

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

13 January 2019

The Baptism of The Lord



It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Strange if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but not if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have

seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved".

On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

Marriage Matters

Being what we promised to be: Today's feast tells us who Jesus really is; it calls us to be what we promised at our wedding - a sign to the world of God's love for all of us. At the core of this commitment is the undertaking to trust our spouse with who we really are - feelings, thoughts, ideas; all that makes us who we are today.

Think Vocation

At baptism, when we entered the family of God, we received the gift of faith as well as the promise of eternal life. In this Year of Mercy let us try to find out the name of the priest or deacon who baptised us and pray for them whether they are living or deceased.

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Sunday 13 January - The Baptism of the Lord
 9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Monday 14 January
 11am Requiem Mass for Peter McGowan (SJ)
 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)
 7.45pm SVP (SJ)

Tuesday 15 January
 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)
 6.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ)
 7pm Mass (SJ)
 7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday 16 January
 9.30am Mass (SJ)
 6pm Preparation for Sacrament of Reconciliation Meeting (St Columba's School)

Thursday 17 January - St Anthony, Abbott
 9.15am Mass (SB)
 7.15pm Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)

Friday 18 January
 9.30am Mass (SJ)

Saturday 19 January
 2pm Baptism (SJ)
 5pm Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Sunday 20 January - Peace Day
 9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

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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), Jack Donnelly
Lately Dead: Peter McGowan, Pauline Brown, Richard Henthorne, Terence Maher, Herbert Hustwit
Anniversaries: Tony Whyte, Agnes Beeching, Winifred Kenyon
Mass Intentions: Tony Whyte, A Special Intention, In Thanksgiving, Agnes Beeching, Michael Axford (Birthday Remembrance), Mary Ainscough (Birthday Remembrance), Terence Maher, Winifred Kenyon, Richard Henthorne, Jessie Carter (Birthday Remembrance)
Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6): We pray for: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick & Those who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed
Hope in the Future
We pray for the parish of St Anne and St Joseph, Accrington, with Fr Stamp, and for the parish of St James Rawtenstall, with Canon McBride, for their primary schools and for All Saints College.
Facts and Figures for 12/13 January
Offertory Collection: £1,015.77
Mass Attendance: 5pm-162; 9am-186; 11am-150; Total 498
Cheques: We now have our new Corpus Christi parish account name. Please make all cheques payable to <i>Corpus Christi</i> . Thank you.

St Brendan's Needs Your Listening Ears - (9.15am Mass Thursday 17 January): The sound system's performance at SB needs improvement so all parishioners can hear services clearly. Before buying new equipment, we want to try and test it. We can't do tests at Sunday Mass, as it would be too difficult and we will need periods of silence. So, during the 9.15am Mass on Thursday 17 January, the equipment will be tested and the congregation will be asked about the sound quality. If necessary, some more tests will be carried out after Mass. It is important that we have a good number of parishioners to properly test the equipment. Please do join us, even if you don't normally come to Thursday Mass, as your input is very important. Refreshments will be provided. Thank you. *Tony Proctor, On Behalf of the Parish Premises Committee.*

Churches in Harwood - Christian Unity: A joint service for Churches in Harwood will be held at St Brendan's on Monday 21 January (7.30pm). All are welcome to join us.

Harbour Room Book Club: Will meet on Wednesday 30 January at 1pm to discuss *Small Island* by Andrea Levy. All welcome.

Meet the Author Events at Bolton Central Library. Please note that Diane Setterfield, author of *The Thirteenth Tale*, (Book Club favourite Season 3) will be discussing her latest novel, *Once Upon a River*, on Tuesday 29 January 29 at 1pm. Tickets are free but please let me know if you would like to attend as the library requires numbers. (I have provisionally booked 8-10 places for Book Club members). If anyone else is interested please ring me. Madeleine 303505

CAFOD Talk: On Wednesday 6 February (7pm) Bishop John will be speaking about his most recent trip to Sierra Leone and Liberia, visiting CAFOD partners and finding out about their work. Venue: The Becket Suite at St Thomas of Canterbury Church in Heaton, Bolton. BL1 4PN Doors open from 6.30pm. All welcome.

CAFOD: The CAFOD Ceilidh will be held at St Osmond's (Long Lane) on 22 February (7.30pm to 11pm). Tickets, as last year, are £10.00 - there is a licenced bar and a good car park. We are aiming to raise enough money for a specific project this year - A Community Water Supply which is £750.00. Tickets now on sale.

SVP News

The proceeds from the 2018 SVP sponsored walk (over £2,000) were used over the Christmas period to support 18 families including 42 children within the Corpus Christi parish.

The flower arranging demonstration held at St Brendan's in December raised over £600. This was used to provide £300 financial support to The Bolton Urban Outreach Charity and £300 will be spent at the supermarket to provide food to the Destitution Project in the Victoria Halls.

We also gave Christmas presents of chocolates or wine to the people we visited on a regular basis throughout the year.

Without your help and support this work would not have been possible and the SVP would like to thank all parishioners for their help and generosity during 2018.

Flame 2019 - #Significance: The biggest Catholic Youth Event in England and Wales is back! The CYMFed Flame Congress takes place on 2 March 2019, at Wembley Arena. To book your place with the diocesan youth team contact Lorraine Leonard on 0161 817 2205 or lorriane.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

More details at:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/>

**Advance Notice
Lent 2019**

Enjoy Praying - Praying With Scripture

There will be a flexible course, starting in Lent, introducing various ways of praying with Scripture.

When? Tuesday Evenings

Where? St John' Church, Bromley Cross

Time? 7.30pm-9pm

There will be further information in the next few weeks and opportunities for signing up.

For more information, contact Paul Brennan via the Parish Office: office@sbsj.org.uk or Tel: 301927

Vacancies - Salford Diocese

Are you a Teacher Looking for a new Challenge?

Then we could be looking for you!

We have three exciting new opportunities in our Education Department. We are recruiting for:
Deputy Director for School System Development and Improvement

Lead Teacher/Innovator for Primary Religious Education

Lead Teacher/Innovator for Secondary Religious Education

For all the details check out the Diocese of Salford [vacancies](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies) page:

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Safeguarding Officer

Appointment Type: Full time, permanent.

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Salary: £37- 42,000 per annum based on skills and experience.

What we're looking for: The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit a suitably experienced and qualified practitioner to join our expanding Safeguarding Team. They will be a highly motivated and well-organised professional, able to contribute to the development and implementation of safeguarding policies and strategies throughout the Diocese. They will have a practical working knowledge and experience of safeguarding and the ability to relate this experience to providing advice and support.

Closing date for applications: 12noon, Friday, 8 February, 2019.

More details can be found at: <http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

For further information on the job description and eligibility criteria or to request an application pack or for more information on this post please contact: The Director of Administration and Personnel Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. 0161-817-2203 or personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 19/20 January 2019		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	G French	M Russell, M Speed, A Gracie, F Smith, S May, M Cropper
11am (SB)	T Proctor	K Wilkinson, P Carolan, J Murphy

Caritas Sunday - 27 January 2019

Caritas Sunday is the one opportunity each year for Caritas to appeal to every parish in our Diocese to support the corporal works of mercy. Formally Catholic Children's Rescue Society (founded in 1886), Caritas Diocese of Salford has now expanded to respond to many areas of need in our parishes, from our work with the Homeless, with Children, Families and the wider Community and in Welcoming Refugees. Caritas keeps their central admin costs to a minimum to ensure every penny donated makes a real difference. Their work with schools and parishes in the Diocese is growing in importance as we strive to be Missionary Disciples.

Caritas means 'Love to Human Kind'; this is the action that we are being asked to take as Missionary Disciples in our parish. Caritas Diocese of Salford, the home charity of our Diocese, has 22 formal services and centres located around the North West.

THANK YOU!

This time last year, thanks to your help, our appeal raised **£26,409** which went directly to fund where the need was greatest; namely our work with Children and Families in our Bolton Young Parents' Home and Caritas Family Project; our work with Homeless at Bury Red Door; and our work with Refugee education and integration at Cornerstone Day Centre.

Thanks to our supporters, in 2018 Caritas provided care and support to 12,249 unique beneficiaries. 722 people across the Diocese of Salford gave up their time to volunteer, over 100 of whom are Caritas Representatives; volunteers who help to share information from Caritas in parishes, and who work with the Hope in the Future development teams to support local outreach projects. The Caritas Representative for our parish is Julie Summerton

This year, Caritas is calling all parishioners to use their gifts and talents to **#BeTheChange**, to help the key goals of Housing the Homeless; Building Stronger Families and Communities; and Welcoming Refugees. Thanks to this year's second collection, we will be able to respond to where the need is greatest throughout the year ahead, as we reach out with love and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Please check the special Caritas Beacon and their Annual Review available at the back of church to find out more.

If you are interested to get involved in social action in this Parish, to help others in need, then please speak to Fr David, our Caritas Representative and the Parish Enabling Team, or direct to Caritas on 0161 817 2270 or via parishreps@caritassalford.org.uk