

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

3 November 2019



Thirty-First Week of Ordinary Time



There is a subversive humour in today's Gospel which turns upside down the conventions of everyday life: we see a senior tax official climbing up a tree for a glimpse of Jesus, and the faintly ridiculous scene where Jesus stops, looks into the branches of the sycamore and says, "Zacchaeus, come down!" Did Zacchaeus worry about what people thought? The rest of the story shows that he did not. It would be easy to laugh at little Zacchaeus - and people in the town probably did, in between muttering about his extortionate taxes. And yet he has understood the message of God more clearly than others: he reveals the meaning of the first reading, since he understands that God is gentle, merciful and loving. Jesus corrects him, "little by little...so that he may abstain from evil and trust in the Lord."

Marriage Matters

The call to praise and affirm each other: Jesus affirmed Zacchaeus by going to his house for a meal. How often is our focus on what we want our spouse to do rather than on how can we bring him/her life and joy? A daily reflection on where we need ask for forgiveness and on how we can affirm our spouse for something, brings us both new life.

Think Vocation

St Paul tells us to "pray continually that Our God will make you worthy of his call". As we can see from today's Gospel, we can all change our ways no matter how embedded we are in a particular way of life. The call to conversion of heart is a daily discipline. It is never too late to change direction in life and to strive to be more perfect in the way we live out the Gospel. May we dare to encourage those whom we feel may need to receive an invitation from the Lord to enter into a deeper friendship with him.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: Page 484; Readings page 489; Preface: At priest's choice</p>
<p>Sunday 3 November 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy</p>
<p>Monday 4 November - St Charles Borromeo 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 5 November 6.30pm Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 6 November 9.15am Yr4 Mass (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ) 6.30pm Properties Committee Meeting (SB)</p>
<p>Thursday 7 November 9.15am Whole School Mass (SB)</p>
<p>Friday 8 November - 9.30am Mass (SJ) 7pm Parish Quiz (Dunscar Conservative Club)</p>
<p>Saturday 9 November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 5pm Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy</p>
<p>Sunday 10 November - Remembrance Sunday 9am Mass (SJ)- With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Services at Dunscar War Memorial & Victoria Square, Bolton 2pm Baptism (SB)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Day of Special Prayer for all victims of War</i></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, Matthew Harvey, Margaret Russell, Anne Hurst, Kenneth Martin, Vernon Holt
Lately Dead: Mary Lomax, Sister Mary Doyle, Isabelle Owen, William Everest, James Hindle, Marivic Obendencio England, Carlton Janson
Anniversaries: Robert Neill Potter, Fr Denis Sheahan, Christopher Dawson, Simone Littaye
Mass Intentions: Sr Mary Doyle, Robert Neil Potter, Fr Denis Sheahan, Deceased members of the Duffy & O'Toole families, Christopher Dawson, In Thanksgiving, Michael Hollingsworth (Birthday Remembrance), A sick person, For a speedy recovery after an operation, Simone Littaye, Isabelle Owen & the Owen family, For the Vietnamese trafficking victims, Deceased members of the Carter, Cooper & Mathen families
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
Let us pray for the people of the parish of Christ the Redeemer, Deane and Great Lever, for Fr Morrourh O'Brien, their parish priest, and for the parish primary schools. We pray for the Sisters of the Cross and Passion
Facts and Figures for 26/27 October
Offertory Collection: £971.78 Standing Orders (25-31 Oct): £205 Mass Attendance 5pm-138; 9am-145; 11am-136; Total-419 Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to <i>Corpus Christi</i>. Thank you.

Congratulations: To Rauri David Wolstenholme who was Baptised at St Brendan's last Saturday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation: If you are seeking Baptism for your child, please contact the Parish Office Tel: 01204 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk

New Lectern: Hopefully, most of you will have seen the new Lectern at St John's Church. This was purchased from a kind donation from a deceased parishioner, and is now in their memory.

Holy Souls: During November we will pray for the faithful departed. There are small cards available in each church to write the names of your deceased loved ones. These can be placed in the basket on the altar and Masses will be offered for them.

Financial Summary for September 2019	
Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	1,965
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	3,221
Standing Orders	2,083
Piety Stalls, Votives & Almanacs	340
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	995
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	123
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	502
Total Income	9,229
Restricted Income (Specific Use)	
CAFOD	140
Missio	407
Catholic Education Fund	599
Mass Intentions	717
Expenditure	
Church Expenses	1,594
Presbytery Expenses	845
Clergy Allowances	1,626
Wages (though not recharged yet)	2,000
Diocesan Levy	2,060
Fundraising (220 Club)	75
Total Monthly Expenditure	8,200
Balance of Income/Expenditure	1,029

Fire Warden Training Event (SB): To finalise fire safety arrangements at SB, as required by law and the Diocese, those parishioners who completed the initial training and any new volunteers are requested to attend one of the following events which have been arranged, hopefully conveniently, before weekend Masses on Saturday 23 November at 3.30pm and Sunday 24 November at 9.30am. Thank you. *Tony Proctor*

Readers' Rota: A new rota will be published in time for Advent. If you feel you would like to become a reader at weekend Masses, please do let us know, similarly, if you wish to be taken off the rota, please contact us at the parish office.

Parish Social Events

Parish Quiz: Will be held on Friday 8 November at Dunscair Conservative Club. Tickets Cost £8 per person (including pastie supper). Teams should be a maximum of six people. Tickets are now on sale.

Request from the Parish Social Committee: Donations of bottles and chocolate would be greatly appreciated over the coming weeks for the tombola at the *Family Bonanza* in St Brendan's School Hall on Friday 22 November. Tickets are now available from either St Brendan's school or at either church. Thank you!

Harwood Churches Together

Christmas Dinner on Jesus: This year, we have promised Urban Outreach 200 tubes of *Pringles* towards the Christmas meal for needy families. We will collect during November as we have to deliver them early December. Thank you.

Christmas Choir: Would you like to sing in the Churches in Harwood Choir at the Christmas Service on Sunday 22 December (6pm) at Ainsworth Methodist church (BL2 5SD)? Rehearsals will be on Monday and Thursday evenings starting on Monday 25 November (7pm) at the same venue. Come along and join an informal and friendly group of singers!

Hymn books at St Johns: It has been suggested that the supplementary sheet of hymns is left inside the hymn book at the end of Mass. The sheet will then be in the hymn book ready to be collected at the next service. Thank you

Diocese of Salford - Formation Events

Stage 3 Readers Training Day with Marian Tolley
Our Lady & St John Catholic College, Blackburn, BB1 1PY Saturday 9th November 2019

Tea/Coffee provided. Please bring a packed lunch.
10am Tea/Coffee

10.30am Opening Prayer & Welcome

10.35am Session 1: overview of the expectations expressed in General Instruction of the Roman Missal

12noon Lunch

12.45pm Session 2: the skills needed by those entrusted with proclamation of the Word.

2.15pm Small groups & feedback

3pm Conclusion, Evaluations & Closing prayer

3.30pm Departures

Diocesan Music Ministry Training Day

Led by Stephen Dean, Maria Hall, Simon Passmore & Daniel Bath on Saturday 16th November 2019,
St Mary's RC Church, Eccles, M30 0LU

9am - Registration & Tea/Coffee

9.30am - Keynote: 'How can music build a Christian Community?' by Stephen Dean

10.30am - Workshops 1

12noon - Lunch

1pm - Workshops 2

2pm - Break

2.45pm - Rehearsal

3.30pm - Mass

4.30pm - Departures

Workshops include: Choosing music for Mass, Sung Masses, The One Stop Organist, Being a Cantor, Repertoire for Christmas and Easter, SATB (singing in parts) and Toe Tapping Organist. For both of the above events, register at

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events/

email hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2214

Aid to the Church in Need Vacancy

North West Manager Based in Lancaster

ACN UK are seeking an experienced North West Manager to raise funds and awareness for their international projects. Heading up the NW team of office-based staff and the team of Area Secretaries (parish speakers), and through a wide range of fundraising and marketing techniques, the NW Manager will work to increase the significance of the North West's contribution as a proportion of overall UK income and build a solid base of parish-based volunteers.

Closing date - Sunday 17 November 2019

1st Interviews - Wednesday 20 November 2019

2nd Interviews - Monday 25 November 2019

Those interested in applying should visit ACN's website here: <https://acnuk.org/about/jobs-and-volunteering/nw-manager/>.

Information Lecture Series: Liturgical Formation led by Fr James Manock on Wednesday 13 November, 7.30pm at St Gabriel's RC High School, Bridge Road, Bury, BL9 0TZ. Register at: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events/

Catholic Hub: Is a new monthly event featuring prayer, music and fellowship for young people (over 18s) held at the Cathedral on the second Saturday of every month. Come along to spend some time before the Lord in prayer, hear and join in praise and grow in your faith with other young people. The next Catholic Hub event will take place on 9 November (7.30pm to 10pm) and every second Sunday thereafter.

Diocese of Salford Vacancy Deanery Confirmation & Youth Ministry Coordinator

Appointment Type: Full Time, permanent

Working hours: 35 hours per week

Location: St Mark's Presbytery, Pendlebury

Salary: £20,000-25,000 per annum

The diocese is currently seeking an enthusiastic and committed individual to co-ordinate the implementation of the Diocesan Confirmation Programme in the Deanery of St John and develop ministry to young people more generally in each parish.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon, Monday 11 November 2019

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

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More information can be found at:

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies

