

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

21 October 2018

Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time



It's often the case that the "values of the Gospel" contradict the "values of the World" - sometimes to the extent that the one is the exact opposite of the other. Today is a typical example: greatness and prominence, success and victory, these are goals that the world has very clear ideas about. The Gospel, however, redefines them: Gospel success is Worldly failure: the Gospel's way of greatness is the World's life of service; and what the World sees as death and failure is in fact life and victory. It's this contrast that we see in the Gospel reading today, where out of a possibly innocent (but possibly sycophantic) question, a debate emerges about prominence and greatness. Jesus makes it clear that his greatness is different to that sought "among the pagans" - he will give his very life, and so become the first of all. We should take his words about the "worldly way of behaving" to heart: "This is not to happen among you."

Marriage Matters

To love is to be strong: Today we are reminded that Jesus has turned all worldly values upside down. When we place our faith in God's saving love and copy that in our marriages, we too, in spite of our weaknesses and failings, are renewed and made strong in our love for each other. The more we give our love away the more it grows!

Think Vocation

Those who live in the Religious life usually live in community. This means often working, living and praying alongside people whom you probably would not have chosen to live with. This is a challenging yet rewarding way of following Christ. May the Lord bless all the Religious orders and communities that have a presence in our Diocese. May others be drawn to join them.

<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: Page 465; Readings page 468 <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i>	
Sunday 21 October 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for the Spread of the Gospel</i>	World Mission Day
Monday 22 October No Mass Today 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday 23 October 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) No Mass Today 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday 24 October No Mass Today	
Thursday 25 October No Mass Today 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)	
Friday 26 October No Mass Today	
Saturday 27 October 2pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> <i>Clocks go back today</i>	
Sunday 28 October 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i>	

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, Jack Donnelly

Lately Dead: Judith Martin, Willie Roche, Steven Higson, Julia Jolly, Emilia Carerra, Rita Flanagan

Anniversaries: Danny McKenna, Nicola Lamoury

Mass Intentions: For a Special Intention, Judith Martin, Willie, Roche, Danny McKenna, Steven Higson, Nicola Lamoury, Julia Jolly

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

This week let us pray for the parish of Holy Cross and St Helen, Ashton, with Fr Firth, their parish priest, and the parish of Our Lady and St Alphonsus, Moss Side and Old Trafford, with Fr Deegan, their parish priest.

We pray for the chaplaincy to Tameside General Hospital, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition, St Damien's High School, and the primary schools of the parishes.

As we pray for the work of Cornerstone and of the foodbanks and centres of our Diocese, may we hear afresh the Lord's call not to be served but to serve.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

13/14 October:

5pm-104; 9am-184; 11am -152

Total - 440

Offertory Collection

13/14 October: **£809.57**

Standing Orders (13-17 Oct) - £192

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 Matilda Fay Sewart who was baptised at St John's last Saturday and to Lucy Ann Horrocks who was baptised at St Brendan's last Saturday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation: 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.

World Mission Sunday: Today the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations today will support the work of missionaries and young churches as they share faith, build churches and provide healthcare and education, often in difficult and dangerous environments. The World Mission Sunday collection will support mission projects worldwide that bring God's love and message of dignity for all. Please give what you can today as every gift makes a real difference to people living in poverty who are yearning to hear the Good News of God's love for them

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection: Thank you to everyone who gave to this collection. The total amount has come to just over £1,500.

Lamp-Post Poppies: Anne and Bernard will be available after the 9am Mass (SJ) to take pledges for the Lamp Post Poppies. If any one would like to sponsor a poppy (in memory of someone). Please see them in the Patmos Room.

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.

Parish Quiz: Will be held on Friday 16 November at Dunscair Conservative Club. Tickets Cost £8 per person (including pastie supper). Teams should be a maximum of six people. **Tickets are now on sale.**

Becoming Catholic: In our parish, 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 a new programme begins 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.

Christie Friends Afternoon Tea: Monday 22 October at Hoyster's, Holcome (2pm). Tickets are £20 per person (includes a glass of prosecco). Please come and support this good cause which helps raise money for the patients and their families. Tickets can be obtained through me, Kath Brown. *Many thanks*

Parish Social Committee Litter Picking: Together with Bolton at Home and the local Harwood/Bromley Cross litter picking organisations, we will be litter picking around St Columba's and Tonge Moor on Saturday **10 November** (10am-11.30am) based at St Columba's school. All equipment will be provided by Bolton Council (tea & coffee will follow). Anyone who would like to join in should wear protective clothing. All children must be accompanied by an adult and only adults should work around the immediate church area (potential sharps). We look forward to a great morning where our parish can help the local community, so come along if you can! The Social Committee plan to run more events: gardening and crafts, a parish meal and a variety night over the coming months. For more information, contact Andrew Sainsbury or any member of the PET team.

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 in the Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE. Phone or email CAFOD/Caritas Salford. Tel: 0161 705 0605 Email: annwilson@cafod.org.uk
Tel: 0161 817 2263
Email: info@caritassalford.org.uk

Entente Choral: A joint Choral Commemoration to mark the 100 years since the ending of World War I at the Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE on Saturday 17 November at 7.45pm. Tickets £15 (concessions £12)
Available from: <http://www.wegotickets.com>
email: tickets@salfordchoral.org.uk

SVP News

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.

Annual Mass for the Deceased: This will take place on Saturday 17 November 2018 at 11am at St Brendan's.

St John's 200 Club

The October winners are:

£50 M O'Kane
£25 E Baker



Vacancy

School Meals Supervisory Assistant

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Start Date : Monday 19 November 2018 or as soon as possible after.

Contract : Permanent

Salary : £17,007 Per Annum, £2376.00 Pro Rata (Grade 2, Scale Point 11-13). 6.25 hours per week - Monday to Friday 12.10 - 1.25 pm.

We currently have a vacancy for the post of School Meals Supervisory Assistant to assist in the welfare and good conduct of the pupils at St John the Evangelist RC Primary School (age 4-11) at lunchtime. The successful candidate must be able to work effectively with the whole school team including governors, staff and pupils. Further details and can be obtained from Mrs Timmons, Office Manager at St. John the Evangelist RC Primary School - 01204 333440. An application form and other documents can be down loaded from greater.jobs and sent to school for the attention of Mrs Timmons.

Closing date: Friday 9th November

Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2019

Volunteer Information Meetings

We are seeking volunteers of all ages and abilities, both medical & non-medical, to assist our sick pilgrims so that they can fully experience the joy of pilgrimage to Lourdes. To find out more, please come along to the next volunteer information meeting on Wednesday 28 November 7.30-8.30pm at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford St. Salford. M3 6DP. We look forward to seeing you. All welcome.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 27/28 October

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	A Hayes	M Cropper, F Smith T Armstrong, M Speed, A Gracie, M Russell,
11am (SB)	T Proctor	J O'Connor, T Smith, T Proctor

28 October 2018

Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time



All of Jesus' miracles can be read in many different ways: there is always a message almost a parable behind each one that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no exception: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift he could give to Bartimaeus - the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus' love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. So, Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there: in our own age we still have the blind, and those who suffer: there are still tears to be washed away, Jesus' work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him in doing what we can to bring that comfort which is the Kingdom of God to all in need.

Marriage Matters

Ask and you will receive: The prophet tells us today that if we ask, the Lord will always comfort, lead and guide us, so that we will not stumble. Jesus' response to Bartimaeus "*What do you want me to do for you?*" - points the way. In marriage we become mirrors of God's saving help, supporting each other and being sure guides for our children.

Think Vocation

Jesus opens the eyes of the blind man because even though he could not see, he recognized that he was in the presence of the Messiah "the Son of David". We too need to ask for the faith of Bartimaeus and know that we are always in the presence of the Lord even though we cannot see him.

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<p>Monday 29 October 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>	
<p>Tuesday 30 October 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>	
<p>Wednesday 31 October 9.30am Mass (SJ) 7pm Vigil Mass for All Saints (SB)</p>	
<p>Thursday 1 November - All Saints 9.30am Mass (SJ) - With School in Church 11am Mass (SB) - With School in Church 2.15pm Mass (SC in School) 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) <i>Holy day of Obligation</i></p>	
<p>Friday 2 November - All Souls 9.30am Mass (SJ) 10am Coffee Morning (Patmos Room, SJ)</p>	
<p>Saturday 3 November 11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 2pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i></p>	
<p>Sunday 4 November 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i></p>	

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 3/4 November		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	A Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	C Holmes	P McArdle, M Speed, A Rawlinson, F Smith, E Rothwell, T Armstrong,
11am (SB)	E Rankin	P Carolan, J Murphy, K Wilkinson

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