

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

8 September 2019



Twenty-Third Week of Ordinary Time



This is a very difficult set of readings. The Gospel itself starts with a saying which many find hard to understand: must we really “hate” our family to be the Lord’s disciples? The point is that it is *relative*: what are we

prepared to give up for the Gospel? Are we going to try and make our own cross, or accept whatever we are given? Jesus is probably trying to discourage the crowd of sensation seekers and hangers-on who are crowing round him. He wants real disciples, who are aware of the possible cost: not like the incompetent builder, or the useless king. To be a disciple, one must be prepared to follow Jesus anywhere, whatever it might cost in possessions, family or friends. We may never understand why, but then, “who can know the intentions of God?”

Marriage Matters

Consent to love God above all else; seek to not force anything Today, Jesus sets out the cost of discipleship: “*none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions*”. Throughout His life and in dying for us, Jesus demonstrated a self-emptying way of loving. As His disciples, our call is to follow Him by putting each other first; thereby dying to selfishness and setting ourselves free.

Think Vocation

“Who can divine the will of the Lord?” Those who work within the field of vocations, discernment and formation do not have an easy task. A vocation within the Church is something that goes on within the heart of a person. Let us pray for those who are charged with this task, that the Holy Spirit may guide them and help them to make wise decisions

<p><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3 Sunday Missal: Page 401; Readings page 406; Preface: At priest’s choice</i></p>
<p>Sunday 8 September <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Students and Teachers</i> 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children’s Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>A Special Collection for the Catholic Education Service</i></p>
<p>Monday 9 September 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 10 September - <i>St Ambrose Barlow</i> 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 11 September 9.15am SC School Mass (SC)</p>
<p>Thursday 12 September 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm CAFOD Group Meeting (Harbour Room, SB) 7.15pm Christian Meditation (SB)</p>
<p>Friday 13 September - <i>St John Chrysostum</i> No Mass Today</p>
<p>Saturday 14 September - <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> 5pm Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy <i>A Special Collection for</i></p>
<p>Sunday 15 September <i>Home Missions</i> 9am Mass (SJ)- With Children’s Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (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, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Margaret Broadhead, Matthew Harvey, Margaret Russell
Recently Dead: Vincent Wilson, Helen Saldanha, Marian Barrow, Denis O’Kane, Guy Percival, Rachel Griffin, Jack Tattersall
Anniversaries: Mary Watson, Gerard Lamoury, John Edward O’Brien
Mass Intentions: Agnes Shaunessy (Birthday), Mary Watson, For the Roache, McHale & Mingay families, Ken Gamble, Marian Barrow, Gerard Lamoury, Margaret Quayle (Birthday), John Edward O’Brien
Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): 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
Hope in the Future
For the people of the parishes of Our Lady and St Patrick, Walton-le-Dale, and St Mary and St John Southworth, Samlesbury, for Fr Philip Nathanael, their parish priest and for its parish primary school
Facts and Figures for 30 Aug/1st Sept
Offertory Collection: £1,111.16 Standing Orders (30 August - 6 Sept) £667 Mass Attendance 5pm-115; 9am-156; 11am-127; Total-398 Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to Corpus Christi. Thank you.



Congratulations: To Esmeé Josie Settle who was baptised last Saturday at St Brendan’s and to Ava Elizabeth Johnston who was baptised at St John’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 for more information.

SVP: We will continue the food collection for the Destitution Project. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We have had a letter of thanks from the volunteers at the Destitution Project, who are always so grateful for our contributions.

Education Sunday: This 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.

Harbour Room Book Club: Early notification for Book Club members. Welcome back for the new tenth season starting on Wednesday 25 September with Trust *Your Eyes* by Linwood Barclay (1-3pm) in the Harbour Room. All welcome.

Please note that Jojo Moyes is the Guest Speaker at Bolton Central Library on 4th October at 1pm. It is part of the Meet the Author Events. The Book Club has discussed two of her novels in the past seasons, *"The Ship of Brides"* and *"Me Before You"*. These events are free to attend. If anyone is interested in attending, please let me know as the Library likes to have an idea of numbers.

My Thanks to all Parishioners: My heartfelt thanks to Fr David, Fr Alf and all Corpus Christi parishioners for your many prayers which have helped with my recovery following a fall whilst on a recent holiday in Norfolk. The number of Mass intentions, cards, telephone calls and visits were both overwhelming and emotional for Teresa and myself and it was so wonderful for me to see many of you, over the past few Sundays, and offer my thanks to you in person. Thanks again to all you wonderful people. *Terry Smith*

Fair Trade Stall: The Fair-Trade stall will be at Masses this weekend. Alongside the usual food and crafts there will be a small number of hand-crafted olive-wood religious icons from Palestine.

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)

Salford Cathedral Volunteer Programme:

This autumn, Salford Cathedral is launching its new Cathedral Volunteer Programme for all those people from around our Diocese who would like to help create a welcoming, safe and prayerful environment within our Mother Church, which lies at the historic centre of the City of Salford. Our volunteers are key to helping us achieve our ambition, becoming part of the team as a welcomer, guide, flower arranger or hospitality support. Becoming one of our volunteers will afford you the opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, and enhance the talents you already possess. With support and training provided, being a valued member of the volunteer team will be an enriching experience for all. More information can be found on the leaflets at the back of church. Our first Information Day will take place on Saturday 21st September 2019 from 11am to 1pm in the Assembly Room at Salford Cathedral (parking available in the Ford Street car park). You can contact the cathedral office on 0161 8172210 or email cathedral.admin@dioceseofsalford.co.uk for additional details. Unable to attend? No problem! Application forms can be downloaded from <http://www.salfordcathedral.co.uk/cathedral/volunteerprogramme/> and submitted by 4th October 2019.

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 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.

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.

Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst

Imagining Reality: Study Weekend: Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst College, BB7 9PT on Friday 20 September at 6pm. Exploring the connection between reading, imagination, and character formation through the lens of English literature, with special reference to J. R. R. Tolkien. To book your place please email: bookings@christianheritagecentre.com

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

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, visit the website: www.christtheredeemer.org.uk; or contact gemmaPendlebury@eversheds-sutherland.com or agneslloydholt@gmail.com. Please book as soon as possible so we know numbers but no later than 30 September 2019.

Diocese of Salford Vacancy: Caretaker

Location: Cathedral Campus, Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Working hours: 35 hours per week to be worked over 5 days between Monday and Sunday.
Salary, pension and benefits: Competitive dependent upon the skills and experience of the candidate

The diocese is recruiting for a Caretaker to integrate and unify maintenance support across the Church, House, Centre and a building currently under development (the former Education Office). The Caretaker will be a reliable and self-motivated individual who will provide general caretaking support to the interior and exterior of the campus. The Caretaker will ensure a safe, secure and welcoming environment for all and maintain facilities to the highest standards.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Monday 30 September 2019. To find out more visit: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies

Or to request an application pack or for more information on this post please contact:
 The Director of Administration and Personnel. Email: personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
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Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 14/15 September 2019		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	S Copley	M Cropper, P McArdle T Armstrong, S May, A Rawlinson
11am (SB)	K Wilkinson	P Carolan, J Murphy, K Wilkinson