

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

17 February 2019

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Life is often about picking our way through opposites - choices and decisions that surround every moment of every day: should I do this or that, choose this way or that way, and so on. Just as there are choices on either side, so there are opposing consequences blessings and curses, in the language of the first reading, happiness and woe in the language of the Gospel. In Saint Luke's version of the Beatitudes, we see Jesus setting out very clearly the teaching that life is about choices, and that we must take control, and be responsible for the life we choose, or even the conditions of life that we embrace or accept.

Marriage Matters

Our calling is to love one another: Does 'the world speak well of me'? God wants us to use our talents to fulfil His plan, not for our own glory. His plan for marriage is that we love each other before everything else, which means listening deeply. When I focus on doing any job I need to ask: 'How do you need to be loved just now?'

Think Vocation

We pray to the Lord For an increase in prayerful trust among our young people, that they may faithfully respond to their unique vocation in Christ.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: Page 227; Readings page 233 <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i></p>
<p>Sunday 17 February - Racial Justice Sunday 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 2pm Baptism (SJ)</p>
<p>Monday 18 February No Mass Today 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 19 February 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) No Mass Today 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 20 February No Mass Today</p>
<p>Thursday 21 February No Mass Today 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)</p>
<p>Friday 22 February- The Chair of St Peter No Mass Today</p>
<p>Saturday 23 February - St Polycarp 5pm Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i></p>
<p>Sunday 24 February - 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i></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 (SDB), Jackie Harte, Jim Carney, Moya Fau-Goodwin

Lately Dead: Patrick Durkan, Maurice Langton Downs, Dharmendrecim Arquissandas, Colin Doherty, Carol Finley, Fr John Cummins, Dennis Corkill, Martin Feeney, Christine Brookfield, Bob Holmes, Margaret Gibson,

Anniversaries: William Finley Snr, Ian Walsh, Tess McSherry, Christopher Hailwood

Mass Intentions: Patrick Durkan, Maurice Langton Downs, Margaret Gibson, Ian Walsh Dharmendrecim Arquissandas, Colin Doherty, Christopher Hailwood, Martin Feeney, Tess McSherry

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

Let us pray for the parish of the St Margaret Clitherow, Rochdale and, Kirkholt, with Canon Buckley and for Fr Murphy, and for the parish of St Joseph, Ramsbottom, with Fr Thorpe. We pray for their parish primary schools and for St Cuthbert's High School.

Facts and Figures for 9/10 February

Offertory Collection: £996.94

Standing Orders (8-14 February): £284

Mass Attendance:

5pm-102; 9am-195; 11am-159; Total 456

Cheques: We now have our new Corpus Christi parish account name. Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 9 March (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 on 01204 301927 or email: office@sbsj.org.uk.

Reading Rota: The new rota is now available for you to collect at the back of each church.

Racial Justice Sunday: Today is Racial Justice Sunday, which focuses on the experiences of ethnic communities in England and Wales. It is a day on which we are all called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality in our country. The theme this year is *Dignity of Work*, looking at how all people must not be exploited or face discrimination and hatred in their work. For more information please visit <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2019>.

CAFOD: The CAFOD Ceilidh will be held at St Osmund's on 22 February (7.30pm to 11pm). Tickets, as last year, are £10 and are now on sale.

SVP News

Destitution Project: The parish next collection of items for the Destitution Project will take place during March. A list of items can be found on the notice board in both our churches. Thank you for your continued support.

Lourdes 2019: The date of the 2019 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is 25-31 July. Application forms are now available and I will have spare copies if you would like to see them. Those who attended last year should have received their own copy from the Lourdes Office.

Last year our group stayed at The Hotel Roissy. The Hotel is very conveniently situated close to the Domain and on the flat. Accommodation is clean, bedrooms reasonably sized and the food is good and well presented. It is a little pricey but bear in mind that the price does include full board.

If you would like to know more about Lourdes I do have an informative book which you may borrow if you so wish.

Please contact me as required on 01204 305832 or speak to Peter Carolan at St Brendan's or Margaret Russell at St John's. God Bless. *Terry Smith*

Children's Liturgy: Some of our leaders are stepping down after years of volunteering. In order to ensure that we can continue to provide Children's Liturgy at all the weekend Masses we need more volunteers to join our friendly teams as either leaders or helpers. If you feel that you could join us or would like some more information to help you decide, please have a chat with one of us or contact either Joanne: joarob71@gmail.com Or Louise: loobyloo@mac.com. (In line with our safeguarding policy all volunteers will need to undergo a DBS check).

Enjoy Praying - Praying With Scripture

The idea of the programme is to enable small groups of people to come together and support each other as they practise a variety of methods of praying.

Dates: 12, 19 and 26 March

2, 9 and 23 April

Time: 7.30pm-9pm at St John's Church.

If you wish to attend, please email the parish office or telephone 301927.

**Transformed by Love: The Cost of Discipleship
Wardley Hall, Worsley M28**

10.30am - 12:30pm (Tea and coffee provided)

Join us at Wardley Hall every Friday in Lent for our Lenten retreat. The complete retreat programme is:

- 8 March: Choosing discipleship in the midst of temptation
- 15 March: Listening to the voice of God
- 22 March: Embracing the sinner within us
- 29 March: Reconciling as a key to discipleship
- 5 April: Accepting God's unconditional mercy
- 12 April: Recognizing our "appointed hour"

Format: Using Scripture, poetry, art and/or music, we will pray with the 2019 Sunday Lenten readings, especially the Gospel. Sessions will include presentations, individual prayer time and sharing. Suggestions for daily prayer will be provided.

Presenters: Sister Joan Kerley, FMSJ and Maria Kidd

To confirm your participation, please contact: Marie Sartini, Bishop's PA, Wardley Hall, Worsley M28 2ND; 0161 794 2825 E: marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Sister Joan Kerley, FMSJ; 0161 971 7842; E: joankfmsj@gmail.com

Come and sing with Songs of Praise!

The longest running religious TV show in the world invites you to a special event in Bolton. You are warmly invited to a special Songs of Praise music recording of hymns and songs at Bolton's Victoria Hall this March featuring Shalom Chorale, winners of Songs of Praise Gospel Choir of the Year 2018 and some very special guests. All are welcome and we are especially keen for enthusiastic singers to join us and lead the viewers at home in the singing. We would love to see every seat filled, so please only apply if you are definitely able to come. Recording: Friday 8th March 6.30pm - 9.30pm Where: Bolton's Victoria Hall 37 Knowsley Street, Bolton, BL1 2AS To apply for free tickets, please send your name, address, contact phone number and number of tickets requested to SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv. Please include 'Songs of Praise Bolton' in your subject header. Alternatively, you can call us on 0161 873 7073 to book your tickets. Many thanks for your support; we look forward to hearing from you. Yours faithfully, Songs of Praise Team

The National Pilgrim of the Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima: We are delighted to announce that The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will visit the Cathedral on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th February. A whole series of events and services are planned across the two days. Full details can be found on the diocesan website or via the poster at the back of Church.

Vacancy

Two posts: Housekeeper/ Parish Secretary

Appointment Type: 2 roles of 6-7 hours per week each, or 1 composite role of 12-14 hours per week, subject to candidate's skills, abilities and availability.

Salary, pension and benefits: Competitive based on skills and experience

Location: St Marie, Manchester Road, Bury, BL9 0DR

Closing date for applications: 12noon, Wednesday, 6th March, 2019. 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 Department for Finance and Administration Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP Telephone: 0161-817-2203 Email: personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Poinsettias: Any poinsettias left after the 11am Mass at St Brendan's will be disposed of. Thank you.



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The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3
Sunday Missal: Page 238; Readings page 244
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Sunday 24 February

9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Monday 25 February

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

Tuesday 26 February

2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)
 6.30pm Reconciliation (SJ)
 7pm Mass (SJ)
 7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday 27 February

9.15am Yr4 Class Mass (SC School)
 9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 28 February

9.15am Mass (SB)
 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)

Friday 1 March - St David, Patron of Wales

Women's World Day of Prayer

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Saturday 2 March

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

Sunday 3 March - A Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed

9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 2pm Baptism (SJ)

Hope in The Future

We pray for the parishes of St Patrick, Rochdale, and St Mary, Littleborough, with Fr Lasia, and for the parish of St Edmund and St Patrick, Bolton with Fr Haworth. We pray for their parish primary schools and for the chaplaincies to the University of Bolton, to Buckley Hall Prison, and to Bolton Hospice.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 23/24 February 2019

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	S Mikolajewski	TBA
9am (SJ)	A Hayes	P McArdle, M Speed, A Rawlinson, E Rothwell, T Armstrong, F Smith
11am (SB)	K Denton	T Smith, M Meagher, T Proctor,

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 2/3 March 2019

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	P Margiotta	M Russell, M Speed, A Gracie, L Rule, J Carroll, M Cropper
11am (SB)	F Doloroso	M Meagher T Proctor, T Smith