Us!

Tea and Coffee are always served after the Sunday Masses 9am (St John's) and 11am (St Brendan's). Come and have a catch up with old friends and new!

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STATEMENT FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

As we gather in Rome for our visit 'ad Limina Apostolorum', we have spent time together reflecting again on the impact of the recent reports containing stark revelations of child sexual abuse within the Catholic Church, including in England and Wales, and of evident failures of local leadership. These reports make it clear that both bishops and religious leaders, in various places, failed to protect the children in their care from those who have done them great harm. In particular, the failures of bishops to listen or give credence to those who have courageously spoken out about the profound damage they have suffered through childhood abuse, together with the steps some have taken in order to cover up or minimise the abuse that became known, are a great betrayal of the trust placed in them by the faithful and of the responsibilities that come with episcopal office. Throughout our 'ad Limina' visit here in Rome, the impact and consequences of the shame and sorrow we feel will constantly be in our hearts and in our prayers, especially as we come to pray at the tomb of St Peter and at the tomb of St Paul, key moments in our visit. These themes will also be part of our conversation with Pope Francis, when we meet with him on Friday. Our visit, then, has a penitential heart, as in communion with bishops throughout the world, we seek forgiveness from the Lord and grace for our future ministry. We have also reflected on the practical steps we must take. We do so in the light of all that has been achieved since the Report of Lord Nolan in 2001. We have endeavoured to build a culture of safeguarding within the Church's parishes and religious communities in England and Wales, thereby providing a safe environment for all. In every parish there is a Parish Safeguarding Representative. In every Diocese, there is a Safeguarding Coordinator and a Diocesan Safeguarding Commission, composed of experts in the main disciplines needed for effective safeguarding. It is these experts and independent Commissions that take the lead in handling every allegation of abuse, whether from the distant past or the present day. They do so in accordance with our nationally agreed protocols, to be followed in all cases, including the steps to be taken if allegations of abusive behaviour were to be made against a bishop. We have established a National Catholic Safeguarding Commission (the NCSC), with a strong majority membership of experts, independent of the authority structures of the Catholic Church. Much has been achieved. Much is to be learned.

These recent reports, shocking as they are, have caused us to reflect again on our own leadership and on the responsibilities we hold in England and Wales for ensuring that safeguarding is embedded in every aspect of the life of the Church. Today we have decided to ask the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission to commission an entirely independent and comprehensive review of the safeguarding structures that currently operate within the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Importantly, we will seek to ensure that the voices of the victims and survivors of abuse, through the Survivors Advisory Panel established by the NCSC, fully inform the review and its recommendations. In calling for this review, we are taking an important step towards meeting the Holy Father's recent injunction in his 'Letter to the People of God' in respect of sexual abuse: "no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening" (20 August 2018). Each bishop has decided that he will take steps to set aside time for the purpose of meeting with victims and survivors of clerical abuse who live in his diocese. This will be done in cooperation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, to assist the bishop in responding in the best possible way to those who speak to him, in his pastoral role as their bishop, of their pain, hurt and anger. May God guide us during this week and in this work, that the voice of Christ, crying out in those who have suffered, may be heard with compassion and discernment.