

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

24 November 2019

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King



The year of Saint Luke ends with a characteristic take on the feast of Christ the King: in Luke's gospel we are so familiar with seeing and hearing the voiceless, the rejected, those whom society puts in second place: how suitable, then, that on the feast of the King of all

Creation we see him at his most vulnerable - on the cross, with only an abrupt inscription to announce that he is the King. He is King because of the work he has done, which is described by Saint Paul in the Second Reading: "all things [are] reconciled through him and for him ... when he made peace by his death on the cross." Next week, when we re-enter Advent and a new Liturgical Year, we will be thinking of the King who will come again: though he will come as his disciples saw him go at the Ascension, the marks of the cross will still be visible for all time, to remind us of the one who came to reunite all Creation, especially frail human creatures.

Marriage Matters

Let us radiate His life and light and goodness: "Today you will be with me in paradise" Jesus' words as He hung on the cross; even in His agony, He still chose only to love. Through Him, we are given the strength to bear anything joyfully; with the saints we 'inherit the light'. Today, let us radiate His life, light and goodness, acknowledging Him as our Lord and King.

Think Vocation

Our Holy Father is the leader of the Universal Church, of which Christ is the Head and Universal King. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Church has a presence in almost every country of the world now. As we give thanks for the Year of Mercy initiated by the Pope, we reflect on how our own faith in the Lord Jesus has grown. Let us pray for our Holy Father, that his faith will always be strong and that he will continue to lead the Church with zeal and fervour and proclaim Christ's love for all people.

<p align="center"><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2 Sunday Missal: Page 514; Readings page 520; Preface: Page 523</i></p>
<p>Sunday 24 November 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 1pm Baptism (SJ) 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Young People</i></p>
<p>Monday 25 November 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 26 November 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room SB) 6.30pm Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 27 November 9.15am Yr2 Mass (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ) 1pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB) 7pm Parish Questionnaire Update (SB)</p>
<p>Thursday 28 November 9.15am Yr5 Advent Mass (SB) 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)</p>
<p>Friday 29 November 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p>Saturday 30 November - St Andrew, Patron of Scotland 5pm Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy</p>
<p>Sunday 1 December - First Sunday in Advent 9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 1pm 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, Matthew Harvey, Margaret Russell, Anne Hurst, Kenneth Martin, Vernon Holt

Lately Dead: Winston Shanley, Stephen Egan, Peter Richardson

Anniversaries: Eva Chinnery, Graham Taylor, Francis Xavier Price, Marion Davies, Winifred Meagher

Mass Intentions: Denis O’Kane (Birthday Remembrance, Eva Chinnery, John McGraham, Graham Taylor, Winston Shanley, Francis Xavier Price, Stephen Egan, Peter Richardson, Samuel & Ivy Cooper (Birthday Remembrances), In memory of Margaret Gibson, Marion Davies, Winifred Meagher

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 parishes of Our Lady, Haigh, and The Holy Family, New Springs, and for Fr Kevin Foulkes, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools.

Facts and Figures for 16/17 November

Offertory Collection: £928.79

Standing Orders (15-21 November): £312

Mass Attendance

5pm-99; 9am-186; 11am-147; Total-432

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

Congratulations: To Hollie Marie Mawdsley who was baptized at St Brendan’s last Sunday. We pray that she and her 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

National Youth Sunday - 24th November: On the Feast of Christ the King, the Church in England and Wales celebrates National Youth Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year’s NYS is ‘Significance’ taken from Christus Vivit, Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation to young people: “For him, you have worth; you are not insignificant. You are important to him, for you are the work of his hands. That is why he is concerned about you and looks to you with affection”

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia plant in memory of a loved one, please complete a form (at the back of each church) and state which church you would like your memorial to be displayed in. All requests can be placed in the boxes provided.

Parish Social Events

St John’s School Christmas Fair: Sunday 1 December (11am-2pm). All welcome.

Christmas Flower Demonstration: Will be held on Saturday 7 December (11am-1pm) in the Patmos Room at St John’s. Tickets are now on sale at £6. All proceeds will go to helping families in need at Christmas.

Sacramental Programme 2019/20: There will be a meeting for all children and their parents on Thursday 5 December (6pm) at St Brendan’s Church. If you have a child that doesn’t attend one of our primary schools, but would like them to be part of the Sacramental Programme. Please let one of our priests know.

Harbour Room Book Club: Two dates for members: Wednesday 27 November, *Lucky Dip Choices* and Wednesday 11 December, *The Missing Girl* by Jenny Quintana plus raffle. Please wear something, however small, in red or green to celebrate our Christmas meeting! All welcome.

Property Matters

Potholes Repairs - SB Access Road: The deepest potholes which posed a risk to pedestrians have been professionally repaired to a good standard at a cost of £980. The access road is ‘unadopted’ and no single body has responsibility for its repair. Parishioners are advised that despite our best efforts there will always be a less than perfect road surface, as the costs of bringing the road up to a highway standard are unaffordable and not within the parish’s responsibility to resolve. Please take care when using the access road.

Audio System LOOP Systems for Parishioners who are Hard of Hearing: Both SJ and SB are fitted with induction loop systems. Due to different cable routes and building geometry the LOOP at SJ gives much better results. The Choir Loft at SB is served by its own LOOP system which performs very well. We are grateful to a LOOP using parishioner who has trialled the LOOP at SB with a sound engineer, The LOOP signal at SB in the Nave only complies with the international standard level in some seating positions. There are technical solutions costing from several hundreds of ££s to £1000+, but the “no cost” option is for LOOP users to sit where the loop is strongest, this includes both the rear of the church and close to the sides of the Church. If a LOOP user experiences problems, please email the Parish Office with details.

Thornleigh Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner: This will be held on Thursday 12 December (2pm). There is a list up in each church for the names of those wishing to attend this very popular event and a section for those who are willing to provide transport. Please add your name as soon as possible as places are limited. Thank you

Christmas Dinner on Jesus: Please continue to bring in *Pringles* towards the Urban Outreach Christmas meal for needy families. Thank you.

Thinking Ahead to Advent

Walk With Me Booklets and Calendars: Are available for you to take with you this weekend. They are free of charge

Religious Stamps: are now on sale at Post Offices. When buying stamps for Christmas post just ask for "religious" stamps to encourage local post offices to stock them.

Advent Series at Wardley Hall: As we begin "*The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word,*" there will be Advent reflections held at Wardley Hall which will focus on praying with three voices: Isaiah, John the Baptist and Matthew in his Gospel account of the Christmas Story. Using Scripture, art, music, and poetry, the reflections will explore God's message and its relevance for us today making time for prayer and discussion. Each event will run from 10.30am - 12.30pm at Wardley Hall.
29 November: The Voice of the Prophet Isiah
6 December: The Voice of John the Baptist
13 December: The Voice of Matthew
 To book your place or for further information, please contact: Marie Sartini, Bishop's PA, 0161 794 2825, marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

CAFOD World Gifts: Give a life changing gift this Christmas, whether it's teaching someone to read, or giving enough seeds to grow a year's worth of food in a vegetable garden. World gifts has something for everyone. Catalogues are available at the back of each church.

A Holy Night Amidst the Christmas Chaos
 A quiet time away on the 13/ 14 of December to prepare for the Christmas mystery. Two talks, Holy Mass, communal prayer, and social time. Comfortable en suite accommodation and bed and breakfast provided. For booking and full details, please visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/advent-recollection/>

Parish Questionnaire Update: Will be held on Wednesday 27 November (7pm) at St Brendan's. This will be to update parishioners with the results of the recently completed questionnaire. **All Welcome.**

Lourdes Volunteer Information Meeting: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Wednesday 27 November at 7.30pm.

Find out more about our friendly and welcoming Salford family at our Volunteer Information Meeting. There's no hard sell and you don't have to commit to anything. Get a brew, sit down, listen to our presentation and chat with some of our existing volunteers. We'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have. As a volunteer with the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage, you'll be assisting the sick, vulnerable, infirm and lonely from our diocese. Helping them to fully participate in, and be at the centre of, all that we do in Lourdes. We'll give you all the preparation and support that you need. It's hard work but it's one of the most rewarding experiences you'll have. Many volunteers make decisions about future careers when in Lourdes. Find time to explore your faith, to learn about yourself and to find friends that you'll have for life. It is often said that you don't 'go' to Lourdes, you are 'called'. Answer the call in 2020.


Formation Series: The Eucharist - Food for the Journey: St Gabriel's RC High School, Bridge Road, Bury, BL9 0TZ on Wednesday 4 December at 7.30pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mariana-miller-formation-series-the-eucharist-food-for-the-journey-tickets-73549306957>

JINGLE BELL SING-A-LONG': Presented by Bolton Cancer Voices takes place on Saturday 7 December, 6.45pm; at the Victoria Hall, Bolton BL1 2AS. Tickets priced £10/£5 (under 19s) from the Ticket Secretary - 01204 595562/07773 164235 www.trybooking.co.uk/7863/ or the Victoria Hall Box Office

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers For next weekend 30 November/1 December		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Molyneux	TBA
9am (SJ)	M Parkinson	P McArdle, A Rawlinson, M Speed, F Smith, L Rule, A Grundy
11am (SB)	C Bridge	K Wilkinson J Murphy, P Carolan,

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Statement from Greater Manchester Faith Community Leaders regarding the General Election on Thursday 12th December 2019

We are privileged to live in a secure and democratic society. We have the freedom to vote for who governs us.

We encourage all eligible voters to make full use of the right to vote.

Let us build bridges, not walls.


Our Faith Communities share many values, among them:

- The Sanctity of Life
- The Dignity of the Person
- The Eradication of Poverty
- The Care of Our Common Home - this Planet.

Together, we stand against all forms of anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, anti-Hinduism, prejudicial and discriminatory speech and behaviour.

We respect the integrity of all candidates who aspire to public office. We ask all taking part in this election campaign period to take care in expressing their views, and never to incite hatred or conceal truths. We view with dismay the environment which has caused many to stand down from Parliament at this election because of the way they have been treated by others.

With the right to vote comes the responsibility for us all to work together for the healing of our neighbourhoods and national life. This opportunity arises from our freedom. We must never take it for granted. It is ours to protect, cherish and use

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