

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

25 November 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King



Every time we complete the cycle of the liturgical year, there is a seamless blending into the new year: so, just as this week we hear of the King who is to come, next week, we begin a New Year and the Season of Advent by more meditation on

the end of time, and the One who is to come again, as he once came among us. This feast affirms that Christ is King, that he is Judge, that he is Ruler of the kings of the earth. By his own words we know that this is true, as he stands before Pilate and says, "Yes, I am a king." But his kingship is different: it is not of the same kind as earthly kings; whose empires fade and pass away. His kingship is eternal and holy until the end of time. Through his love for us, we share in this sovereignty - this holiness - as priests and kings who "serve his God and Father." We end our year in simple, awe-filled praise of the One who is, who was, and who is to come - the Almighty. Alleluia! Amen!

Marriage Matters

Marriage, called to be a kingdom of love: In our sacramental relationship we are called to be a 'kingdom of love'. Just as God's kingdom is for all, so our marriages are not private relationships. We are a 'sign' for all, especially for our children where truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, desire, passion, tenderness, joy and peace reign. It sounds a tall order - but not with God!

Think Vocation

We are aware that the Church has a presence in virtually every country in the World. Let us take some time today to reflect on a particular country of our choice. Perhaps we can do a little research into what the Church is like in that country. Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life in that part of the world. We rejoice that Christ is our Universal King regardless of our nationality or country of residence.

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Sunday 25 November - Youth Sunday
9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Day of Special Prayer for Young People

Monday 26 November
9.30am Mass (SB)
7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)
7.45pm SVP (SJ)

Tuesday 27 November
2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)
7pm Mass (SJ)
7.30pm Finance Committee Meeting (SJ)
7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday 28 November
9.15am Yr2 Class Mass (SC)
1pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)

Thursday 29 November
9.15am Yr5 Advent Mass (SB)
7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)

Friday 30 November - St Andrew, Patron of Scotland
9.30am Mass (SJ)

Saturday 1 December
11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ)
5pm Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Sunday 2 December - 1st Sunday of Advent
9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*
6.30pm Advent Service (Christ's Church, Harwood)

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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: Peter Houlihan, Gordon Russell, Martin Cunningham, James Arthurs, Mary Cassidy, Olga Haslam, Frank Tomlinson,
Anniversaries: Graham Taylor
Mass Intentions: William & Mary Ann Quinn, William & Elizabeth Jenkinson, Deceased members of the Quinn, Marshall & Nicholson families, Peter Houlihan, Joan Pearce
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
We pray for the parishes of St Mary, St Mark and St Charles, Swinton, with Mgr Smith and Fr Landers, for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph, the chaplaincy of Forest Bank Prison, the parish primary schools and St Ambrose Barlow High School
Facts and Figures
Mass Attendance 17/18 November: 5pm-164; 9am-185; 11am -119 Total - 468
Offertory Collection 17/18 November: £924.75 Standing Orders (16-22 November) - £165
Cheques: We now have our new Corpus Christi parish account name. Please make all cheques payable to <i>Corpus Christi</i>. Thank you.

Urban Outreach: Thank you to everyone who have donated boxes of after dinner mints. So far, we have collected 120. If we could collect another 80, we will be able to reach the target and take the boxes in to Urban Outreach as soon as possible. Thank you for your support & God Bless.

Harbour Room Book Club. Early notice for the general run-up to the Christmas season. The next two meetings are on Wednesday 28 November to discuss *The Quality of Silence* by R Lupton and on Wednesday 12 December to discuss *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf. All meetings start at 1pm and everyone is welcome.

Choir (St Brendan's): Hello. My name is Kathryn Wilkinson. I have sung in the choir at St Brendan's for several years. However, for the past year or so I have been playing the organ during the absence of our "proper" organist. As it is getting near to Christmas, I thought now would be a good time to see if we could recruit some more volunteers to join the choir. You don't need to be able to read music or be a marvelous solo singer. We are looking for people who enjoy singing, can hold a tune and who are not afraid to sing out. If you would like to help us, just come up to the choir loft at the start of Mass. You will be made very welcome. Thank you.

Advent

Walk With Me: The booklets and calendars are available (free of charge) for you to take this weekend to prepare for the Christmas season.

CAFOD (World Gifts): Why not buy a loved one a different Christmas present this year? World Gifts are alternative gifts that make a world of difference. They do something no pair of socks can, they change lives around the world. If you would like more information, please speak to a member of the CAFOD Group or visit www.cafod.org or pick up a catalogue.

Advent Service: Churches in Harwood have organized an Advent Service to be held at Christ's Church (6.30pm) on Sunday 2 December. All welcome!

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Weekly confession will start on Tuesdays (the first one being Tuesday 3 December) at 6.30-6.50pm. This continue on a permanent basis.

Prepare the Way - Advent & Christmas Concert: Saturday 8 December (8pm), St James Church, Salford, M6 5UJ with Jo Boyce & Friends (CJM Music). Tickets £8.50 (£6 concessions in advance) Ticket hotline - 07891 581 585

Thornleigh Senior Citizen's Christmas Party: Thursday 13 December (2.15pm). We now have tickets for the annual Christmas party at Thornleigh. There are 20 free places for each of our churches. There is a list at the back of St Brendan's and one in the Patmos Room (St John's) for you to put your name on if you wish to go. As this is always a very well attended event, it is advisable to put your name on either list as soon as possible.

Christmas Flower Demonstration: Saturday 15 December (11am-1pm) at St Brendan's Church where Margaret Fazackerley will be creating some fantastic arrangements. Tickets are now on sale for this event priced at £6 per person (which includes a pastie lunch). Proceeds will go towards Urban Outreach and the Destitution Project.

Fortalice Christmas Toy Collection: We have been asked if we would hold another collection of newly purchased toys in aid of Fortalice. Fortalice is always delighted to receive donations of toys and presents to ensure the residents in their refuge have a Christmas most of us would take for granted. We will hold the toy collection at our Sunday Masses on the 8th and 9th December and a representative will give a short talk. Fortalice have asked, this year, that as well as toys for younger children, any donations for teenage children would be most welcome; for example, high street vouchers, etc. Thank you as always for your support.

Pathways to God Resource: Jesuit Media Initiatives and the Diocese of Westminster Marriage and Family Life Team have joined forces to produce a series of imaginative contemplations to help families journey alongside the Holy Family in prayer this Advent. The six imaginative contemplations, plus an introduction, will be available to listen to or download from the Jesuits' spirituality website, www.pathwaystogod.org, from the 22 November. Each contemplation focuses on a person or group from the Nativity story - Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the Magi - who will all be very familiar to children. Each session will have its own suggested storyline and you are invited to imagine and reflect along with it.

The Bolton Caritas Shop: Our Catholic outreach on the high street, is looking for volunteers. This November we celebrate ten years of providing care in the community, with a very warm welcome to all our beneficiaries; a café, piety store and great value recycled clothing, books and bric-a-brac. If you are interested to be part of the loving family of volunteers, please drop in. 130 Newport St, Bolton, BL3 6AB and speak to Bernie (01204 370927) volunteering@caritassalford.org.uk

Bringing Christ to our World Today: Join us at Lancashire Martyrs Church, Hallstead Avenue, Little Hulton M38 0DL for our Advent series:

30 November: Col. 1:15-20 Remembering Christ in the beauty of our common home

7 December: Rm.8:18-27: Identifying Christ in the suffering of our earth and God's people

14 December: Jn. 1:1-14: Bringing Christ's life and hope to our world

10.30am-12.30pm (Tea and coffee provided)

Format: Using the CaFE DVD "Global Healing", Laudato Si, Scripture and poetry, we will explore the reality of Christ's Incarnate Word today.

Presenters: Sister Joan Kerley, FMSJ and Maria Kidd

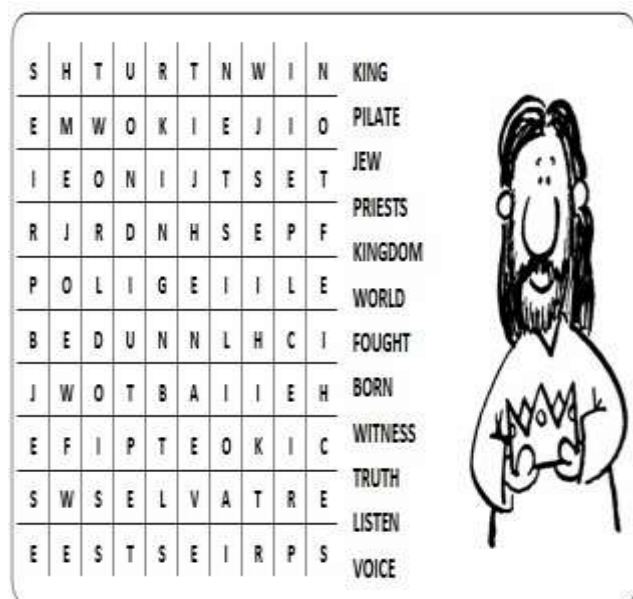
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Readers' Rota: The new Rota (December-February 2019) is now available for you to collect.

Come and Join Us!

Tea & Coffee are always served after the Sunday Masses at St John's (9am) and St Brendan's (11am). We always love to see a new face. All welcome!



Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 1 st /2 nd December		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	A Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	P Partington	M Cropper, F Smith, T Armstrong, M Speed, A Gracie, M Russell,
11am (SB)	C Bridge	C Owen, P Brennan, M Durkan,

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Let us pray that the Kingdom of Christ may live in our hearts
and come to our world.

Father all-powerful, God of love, you have raised our Lord
Jesus Christ from death to life, resplendent in glory as King of
creation.

Open our hearts, free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to
glory in his justice, to live in his love.

Bring all people together in Jesus Christ your Son,

Whose Kingdom is with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for
ever and ever.

Amen