

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

15 September 2019

Twenty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time



The message of God's forgiveness is one that we are familiar with, but which the Lord still wishes to emphasise. Our human approach to

forgiveness is so often flawed - we hold grudges, erect barriers, make demands and establish conditions. Jesus wants to remind his listeners - and us - that God's forgiveness is overflowing and bountiful. Saint Paul was well aware of this: he had persecuted the Church, calling himself "the greatest of sinners"; and yet, thanks to the "inexhaustible patience" of God, he can count himself a believer. We must be open to the gift of forgiveness for ourselves, and also (as the Parable of the Elder Brother shows) open to that forgiveness offered to others whom we would condemn.

Marriage Matters

Driving together on the way to heaven: The readings contain a sense of hope. His forgiveness seems never ending and His mercy shows no limits. He never stops 'rescuing' us as the lost sheep of His flock, or 'finding' us, like the widow's mite, when we feel lost within our marriage. God's way of working is like a 'SATNAV', with the destination set as eternal life.

Think Vocation

"Jesus Christ... found me faithful enough to call me into his service." Many people make mistakes in their younger years but later experience some sort of conversion or maturing in their faith. This can lead to all sorts of possibilities for them, including a vocation to serve within the Church. In this Year of Faith let us pray that all young people may become the person the Lord wants them to become.

*Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1;
Divine Office Week 4
Sunday Missal: Page 411; Readings page 417;
Preface: At priest's choice*

Sunday 15 September - A Day of Special Prayer for the Spread of the Gospel

9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy
11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy
2pm Baptism (SJ)

A Special Collection for Home Missions at Masses today

Monday 16 September - St Cornelius

9.30am Mass (SB)
7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)
7.45pm SVP (SJ)

Tuesday 17 September

6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ)
7pm Mass (SJ)
7pm Property Committee Meeting (Harbour Room)
7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday 18 September

9.15am Yr 6 Mass (St Columba's School)
12noon Mass (SJ)
7pm-8.30pm Baptism Preparation Course (Harbour Room SB)

Thursday 19 September

9.15am St Brendan's School Mass (SB)

Friday 20 September - St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & St Paul Chong Ha-sang

No Mass Today

Saturday 21 September - St Matthew

5pm Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

Sunday 22 September

9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy
11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

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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

Lately Dead: Margaret Settle, Fr John Beirne, Margaret Smith, Ann Woodward, Patricia Jennings, Vincent Wilson, Marian Barrow

Anniversaries: Esther Thomas, Mary Ellen Gilmartin, John Gilmartin, Mary Josephine O'Brien, Patrick O'Brien, Martyn Riley, Rosemary Davies

Mass Intentions: SVP Intentions, Neville Smith (Birthday Remembrance), Fr John Beirne, Mary Ellen Gilmartin, John Gilmartin, Mary Josephine O'Brien, Margaret Smith, Ann Woodward, A sick child and his mum, Mary Egan (Birthday Remembrance) and family, Martyn Riley, Patricia Jennings, Margaret Gibson (Birthday Remembrance), Rosemary Davies

Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families

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 8/9 Sept

Offertory Collection: £995.20

Standing Orders (7 - 12 Sept): £354

Mass Attendance

5pm-94; 9am-202; 11am-154; Total-450

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



Congratulations: To Caoimhe Alice Farrington who was baptised at St John's last Saturday and to Rhys Maidoc Price 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 for more information.

Home Mission Sunday: Today we celebrate Home Mission Sunday. We are invited to find ourselves in the Gospel story as we accompany the characters who call out, 'Rejoice with me!' These words express the joy of finding something, or someone they had lost. Imagine the joy in your own heart when you see someone you love coming home to Church, because they are seeking, or have found Christ. Occasionally this happens by direct divine intervention, but more often we are called to be the face of Christ, praying for, inviting and welcoming those we love into a relationship with Him.

Thankfully we are not alone in this task. The Home Mission Office is a national organisation that helps the local Church engage in the vital mission of Evangelisation. This weekend, they ask for our prayers and our financial support through the second collection. Our prayers help them to be attentive to the Holy Spirit who directs their work, and our donations to the second collection will enable them to help the local Church share the joy of the Gospel throughout England and Wales. In short, the second collection helps them to help us. For more information about the Home Mission Office or to donate online please visit www.homemission.org.uk

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 4 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.

SVP

Benediction & Afternoon Tea: Will be held on Sunday 29 September for our elderly and housebound parishioners. There is a list in both churches for those who would like to come along and a list for those who can offer transport.

Food Collection: 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

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.

Mass for LGBT Catholics, their friends and families: On Saturday 12 October, Bishop John will be celebrating Mass at the Holy Name in Manchester for members of the LGBT community, their families and friends. The Mass will begin at 3pm. All Welcome. Light refreshments will be available following the Mass.

Formation Series - Fr Laurence Gambella on Blessed John Henry Newman: Wednesday 25 September, 7pm at St Gabriel's RCHS, Bury, BL6 0TZ. Fr Laurence Gambella will be talking about Blessed John Henry Newman as part of our Formation Series. Refreshments and the opportunity to ask questions will be provided. There is a suggested donation of £5 payable on the door. Register online:

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events/ or by emailing: john.griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
Tel: 0161 817 2214.

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

Experience Alpha Training Day: Led by Mike Roche on Saturday 28 September 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.

Holy Hour for Vocations: There are a number of Holy Hours (7pm-8pm) being held around the diocese to pray for vocations. All are welcome to attend.

St Anne's, Accrington. BB5 2AD. Tuesday 24 September

St Margaret Mary's, New Moston, M40 0JE. Tuesday 8 October

Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich, M25 1AS. Tuesday 22 October

St Peter in Chains, Blackburn, BB2 2RQ. Tuesday 26 November

St Ann's, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 7DG. Tuesday 10 December.

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.

Financial Summary for June/July 2019	
Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	3,494
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	5,983
Standing Orders	4,272
Piety Stalls, Votives & Almanacs	589
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	1,452
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	1,049
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	1,689
Total Income	18,528
Restricted Income (Specific Use)	3,824
Expenditure	
Church Expenses	6,748
Presbytery Expenses	1,488
Clergy Allowances	3,947
Wages (though not recharged yet)	4,000
Diocesan Levy	4,120
Total Monthly Expenditure	20,303
Balance of Income/Expenditure	-1,775
Restricted Expenditure	3,148

St John's 200 Club
 The September winners are:
 £50 L & B Pearl (51)
 £25 M Settle (50)



Come and Join Us!

Tea and coffee are always available after the Sunday Masses (9am St John's and 11am St Brendan's). Please come along and have a natter with old friends and new!

**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.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 14/15 September 2019		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	G French	P McArdle, J Carroll, M Speed, L Rule, T Armstrong, A Rawlinson
11am (SB)	C Bridge	J Murphy, K Wilkinson, P Carolan,

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