

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

18 August 2019

## Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time



### Gaudete et Exsultate - Thirty Seventh Installment

Moments spent alone with God are also necessary. For St Teresa of Avila, prayer “is nothing but friendly and frequent solitary converse, with him who we know loves us”. This is true not only for a privileged few, but for all of us, for “we all have need of this silence, filled with the presence of him who is adored”. Trust-filled prayer is a response of a heart open to encountering God face to face, where all is peaceful and the quiet voice of the Lord can be heard in the midst of silence.

In that silence, we can discern, in the light of the Spirit, the paths of holiness to which the Lord is calling us. Otherwise, any decisions we make may only be window-dressing that, rather than exalting the Gospel in our lives, will mask or submerge it. For each disciple, it is essential to spend time with the Master, to listen to his words, and to learn from him always. Unless we listen, all our words will be nothing but useless chatter.

To ponder: In my daily routing the best time for silence is....

### Marriage Matters

**Our Sacrament: a sign of grace**

When we married, we entered into a Covenant of unconditional love, summed up in the vows we made to each other. By imitating Jesus’ unconditional love for his bride, the Church, we became a Sacrament - a sacred sign of God’s love for all to see. Living out our ‘life-style choice’ is made possible only by ‘the graces of the Sacrament’.

*Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1;  
Divine Office Week 4  
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#### Sunday 18 August

9am Mass (SJ)  
11am Mass (SB)  
2pm Baptism (SB)

#### Monday 19 August

No Mass  
7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)  
7.45pm SVP (SJ)

#### Tuesday 20 August

6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ)  
7pm Mass (SJ)  
7.15pm SVP (SB)

#### Wednesday 21 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)  
7pm P.E.T. Meeting

#### Thursday 22 August

9.30am Mass (SB)

#### Friday 23 August

9.45am Requiem Mass for Denis O’Kane R.I.P. (SJ)

#### Saturday 24 August

2pm Baptism (SB)  
5pm Mass (SB)

#### Sunday 25 August

9am Mass (SJ)  
11am Mass (SB)  
1pm Baptism (SB)

### Think Vocation

It may sound alarming to us that in the Gospel, Jesus would speak about bringing division, rather than peace to the world. He goes on to say that households will be divided against itself. Divided by what? The Word of God. The Word is a double-edged sword that cuts to the heart of the matter. Jesus says he has come to bring fire to earth to test our hearts. The testing by fire will determine whether we are on the side of truth or not. Let us ask Jesus to give us the grace of conversion and the courage to persevere through trials.

<b>Prayers Please</b>
<b>We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends.</b> Bernard Holder, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Margaret Broadhead, Matthew Harvey, Margaret Russell, Terry Smith
<b>Lately Dead:</b> Denis O’Kane, Patrick Joynson, Stuart Kavanagh, Jessica Scatterson.
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Frank Booth, Robert Whaley, Denis Coughlan, Ann Houghton, Ellen Day, Mary Carter.
<b>Mass Intentions:</b> Eileen Dearden, Denis O’Kane
<b>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): Families, Schools of Human Growth</b> That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."
<b>Hope in the Future</b> We pray for the people of the parish of English Martyrs, Whalley, and for Fr. David Yates, their parish priest.
<b>Facts and Figures for 10/11August</b>
<b>Offertory Collection: £951.41</b>
<b>Mass Attendance</b> <b>5pm-105; 9am-166; 11am-125; Total- 396</b>
<b>Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to <i>Corpus Christi</i>. Thank you.</b>

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Wednesday 18 September (7pm-8.30pm) 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 (01204 301927) or email [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk) for more information.

**SVP:** We are continuing the food collection for the Destitution Project. As well as the items listed in church, they have a particular need for tins of sardines, tuna, mackerel (they have now received more than enough tinned meat). Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

**Bank Holiday Mass at St Mary’s Cemetery, Wardley**  
There will be a Requiem mass on bank holiday Monday 26th August at St Mary’s Cemetery, Wardley. The mass will begin at 11am outside the cemetery chapel and all are invited to attend.

**Meditation**  
Mary Durkin will resume her meditation class in September, but just one week each month since she has moved to Horwich: Tuesday 10th at 14.00 and Thursday 12th at 19.15.

**CAFOD Group meeting:** The next meeting is on Thursday 12 September 7pm at St Brendan’s. All welcome.

**Engaging Young People in the Parish**

Saturday 14th September 2019, 10:00-15:00  
Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton, BL1 6PQ

\* Workshops will be in three smaller groups where each group attends all sessions

**Workshops**

1. Youth Alpha - sharing the Good News
2. ‘Impact’ - the difference we make
3. Practical tips on setting up youth groups in your parish

Tea/Coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

Register here - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engaging-young-people-in-the-parish-tickets-66170059429>

**Experience Alpha Training Day**

Led by Mike Roche (UK representative for Alpha in a Catholic Context)

Saturday 28th September 2019  
Cathedral Centre, Salford, M3 6DP

Tea/Coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch.

Register here - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/experience-alpha-training-day-tickets-67033660483>

**Celebration of Mass to launch Stage 3**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 7:00pm (followed by light refreshments in the cloisters)  
Salford Cathedral.


Further information and tickets will be sent to parish priests and Hope in the Future teams at the beginning of September.

<b>Readers &amp; Eucharistic Ministers</b> <b>24/25 August 2019</b>		
<b>Mass</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
5pm (SB)	C Molyneux	TBA
9am (SJ)	Laura Rule	T Armstrong, L Rule, J Carroll, P McArdle, M Cropper, F Smith
11am (SB)	Chris Owen	T Smith, T Proctor, M Meagher

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