

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

2 June 2019

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



This is an unusual "in between" Sunday - in between the Lord's return to the Father's right hand at Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Church's tradition is to spend this time 'in between' in prayer, as did Mary and the Apostles, waiting for the promised gift of the Spirit. The Gospel for this Sunday is part of the 'priestly prayer' of Christ from the Last Supper - a prayer full of concern for his friends - for us, the Church. Eastertide has been all about the Church, and this Sunday is no exception: the vision of Stephen in the first reading, who sees heaven thrown open and is thus able to pray "Do not hold this sin against them" is a vision of what the Church must be - a community of love and mercy, always inspired (that is, guided by the Spirit) by the presence of Jesus. The Church is itself the community 'in between' the Lord's first and second coming: as we await the Spirit next Sunday, Saint John gives us the final vision of our destiny: "let everyone who listens answer 'Come!'"

Think Vocation

Let us pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, all men and women will be led to their true vocations in Christ, proclaiming the kingdom of God by the witness of their lives.

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Preface: At Priest's Choice

Sunday 2 June

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

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

1.30pm SVP trip to the Schoenstatt Shrine

2pm Baptism (SJ)

World Communications Day

*Special Collection for The Catholic
Communications Network*

Monday 3 June - *St Charles Lwanga & Companions*

9.30am Mass (SB)

7.45pm SVP (SJ)

Tuesday 4 June

6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ)

7pm Mass (SJ)

7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday 5 June - *St Boniface*

9.30am Mass (SB)

Thursday 6 June

9.15am Mass (SB)

Friday 7 June

9.30am Mass (SJ)

10am Coffee Morning (SJ)

Saturday 8 June

11am Baptism (SB)

5pm Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Sunday 9 June - *Pentecost Sunday*

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

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

3pm Pentecost Bonfire (Longsight Methodist)

Prayers Please

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Margaret Broadhead, Matthew Harvey, Margaret Russell

Lately Dead: Tony Burke, Gwendoline Haydock, Patrick Waldren, Marie Mundy, Fr John Ashton (SDB), Trevor Paul Farmer, Edna O'Hare

Anniversaries: Dennis Sugg, Ron Higson

Mass Intentions: Eileen Dearden, A Special Intention, Patrick Waldren, Dennis Sugg, Ron Higson, Tony Burke, For someone who is sick, Fr John Ashton (SDB)

Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6): We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work.

Exam Prayers: We pray for all our young people taking exams and tests at this time. We ask the Lord to give them strength and perseverance during the coming weeks, and that they achieve the results they have worked for.

Hope in the Future

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Anne, Higher Openshaw and for Fr Chris Lough, their parish priest. We pray for the parish primary school and for the Presentation Sisters.

Facts and Figures for 25/26 May

Offertory Collection: £982.31

Standing Orders (24-30 May): £207

Mass Attendance

5pm-109; 9am-190; 11am-130; Total- 429

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you.

53rd Celebration of World Communications Day: On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in Communications and particularly for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country.

The communications office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supports the bishops, in their witness and engagement with current issues, and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image. As well as our prayers for those who work in the media, we will also hold a second collection to fund this important work. Thank you for your contributions.

Congratulations: To Harry Karl Williams who was baptized at St Brendan's last Saturday. To Jacob Jonah Edge and Isley Maunder who were baptized at St Brendan's last Sunday and to Ethan Albie Atherton who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Churches in Harwood - Pentecost Service: On Sunday 9 June at (3pm) there will be a service for Churches in Harwood (at Harwood Methodist, Longsight) in celebration of Pentecost. Following the service (and bonfire) all are invited to a barbeque afterwards.

SVP News

Outing for Elderly and Housebound: Will be held This Sunday (2 June) to the Schoenstatt Shrine for Benediction and afternoon tea. There are lists at the back of each church for those wishing to go on the outing and for those who could offer transport. Thank you

Sponsored Walk: Takes place on Sunday 9 June. This annual event helps to raise funds to provide support to individuals and families in need. This year, we are also going to donate some funds to the Mozambique Cyclone Disaster Appeal which devastated the lives of so many families and individuals recently. There are two ways to help with this event: you could either sponsor someone taking part in the walk or, even better, why not pick up a sponsor form, and come and join us around the beautiful route of our local reservoirs? Please speak to Arthur Rawlinson for more information (418204). Thank you

An Afternoon Tea: Wednesday 12 June in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's (2pm-4pm) with a fun Mini Auction. Please bring one small item to sell. The proceeds will go towards the Mini Vinnie Holiday Camps. All welcome.

Corpus Christi Social Committee

Date for your diaries!

Friday 14 June 7.30pm

at Dunsar Conservative Club

With Music from

The Hard Times Kapelye

<http://www.hardtimeskapelye.co.uk/>

Tickets priced at £5 with a raffle. Please come along and support this event!

Tickets on sale at the back of church (after Mass) or contact Maureen via email (mo.speed@aol.com).

Survive Miva: We will have a speaker and an appeal from Survive Miva (Missionary Vehicle Association) at our Masses next weekend.

Harbour Room Books: Fr David has left some religious books in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. If anyone would like to take any of them (free of charge) they are most welcome.

North West Scripture Festival 2019: Saturday 29 June at Thornleigh Salesian College (9.30am - 3.30pm). This year's theme is *Peter and Paul: Chosen and Sent* with prayer & worship; scripture reflections; small group conversation; creative plenary sessions. Tea and coffee provided; please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation of £10 per person. To book your place please contact formation@rcaol.co.uk or ring 0151 522 1040

'AN EVENING OF HOPE'

An 'Ecumenical concert of prayer and music to celebrate the Hope Jesus brings to Bolton'.

Saturday 15 June
The Victoria Hall, Bolton
from 7pm-9pm.

An ecumenical concert to celebrate the Hope Jesus brings to Bolton through music and prayer with contributions from a range of Christian Churches.

Programme:

6.30pm - Doors open

7pm - Welcome & Introduction

7.10pm - 7.30pm - Opening Praise and Worship

7.30pm - 8pm - Keynote Address on the Virtue of Hope - Fr Chris Gorton

8pm - 8.30pm - The Millennium Chapel Gospel Choir

8.30pm - 8.45pm - School performances
Thornleigh Salesian College & Sacred Heart Primary School Westhoughton

8:45 - 9:00 - Closing remarks & blessing from Fr John Daly VG

Tickets are £5.00 and can be booked by calling 07914 015 803 (all profits will go to charity). Alternatively, please see either Fr David, Fr Alf, or contact the parish office Tel:301927 Email: office@sbsj.org.uk.

**Free weekend parking available at NCP
Topp Way, Duke St, Bolton BL1 2DJ.**

International Mass - Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL, Saturday 22 June at 2pm: The International Mass is now in its third year and we look forward to another celebration of the diversity and vibrancy that can be found across our diocese. This year we have chosen the theme '*No one left behind*' and as well as celebrating our many different communities we will also be reflecting on the importance of solidarity both in our faith and in our communities. All Welcome! Light refreshments will be served following the Mass.

Caritas - Parish Social Action - #BeTheChange: Saturday 6 July 2019, 10am-3pm, Holy Cross College, Bury, BL9 9BB. Workshops from various Charities & Organisations. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee will be provided. Can you represent your parish? To register for this event and to see the full programme, visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events, email john.griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2214

Baptism Preparation Course: The next Course will be held on Wednesday 19 June (7pm-8.30pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This course is for any parent seeking Baptism for their child in our parish. Please contact the Parish Office on 301927 or email: office@sbsj.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies
The CCRS programme encompasses the basic foundations of the Catholic Faith. This programme aims to enhance your understanding of education within the Catholic Church and will enable you to make an informed contribution as a missionary disciple in sharing your faith with others. Governors, teachers and the parish community together contribute to the Catholic formation of our children and have a responsibility to help our children grow in their faith. To achieve this, we need to ensure our governors, teachers and the parish community have an adult understanding of their faith to enable them to share their vision. The programme generally takes 2 years to complete and you will study 4 core modules in your first year and 2 core and 2 specialist modules of your choice in your second year. To register onto the programme or for further information please visit:- www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/services/education/ccrs



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Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 8/9 June 2019		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	P French	J Carroll, M Russell, S May, A Rawlinson, A Gracie, M Speed
11am (SB)	L Lamoury	C Owen, P Brennan, M Durkan

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