

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

3 March 2019

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



We have many sayings about results being more important than promises, such as “the proof of the pudding is in the eating”. Today’s scripture readings are all about this - the ways in which our words and actions will reveal who we truly are. There is a wonderful mosaic of poetic wisdom in the readings this Sunday - images and parables and similes that can sit in our heads and hearts, and make us think about the sort of people we are, and the words we use and the fruits we produce by them. And we should pray that we will always produce good, sound fruit, so that we may keep on working at the Lord’s work always, and so share in Christ’s victory over death itself.

Marriage Matters

Praise and thanksgiving: Actions speak louder than words! As married couples we rely on each other for help and support but sometimes we are not listening or paying attention. The Gospel today reminds us that to accuse each other is hypocritical, whereas when we encourage one another, we help each other to build up ... ‘that store of goodness in her/his heart’.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i> <i>Sunday Missal: Page 248; Readings page 254</i> <i>Preface: At priest’s choice</i></p>
<p>Sunday 3 March 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i> 2pm Baptism (SJ)</p>
<p>Monday 4 March 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7pm Property Committee Meeting (Harbour Room)</p>
<p>Tuesday 5 March 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 6.30pm Reconciliation (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Becoming Catholic Course (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 6 March - Ash Wednesday - A Day of Fasting & Abstinence 9.15am Mass at St Columba’s School 9.30am Mass with St John’s School (SJ Church) 11am Mass with St Brendan’s School (SB Church) 7pm Mass (SB)</p>
<p>Thursday 7 March - Ss Perpetua & Felicity 9.15am Yr3 Mass (SB) 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)</p>
<p>Friday 8 March 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p>Saturday 9 March 10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation Course (Harbour Room, SB) 2pm Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SB) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i></p>
<p>Sunday 10 March - First Sunday of Lent 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i> 2pm Baptism (SJ) 2.30pm Rite of Election Service (Salford Cathedral) 3pm Stations of the Cross (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 (SDB), Jackie Harte, Jim Carney, Moya Fau-Goodwin

Lately Dead: Kathleen Unsworth, Dick Lynch

Anniversaries: Alfeo & Bonifacia Doloroso, James Mathen, George Beeching

Mass Intentions: Dharmendrecim Arquissandas, Kathleen Unsworth, Alfeo & Bonifacia Doloroso, James Mathen, George Beeching, Kevin Proctor (Birthday Remembrance), A Sick Person, Denis O'Toole (Birthday Remembrance), Bridie McLaughlin, Dick Lynch

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 parishes of St Peter and St Thomas More, Middleton, with Fr Hopkinson and Fr Blackburn and Bishop Brain, and for the parish of St Osmund, Brightmet, with Fr Heakin and for their parish schools.

Facts and Figures for 23/24 February

Offertory Collection: £1,030.27

**Standing Orders (28 February -1 March):
£140**

Mass Attendance:

5pm-141; 9am-182; 11am-143; Total 466

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



Congratulations: To Thomas Michael Singleton who was baptized at St John's on Saturday 17 February. We pray that he and his family continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session takes 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.

SVP News

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

Ceilidh for Cafod. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, raffle tickets and rolled pound coins at a bottle of whisky, and those people who donated. Through all your generosity we had a fantastic time and also raised enough money to achieve our objective; to provide a Community Water Supply from Cafod's World Gifts booklet. The Water supply gift is £750 and we raised £790. A big thank you must also go to Father Heakin, Jane, the Bar staff and Adelaide at St Osmund's, for the Room, the hospitality and the 14 ticket sales without which we would not have done it. We will remember you all in our prayers at our next meeting. **Corpus Christi Cafod Group.**

CAFOD Donation: Thank you to all those who bought jars of homemade marmalade and the donation of money exchanged for old coins. This raised another £150 for CAFOD.

The Harbour Room Book Club: Will be running its usual Spring outing this year on Wednesday 15 May. We will be having a "backstage" tour of Bolton Central Library, the Exhibition of Egyptian artefacts in the Museum and the Art Gallery. We will have a guided tour beginning at 10am and finishing at 12 noon where we shall all walk round to the Olympus for lunch. You do not have to be a member of the Book Club to go on one of our trips. A coach will leave St Brendan's church at about 9.30am and the cost will be £6.25 for the return trip. If you wish to make your own way there and back please let us know if you are joining us for the tour at the Library. If you are interested in joining us please book a place on the coach with either Pauline on 383138 or Madeleine on 303505

Bolton Library "Meet the Author " Events:

Tuesday 5 March 1pm - Hallie Rubenhold (*The Five*).

Wednesday 27 March 1pm - Two Crime writers, Harriet Tyce and Alexander Michaelides.

Tuesday 2 April 1pm - Joanne Harris (*Chocolat & The Strawberry Thief*)

Thursday 6 June 6.30pm - Elly Griffiths and William Shaw Crime writers.

All these events are free.

Christian Meditation: The dates for March are as follows:

Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. (2pm-2.45pm)

Thursdays 14th, 21st and 28th. (7.15pm-8pm)

These are held in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's and all are welcome.

Enjoy Praying: Praying With Scripture

Lent is almost upon us!

If you would like to part of a small group discovering different ways of praying with scripture, please contact the parish office 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk
 Dates: 12,19,26 March and 2,9,23 April
 Time: 7.30pm-9pm at St John's Church.

Walk With Me: The Lenten booklets and calendars are now available for you to take (free of charge). Please use them to help on our Lenten Journey.

Stations of the Cross: We will hold a weekly service for Stations of the Cross every Sunday during Lent at 3pm. The first one will be on Sunday 10 March at St John's Church.

Rosary Beads: The PET Team are looking for old or new rosary beads to give to a Diocese in Ghana. If you have any spare rosary beads in good condition then please leave them at the back of church to be collected. This will certainly promote and enable people in Ghana to pray this beautiful prayer of the Church. Next Sunday after Mass the proceeds from the tea and coffee will go towards this charity.

Bedding Plants: If you have any bedding plants/shrubs left over (or any cuttings) and you would like to plant them in front of St John's Church, please let us know. We have a large garden to fill! Thank you

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).

Bethlehem Art: At our Masses next weekend representatives from Bethlehem Art will be here to speak about and sell olive wood carvings made in the Holy Land. Every purchase of the wooden carvings will help support the many Christian families that still, in current time, live under constant deprivation and conflict.

St John's 200 Club

The February winners are:

- £50 S Copley (103)
- £25 E Chrimes (33)



200 Club: Subscriptions are now due. The cost is £12 per number for the year. Please put fee in an envelope with your name and contact details and hand in to Frances Smith after Masses next weekend. There are still numbers available, so why not have a go?

Come and sing with Songs of Praise!

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.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 9/10 March 2019		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	L Lamoury	TBA
9am (SJ)	S May	M Cropper, L Rule T Armstrong, A Grundy, A Rawlinson, P McArdle,
11am (SB)	M Durkan	M Meagher T Proctor, T Smith

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Hope in The Future

Hope in the Future is an invitation to every parish in the Diocese to recognise and develop their missionary identity and their call to evangelise.

The first of the five-stage journey focused on celebrating our parish and now the second stage is focusing on harvesting our talents.

Training days are taking place throughout the year for people who are or would like to be involved in various areas of parish life.

Details of the training are shown here. If you would like to attend you can book your place via the diocesan website where you can also find lots more information on the Hope in the Future initiative.

We are always looking for more volunteers to get involved in all areas of parish life so if you feel you can help in any way please do not hesitate to speak to myself or any member of the Parish Enabling Team. Alternatively, you can contact me by email - joarob71@googlemail.com

Joanne Robinson

Hope in the Future Parish Rep



GIFTS, TALENTS & CHARISMS TRAINING DAYS



GROWING IN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Workshops on Prayer & Spirituality
Saturday 16th March 2019, 10:00-15:00
Cathedral Centre, Salford, M3 6DP



PARISH CATECHESIS

Workshops for Parish Catechists
Saturday 27th April 2019, 10:00-15:00
Cathedral Centre, Salford, M3 6DP



PARISH MANAGEMENT

Workshops on Finance, Administration, Buildings and H&S
Saturday 18th May 2019, 10:00-15:00
Cathedral Centre, Salford, M3 6DP



'DIGITAL MISSIONARIES'

Workshops on Websites, Social Media & Newsletters
Saturday 8th June 2019, 10:00-15:00
Cathedral Centre, Salford, M3 6DP

DIOCESE OF SALFORD SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK

Workshops from various Charities & Organisations
Saturday 6th July 2019, 10:00-15:00
Holy Cross College, Bury, BL9 9BB



PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

Workshops on engaging young people in parish life
Saturday 14th September 2019, 10:00 - 15:00
Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton, BL1 6PQ

To register your place or for more information -
visit: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events