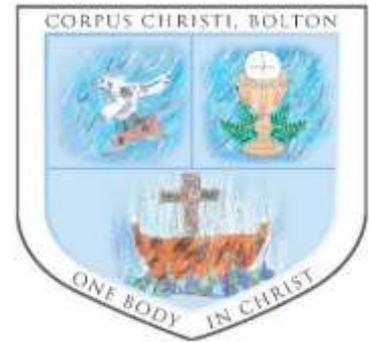


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

1 September 2019

Twenty-Second Week of Ordinary



Humble behaviour is the mark of the Christian, as it always was the mark of someone “in favour with the Lord.” In the Gospel, we see Jesus watching the Pharisees: it’s almost amusing to picture them shuffling for the best places, the polite “After you!” to put themselves in a better position. How would they have reacted to his teaching? They may well have remembered the passage we read from the Old Testament, and realised that Jesus was teaching the teachers something they should be well aware of.

### Marriage Matters

**Raised by our love:** We live in a world where self-promotion is at the heart of many superficial relationships. But ours is a New Covenant of love - Jesus refers to this in the Gospel. In this unique relationship we seek to encourage and raise each other higher. When we fail, as inevitably we do, He calls us to ask forgiveness of each other.

### Think Vocation

“Behave humbly and then you will find favour with the Lord.” The Lord can work with us most readily and easily when we are most disposed to the work of the Holy Spirit. When we know that we depend for everything in our lives upon God then we are being truly humble. Let us pray for the gift of humility upon those in positions of authority within the Church.

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1;  
Divine Office Week 2  
Sunday Missal: Page 391; Readings page 397;  
Preface: At priest’s choice

**Sunday 1 September - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

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

**Monday 2 September**

12noon Mass (SB)  
7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)  
7.45pm SVP (SJ)

**Tuesday 3 September - St Gregory the Great**

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

**Wednesday 4 September**

9.30am Mass (SJ)

**Thursday 5 September**

9.30am Mass (SB)

**Friday 6 September**

9.30am Mass (SJ)

**Saturday 7 September**

2pm Baptism (SJ)  
5pm Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy  
*A Special Collection for the Catholic*

**Sunday 8 September Education Service**

9am Mass (SJ)- With Children’s Liturgy  
11am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy  
2pm Baptism (SB)  
*A Day of Special Prayer for Students and Teachers*

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<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
<b>Lately Dead:</b> Denis O’Kane, Guy Percival, Rachel Griffin, Jack Tattersall
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Hannah Doona, Bridget & Jack Day, David Gracie, Mary Watson, Joseph Eric Hopkinson, Sarah Ann Kendall, James Dowbakin, Barbara Proctor, Mary Marshall
<b>Mass Intentions:</b> Hannah Doona, Bridget & Jack Day, David Gracie, Mary Watson, A special intention for a friend, Guy Percival, Joseph Eric Hopkinson, Sarah Ann Kendall, James Dowbakin, Barbara Proctor, Kevin Proctor, Rachel Griffin, Bernard Clossick, Jack Tattersall, Margaret Gibson, Mary Marshall
<b>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6):</b> We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers
<b>Hope in the Future</b>
For the people of the parishes of St Mary, Bamber Bridge, and Our Lady and St Gerard, Lostock Hall, for Fr Mark Harold, Fr Colin Battell OSB, and Fr Joe Gee and the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. We pray for their parish primary schools and for St Mary’s College. May they continue to seek ways in which they can work together in our common mission of making Christ present to our world.
<b>Facts and Figures for 24/25August</b>
<b>Offertory Collection: £959.43</b>
<b>Standing Orders (23-29 August) £215</b>
<b>Mass Attendance</b>
<b>5pm-129; 9am-153; 11am-122; Total- 404</b>
<b>Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to <i>Corpus Christi</i>. Thank you.</b>

 **Congratulations:** To Rupert Kevin Lomax who was baptised last Saturday at St Brendan’s and to Hudson Oakley Walsh who was baptised at St Brendan’s last Sunday. We pray that both children and their families continue to grow in faith.

**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 will continue the food collection for the Destitution Project. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

**Fair trade stall:** The Fair Trade stall will be at all Masses next weekend. Alongside the usual food and crafts there will be a small number of hand-crafted olive-wood religious icons from Palestine. Buying these items helps to support producers whose voice is rarely heard above the political rhetoric.

**Musicians Needed:** A musician is needed to accompany the choir at the 9am Mass on Sundays when Martin is not available. A guitarist or an organist would be the most obvious replacement but we are open to other offers. Please contact Martin after the 9am Mass, email: [martincroe@ntlworld.com](mailto:martincroe@ntlworld.com) or ring 01204 591653. Additionally, any singers or instrumentalists wishing to join the group would be most welcome.

**Deanery of St Joseph: Music Ministry Meetup**  
The Beckett Suite, underneath St Thomas of Canterbury, Lonsdale Road, Heaton, Bolton, BL1 4PN on Wednesday 18 September 2019 at 7.30pm. All singers, musicians, organists and musical directors from the deanery of St Joseph are invited to this music ministry deanery meetup.

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation:** Pope Francis has proclaimed Sunday 1 September as *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*. More details on the back page of this newsletter. The diocese will be sharing reflections and stories throughout the Season of Creation on our social media channels and website: [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk).

**Education Sunday:** Next Sunday is Education Sunday with the theme of 'Form and Flourish'. On Education Sunday, Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the Church’s enormous contribution in this country and pray for all those involved in Catholic education. The Catholic Education Service (CES) is the agency of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales charged with safeguarding and promoting our remarkable network of successful Catholic schools. The CES represents Catholic education to the Government, Ofsted and other national bodies to ensure Catholic schools are empowered to flourish. The second collection on Education Sunday will be for the Catholic Education Service.

**Parish Trip to Wardley Hall:** On Sunday 27 October 2019 (1.30pm) there will be an opportunity for parishioners to visit Wardley Hall. If you would like to attend this trip there will be a list at the back of each church for those wishing to attend, and a separate list for those who can offer transport. Thank you.

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

**Christian Meditation:** Dates for September: Tuesday 10th at 2pm and Thursday 12th at 7.15pm

**Red Box Collection - Appeal:** The APF secretary is retiring so a replacement is needed. The work involves collection of red box monies, distribution of Missio magazines and close liaison with the treasurer. If interested please contact Margaret O'Kane via the Parish Office (01204 301927)

### Hope in the Future Forthcoming Events

**Engaging Young People in the Parish:** Saturday 14 September 2019 (10am-3pm) at Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton, BL1 6PQ. Workshops include:

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 but 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) on Saturday 28 September 2019 at the 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 October, 7pm (followed by light refreshments in the cloisters) at Salford Cathedral. Further information and tickets will be sent to parish priests and Hope in the Future teams at the beginning of September.

### Six Week Music Courses

**How to Read Music for Beginners:** Starts on Thursday 5 September at 7pm.

**Sight Singing (for those who read music):** Starts Thursday 5th September at 8pm. Suggested donation of £24 for all six lessons. The courses will be held at St James' Church in Salford Mother of God & St James Church Pendleton Way Salford, M6 5JA. There is a suggested fee of £24 for six courses. Please use the Tesco car park for parking. To register for either of these courses, please phone 0161 817 2214 or email [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so please book your place as soon as possible.

### Christian Heritage Centre Stonyhurst

#### Forthcoming events

**Imagining Reality: Study Weekend:** Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst College, BB7 9PT on Friday 20 September at 6pm. Imagining Reality: Beauty, goodness and truth in English Literature is a study weekend exploring the connection between reading, imagination, and character formation through the lens of English literature, with special reference to J. R. R. Tolkien. The weekend will explore the role of the imagination in developing important Christian themes in English literature, Presentations and readings from Dr Victoria Seed and Revd Dr Michael Halsall will focus on a range of well-loved classics, as well as giving a particular insight into Tolkien. To book your place on either of the above please email:

[bookings@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:bookings@christianheritagecentre.com)

### St Joseph's Deanery Dinner Dance

in aid of Bolton Hospice

Friday 18 October 2019 7pm for 7.30 pm until midnight

Holiday Inn, 1 Higher Bridge St, Bolton, BL1 2EW

£29.50 per head

Pick up a booking form from the back of church or visit the website: [www.christtheredeemer.org.uk](http://www.christtheredeemer.org.uk); or contact [gemmaPendlebury@eversheds-sutherland.com](mailto:gemmaPendlebury@eversheds-sutherland.com) or [agneslloydholt@gmail.com](mailto:agneslloydholt@gmail.com). Please book as soon as possible so we know numbers but no later than 30 September 2019.

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 7/8 September 2019

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	A Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	J Carroll	L Rule, F Smith, S May, A Rawlinson, A Gracie, M Speed
11am (SB)	E Rankin	M Meagher, T Smith, T Proctor,

# Global Healing

Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The annual Day of Prayer is inspired by his landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on “every person living on this planet” to care for our shared earth.

Pope Francis calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to “reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”

This World Day of Prayer also falls at the beginning of Creation Time, which runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles

**God of all goodness,  
you have fed us with these sacramental gifts.  
“Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.  
Touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.  
We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.”  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

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