

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton
29 September 2019



Twenty-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time



Following on from last week (“You cannot be the slave of both God and money”) we see a practical illustration of what this means. The division between rich and poor was very striking at the time of Jesus: popular understanding, however, said that to be rich was a blessing from God.

Jesus reminds people that riches carry their own responsibility - the duty to notice the poor man, especially when he lies at your own gate. In this parable, Jesus is subtly attacking the people’s lack of acceptance of the teaching of the prophets - “They have Moses and the prophets...”, but they obviously haven’t listened to them. The twist in the last line is powerful: “...they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.” Since our world still sees a division between rich and poor, how true those words have become!

Marriage Matters

Beware of complacency and compensating: Today we are warned about being complacent. Too often, we think everything is fine in our lives and then we realise we’ve drifted apart and feel isolated from our spouse; the atmosphere is strained; it is lonely in bed. The danger is to compensate with activities outside our marriage instead of sitting down, holding hands and getting back together again.

Think Vocation

“You must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love.” The standards asked by the Church these days of applicants to the priesthood are very high. This is fitting because it is a great privilege to be ordained and to minister as a priest. However, Our Lord Jesus can sanctify an ordinary man he has called and chosen for priesthood and fill him with the graces needed.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1;</i> <i>Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: Page 433; Readings page 439; <i>Preface: At priest’s choice</i></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>
<p>Monday 30 September - St Jerome 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 1 October - St Therese of the Child Jesus 6.30pm Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Finance Committee Meeting (Patmos Room, (SJ)</p>
<p>Wednesday 2 October- The Holy Guardian Angels 9.45am Requiem Mass for Margaret Settle (SJ)</p>
<p>Thursday 3 October 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm PET Team Meeting (Patmos Room, SJ)</p>
<p>Friday 4 October - St Francis of Assisi 9.30am Mass (SJ) 10am Coffee Morning (SJ) CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</p>
<p>Saturday 5 October 1pm Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy</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, Sister Mary Doyle of the Sisters of Evron, Anne Hurst, Kenneth Martin

Lately Dead: Mary Banks, Valerie Bannister, Michael Haworth, Joshua Derbyshire, Eileen Kirczuk, Margaret Settle, Vincent Wilson

Anniversaries: Mary Ainscough, Barbara Grimes

Mass Intentions: David Greenhalgh (Birthday Remembrance), A Special Intention, A seriously ill person, Mary Ainscough, Mary Banks, Anthony Markland, Seth McKay, Margaret Settle, Valerie Bannister, Geoffrey Bradshaw (Birthday Remembrance), Barbara Grimes, Dorothy Tudhope (Birthday Remembrance), Betty Carolan (Birthday Remembrance) and grandson David

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 St Wilfrid's, Longridge, SS Peter and Paul, Ribchester, and St Mary's, Chipping, and for Fr Anthony Dutton, their parish priest. We pray for the parish primary schools, for St Cecilia's High School and for the work of Lee House.

Facts and Figures for 21/22 Sept

Offertory Collection: £998.06

Standing Orders (20-26 Sept): £100

Mass Attendance

5pm-103; 9am-160; 11am-125; Total-388

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

Gift Aid Donation Statements: Are available to collect for tax year ending 5 April 2019. If any details are incorrect, please let the Parish Office know so that we can inform the Diocese. Thank you for your continued support.

SVP News

Benediction & Afternoon Tea: Will be held this 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

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: Friday 4 October is CAFOD Fast Day. Every day, millions of people are affected by long walks to safe water. Not only is it time consuming and exhausting, but it can be dangerous. Gathering water so crucial for life and without it Fabiano's mum might not be able to plant crops in time for harvest and therefore the whole family will go hungry. Because of its necessity, Fabiano and his friends risk missing school because they're late back from the pump. No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education - and safety. Donations from parishioners across England and Wales helped install a solar powered water pump in the village. Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely. On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously. *Thank you*

Coffee Morning: The next Coffee Morning will be held on Friday 4 October at 10am in the Patmos Room at St John's. Funds raised will go towards Altar flowers for both our churches. Please come along and join us. Everyone always welcome!

Parish Trip to Wardley Hall: Sunday 27 October 2019 (1.30pm). There is a list at the back of each church for those wishing to attend, and a separate list for those who can offer transport.

GMCT Assembly - Churches and the Climate Emergency: The Greater Manchester Churches Together Assembly will take place at the Cathedral Centre, Ford Street, Salford, M6 3DP on Monday 30 September (5pm-9pm). There are great speakers lined up, including: Ruth Valerio from Tearfund, Steve Burrowes from CAFOD, Kate Gray from URC and John Hughes from the Diocese of Manchester.

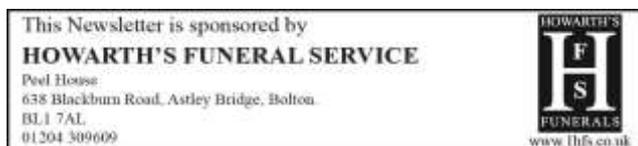
2020 - The Year of the Word: The Bishops of England and Wales have announced that the year beginning in Advent 2019 will be a 'Year of the Word,' with the theme 'The God who Speaks.' Supported by the Bible Society, there will be many national and local events throughout the year. In our own diocese several initiatives are planned to highlight the Bible's importance for our lives and our worship. Look in the usual places - parish newsletters and the diocesan website - for the many events that will help us celebrate the 'God Who Speaks.'

Novena with Newman: All over the world, people are preparing to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman on Sunday 13 October. This is a time of special grace for us to join together and form links in a great chain of prayer, where we call upon the soon-to-be-Saint to crown our prayers with his intercession in heaven. You can form links in that chain by joining in our Novena with Newman - nine days of prayerful preparation for the canonisation, starting on Friday 4 October and finishing on Saturday 12 October on the eve of the canonisation. To find out more and download the nine day prayer booklet, visit: <https://www.newmancanonisation.com/novena>

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. Mass begins at 3pm. All Welcome.

Catholic Fellowship Mass: The Catholic Fellowship (*for people with sensory, physical and learning disability, their family and friends*) in the Diocese of Salford, will be celebrating their Annual Mass at St Mary's Church, Duke Street, Denton, M34 2AN, 3pm on Sunday 6 October. Members of other organisations concerned with disability, their families and friends are also welcome as are members of parish communities throughout the diocese. This is also an opportunity to meet and talk with others and to find out what is developing in our diocese in relation to accessibility. There will be refreshments afterwards and for this we would like an idea of numbers. Please let us know if you are coming on 0161 792 3628 or 07708151331 or by emailing: janemurphy@hotmail.com

World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees: This has always been 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. World Day will be celebrated this Sunday (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. Visit www.migrants-refugees.va for more information.



Marriage Care Seeking Volunteers: 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

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.
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.

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. 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

St Joseph's Deanery Dinner Dance: In aid of Bolton Hospice Friday on 18 October (7pm for 7.30pm until midnight). At Holiday Inn, 1 Higher Bridge St, Bolton, BL1 2EW. Tickets are £29.50 per head. Pick up a booking form from the back of church, or visit the website: www.christtheredeemer.org.uk

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 5/6 October 2019		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	S Mikolajewski	TBA
9am (SJ)	A Gracie	T Armstrong, L Rule, J Carroll, P McArdle, M Cropper, A Rawlinson
11am (SB)	K Denton	K Wilkinson, P Carolan, J Murphy

Corpus Christi Parish Property Group Update - Autumn 2019

Our Parish has responsibility for the upkeep of six buildings comprising the churches and presbyteries at St Brendan's, St Columba's and St Johns. These buildings represent our greatest assets in monetary terms but also our most costly liabilities if not managed and maintained, since the responsibility of their upkeep lies with Corpus Christi Parish.

A team of parishioners work to oversee the management & maintenance of our properties, including Health & Fire Safety aspects, to ensure that all our properties and services are safe, accessible and comply with lawful requirements. The team work closely with the Parish Finance Committee to inform future financial planning so that, as far as possible, the Parish can avoid unexpected expenditure.

All our buildings have now been professionally surveyed:-

- to assess their condition,
- to identify, cost and prioritise necessary repairs
- to ensure compliance with Health & Safety and Fire Safety legislation
- to plan future maintenance requirements

To date, the electrical installations at both St John's and St Brendan's have been tested & modernised and the audio systems have been upgraded.

Work is ongoing to ensure that both churches comply with Fire Safety law. Improved procedures and signage are in place at St Brendan's and St. John's will soon have its fire risk assessment carried out. Emergency lighting will need to be fitted at both churches in due course.

St Brendan's has been inspected by the Diocesan H&S Co-ordinator, which resulted in several recommendations. Work is ongoing to address the issues raised; for example, the glazing in the narthex at the rear of the church has been strengthened with glass safety film to reduce the chance of breakage.

MOVING FORWARD

St Brendan's Church

Fire Safety issues identified in the Narthex at St Brendan's will result in the removal of all 'trip & fall' and fire safety hazards. Parishioners are requested to comply with the Fire Safety plan by not bringing items such as chairs into the Narthex. This measure is essential to ensure that the area remains free of obstacles so that, in the event of an emergency, a safe, clear exit route exists through the Narthex. Our apparitors and Piety Stall & Fairtrade volunteers continue to work to make St Brendan's a safe and welcoming space for all visitors. We would take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work and their support in implementing the required changes.

Following consultation, the front benches on the 'font' side of St Brendan's Church will be re-configured to provide a dedicated space for wheelchairs users. A rear bench will be removed to provide space for prams. Parishioners are asked to make use of these spaces as required once they become available.

We know that most of you will understand the need for these alterations to the Church and will support their implementation. Please don't be the exception.

St John's Church

St John's did benefit from works to upgrade the Patmos Room in 2016 and Health & Safety and Fire Safety Risk Assessments are required which will be carried out during autumn in order to identify any required works.

We will give another update in the first quarter of 2020 to parishioners. If you have any queries or would like to get involved with the work of the Property Group, please email the Parish Office or speak to a member of the Property Team - Fr David, Mary Cropper, John Finlay, Catherine Grundy, Lisa Lamoury or Tony Proctor

Newsletter: Please note, the newsletter for next weekend will be produced on Wednesday not Thursday. Therefore, please send any items into the office before 12noon on Wednesday. Many thanks.