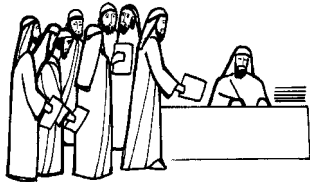


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

22 September 2019

Twenty-Fifth Week of Ordinary Time



How easy to take the words of Jesus out of context: "Use money to win you friends," is one of those lines that sounds strange to us outside the context of the parable and the teaching in today's Gospel. Even the parable itself can seem a little strange - is Jesus really recommending that we act like dishonest stewards? No, of course not! The point that reveals this is hidden half way down: "The children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind..." Jesus in a way praises the effort of the dishonest steward, but wishes that it was directed less to worldly things, but to the things of heaven. And this is the message that we are to take: where do we direct our energies - to making money, fame, fortune and success, or to finding "friends in heaven"?

Marriage Matters

Money, money, money...not much changes! Dishonest traders, crippling taxes, money lenders and unpaid debts - things haven't changed much since the time of Amos. Honesty and trust are vital regarding all forms of wealth. Let us ask God for the gift of wisdom when deciding together how to use our money, wealth or scarcity. Dishonesty about money shows lack of trust and often leads to divorce.

Think Vocation

"Praise the Lord, who raises the poor." Many people are inspired by the Gospel message of reaching out to the poor and marginalised. To present yourself at the service of the Church as a priest or Religious can be an opportunity to really make a difference to the lives of people in need. Let us ask ourselves whether we really are sincere in our prayers and generous with our financial contributions.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: Page 423; Readings page 429; <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i></p>
<p>Sunday 22 September - Day of Special Prayer for the Harvest 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy</p>
<p>Monday 23 September - St Pius of Pietrelcina 9.30am Mass (SB) 1pm Funeral Service of Eileen Kierczuk (Overdale) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 24 September - Our Lady of Walsingham 6.30pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 25 September 9.30am St John's School Mass (In Church) 1pm Harbour Room Book Club</p>
<p>Thursday 26 September 10.30am Requiem Mass for Joshua Derbyshire (SB)</p>
<p>Friday 27 September - St Vincent de Paul 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p>Saturday 28 September 1pm Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy</p>
<p>Sunday 29 September 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Benediction and SVP Afternoon Tea (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

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

Anniversaries: Sheila Doona, Joseph Fitzgerald,

Mass Intentions: Margaret Settle, Sheila Doona, For blessings and favours received, Joseph Fitzgerald,

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 parish of the Sacred Heart and St Anne, Blackburn, and F. James McCartney, their parish priest, for the Marist Fathers, and the parish primary school. We pray for the work of THOMAS.

Facts and Figures for 14/15 Sept

Offertory Collection: £933.90

Standing Orders (13-19 Sept): £222

Mass Attendance

5pm-118; 9am-185; 11am-125; Total-428

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



Congratulations: To Abigail Sophia Waite Johnston who was baptised at St John's last Saturday. We pray that both Abigail and her family continue to grow in faith.

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

St Brendan's School - Emergency Procedures:

As part of the school's emergency procedures, an "Emergency Grab Bag" is now stored in the Harbour Room at SB and must not be removed or accessed. Thank you

Harbour Room Book Club: Two notices for the diary: Wednesday 25 September: - *Trust Your Eyes* by Linwood Barclay and Wednesday 30 October: - *Force of Nature* by Jane Harper (1pm-3pm). All are welcome. Please note that all tickets for Meet the Author event with Jojo Moyes have all been sold on social media! Sorry!

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.

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.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees: The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for many different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for the challenges and increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. In 2019, the World Day will be celebrated on 29 September. Pope Francis has chosen the theme "*It is not just about migrants*" to show up our blind-spots and make sure no one remains excluded from society, whether a long-time resident or someone newly-arrived. Find resources and further reading for the day by visiting www.migrants-refugees.va

Marriage Care Seeking Volunteers: Broken relationships are extremely painful especially among family and friends. Drawing on the Catholic tradition and contemporary research we help couples from across the diocese preparing for marriage to build strong, healthy, fulfilling relationships and offer ongoing support, through our counselling service. We are expanding our team and need additional Marriage Preparation Facilitators who share our passion to build happy homes. Marriage Care are looking for married couples or individuals who could offer 3 Saturdays per year. This is a great opportunity to support couples entering Christian marriage and impact the wider community. Full training is provided and assisted delivery is supported by experienced facilitators. No upper age limits. For more information about this and other roles please visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or email us at volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham Diocesan Mass: Our Lady of Dolours Servite Parish, Salford, M7 4ND, on Tuesday 24 September 2019. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Arnold and priests are invited to concelebrate. All are welcome. The Rosary will begin at 7pm and Mass will follow at 7.30pm.

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.

Event held by Salford University Catholic Chaplaincy: All young adults are invited to the following event run by Salford University Catholic Chaplaincy.

P.I.N.T? (People in Need of Truth) at The Old Pint Pot (M3 6NE), Monday 23 September, 6.30pm - 9.30pm.

Inviting all young adults. Guest speaker Fr Joe Evans will answer the question 'Would you Adam and Eve it? Science and the Bible'. There will be live music and burger and a pint for £5.

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.

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.

Salford Diocese - Project Manager Vacancy: An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Project Manager/Coordinator post (PMC) that will have responsibility for overseeing the coordination and professional management of a number of capital and transformation projects across the Diocese of Salford. We are looking for a commercially aware individual with an ability to manage and coordinate multiple projects, interpret complex information and to offer sound, reliable professional advice. Previous relevant work experience and a degree or professional project management qualification or substantial experience in a similar role will be required.
Closing date for applications: 12 noon, Tuesday 1 October 2019.

To request an application pack or for more information on this post please contact:

Human Resources Manager: Tel 0161-817-2222

Email: personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

SB - Longsight Methodists: Our Methodist community will be relocating whilst building work is taking place to construct their new centre. An invitation to use SB during the works is no longer required as they have found another venue. Of course, we would welcome them if needed and wish them well in their endeavours.

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Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 28/29 September 2019		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	M Maybury	TBA
9am (SJ)	P French	F Smith, M Speed, S May A Gracie, P McCardle, M Cropper
11am (SB)	M Day	K Wilkinson, P Carolan, J Murphy