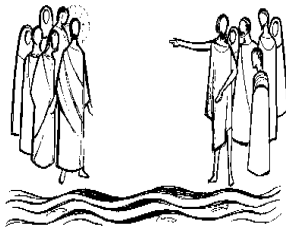


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

19 January 2020

Second Week in Ordinary Time



There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time - one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the "revelation" of the Son of God - people realising who this "Jesus of Nazareth" actually was - and this continues today, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew's Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord's public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen - even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God's work

### Marriage Matters

**We need 'power from on high':** Were Jesus' fears eased when he heard the Father was 'well pleased'? He was empowered by the Holy Spirit to begin his mission: to bring to the world the Good News of God's compassion, mercy and forgiveness for our sins. By daily dialogue about concerns and issues and by seeking 'help from on high', we can overcome our fears.

### Think Vocation

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will." We could do no better than put this response to today's psalm on our lips, as the first words we speak each and every day. If we want to live fruitful and fulfilling lives we will want to seek to do God's will and not just satisfy our own wishes. Through the quality of our prayer-life we will develop a personal relationship with Christ which will enable us to know deep down the direction Our Lord wants our lives to take.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office</i>                  Week 3  <b>Sunday Missal:</b> Page 185                  Preface: <i>At Priest's Choice</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 19 January Peace Sunday</b>                  9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i>                  11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i>                  A Day of Special Prayer for Peace on Earth</p>
<p><b>Monday 20 January</b>                  No Mass Today                  7pm Ecumenical Service (SB)                  7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 21 January - St Agnes</b>                  6.30pm Adoration &amp; Reconciliation (SJ)                  7pm Mass (SJ)                  7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 22 January</b>                  9am Exposition &amp; Adoration (SJ)                  9.15am Yr3 Mass (SC)                  9.30am Mass (SJ)                  7pm PET Meeting (Patmos Room, SJ)</p>
<p><b>Thursday 23 January</b>                  9.15am Whole School Mass (SB) - Led by Yr3                  1.15pm Funeral Service for Mary Hassan (Overdale)                  6.30pm Property Committee Meeting (Patmos Room, SJ)                  7pm CAFOD Group Meeting (Harbour Room, SB)</p>
<p><b>Friday 24 January - St Francis de Sales</b>                  9am Exposition &amp; Adoration (SJ)                  9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p><b>Saturday 25 January - The Conversion of St Paul</b>                  10.30am Adoration &amp; Reconciliation (SB)                  11.30am Mass (SB)                  5pm Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i>                  A Special Collection for</p>
<p><b>Sunday 26 January - Caritas Sunday [See back page for more information]</b>                  9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i>                  11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</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, Christopher Scott, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Matthew Harvey, Margaret Russell, Anne Hurst, Kenneth Martin, Vernon Holt, Colin Spragg, Margaret Padfield
<b>Lately Dead:</b> Marilyn Clarkson, Josephine McDonagh, Tony O'Neill, Nelson Vargas Londoño, Tommy O'Brien, Michael Margiotta, Patricia Cooper, Margy Hassam
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Jack Donnelly, Agnes Beeching, Cynthia Winstanley, Colin Markland, Michael Axford, Winifred Kenyon, William Hurst
<b>Mass Intention:</b> Mary Hassan, Gwen Haydock (Birthday Remembrance), John Durkin (Birthday Remembrance), Marilyn Clarkson, Jack Donnelly, Agnes Beeching, Cynthia Winstanley, Josephine McDonagh, Colin Markland, A sick person, Michael Axford (Birthday Remembrance), Tony O'Neill, William Hurst, Winifred Kenyon
<b>Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6)</b> We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed
<b>Hope in the Future</b> This week let us pray for the people of the parish of the Holy Infant and St Anthony, Astley Bridge, and for Fr Nathan Horne, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, Thornleigh College and the Salesian community.
<b>Facts and Figures</b>
<b>Mass Attendance</b> 11/12 January 5pm - 160; 9.30am - 195; 11am- 160 Total - 515
<b>Offertory Collection</b> 11/12 January: £924.40 Standing Orders (10-16 January) - £257 <b>Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to Corpus Christi. Thank you.</b>

**CAFOD Meeting:** The next Meeting will be on Thursday 23 January (7pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's

**St Brendan's Lighting:** Please be advised of a change in the lighting switching arrangements at SB church. As part of the implementation of the emergency lighting system, the three lights under the canopy at the rear of the body of the church and the two lights on the choir loft staircase have been converted to emergency lights. This means that they will come on when anyone passes through the sensor without the use of a switch and will remain on for a period of time afterwards before automatically switching off.

**Harbour Room Book Club.** Two dates for the **Diary:** Wednesday 29 January *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. On Wednesday 26 February, Melanie Graaf, from Bolton Central Library, will be our Guest Speaker. Meetings begin at 1pm and all are welcome.

To members who may still have books from the "Lucky Dip", please bring them along to the next meeting. Thank you.

**European Art Through English Eyes:** An evening talk given by Professor Keith Hanley exploring the Christian spirit of European art through the eyes of Victorian polymath, John Ruskin. 23 January at 7.30pm (doors opening at 7pm).

For more information, please visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/ruskin-talk/>

To book or for further information, please email [events@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:events@christianheritagecentre.com) or call 01254 827 074

**The God who Speaks Through Matthew:** Monday 20 January at St Anne's Parish Hall, Ashton Old Road, Higher Openshaw, Manchester M11 1GR (7.30 to 9pm tea & coffee from 7pm). All welcome! Please book to give us some indication of expected numbers. Contact:

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or [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk); 0161 817 2214

**All Creation Waits: A Modern Parable of St Francis & St Clare & Climate Change:** A Dance/theatre performance on Saturday 25 January, 7pm at the Assembly Room, Salford Cathedral. All Creation Waits is a dance/theatre production addressing the issue of climate change through an imaginative re-telling of the story of St Francis and St Clare. The performance lasts 45 minutes and will be followed by a Q&A. Booking Essential.

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## Hope in the Future Events

**Music & Liturgy Workshop Day  
With Jo Boyce**

**Saturday 8 February 10am-6.30pm**  
At St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Heaton

**Children's Liturgy Training Day  
Led by Linda Pennington**

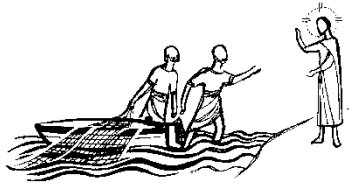
Saturday 28 March 2020, 10am - 3pm  
Cathedral Centre, Salford, M3 6DP

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# 26 January 2020

## Third Week of Ordinary Time



We will spend most of the Sundays of the coming year in the company of Saint Matthew. His Gospel (like the others) has its own characteristics. He is writing for a Jewish audience, and so is always at pains to stress one thing: that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah. He does this by reference to Jesus' teaching and miracles, and very often by quoting the prophecies of the Old Testament to show that Jesus was their fulfilment. Today is a perfect example. "Zebulun and Naphthali" was an old name for the area round Capernaum by the side of the Lake of Galilee, a busy fishing and trading area, with many Gentile towns and settlements: it is here, rather than in the dangerous town of Nazareth, that Jesus "settles" and begins his ministry. This is where the proclamation of the Kingdom of God begins, as was foretold, and the first followers are invited to join Jesus.

### Marriage Matters

**God has a stake in our marriage:** Today, we see two aspects of God's plan for our marriage: '*... (I will make) their joy increase*' (Isaiah) and '*I will make you fishers of men*' (Matthew). God wants us to make our love for each other as close to Jesus' love for us as possible, that all whose lives we touch might experience how much God loves them.

### Think Vocation

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Perhaps Jesus chose a number of fishermen as his disciples because fishermen need to be strong, trusting and courageous. Despite their weaknesses they all proved themselves to be up to the task eventually. The Lord continues to call men to be his priests today: they also need to be tough and resilient. Let us pray that the priests of our Diocese have the courage and strength they need to lead the Church and preach the Gospel.

### Children's Liturgy

An appeal for leaders and/ or helpers for our children's liturgy groups at all Masses but particularly 5pm and 11am. Anyone interested can speak to any of the current helpers for more information.

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### Sunday 26 January - Caritas Sunday

9.30am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy

11am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy

### Monday 27 January

9am Exposition & Adoration

9.30am Mass (SB)

7.45pm SVP (SJ)

### Tuesday 28 January - St Thomas Aquinas

9am Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

6pm Reconciliation Service for St Columba's School (SB)

7.15pm SVP (SB)

### Wednesday 29 January

9.15am Yr6 Mass (SC)

6pm Reconciliation Service for St John's School (SJ)

### Thursday 30 January

9am Exposition & Adoration (SB)

9.30am Mass (SB)

6pm Reconciliation Service for St Brendan's School (SB)

### Friday 31 January - St John Bosco

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

### Saturday 1 February

10.30am Adoration & Reconciliation (SB)

11.30am Mass (SB)

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

### Sunday 2 February - The Presentation of the Lord

9.30am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy

11am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 25/26 Jan

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Grundy	TBA
9.30am (SJ)	A Gracie	P McArdle, J Carroll T Armstrong, A Gracie, A Grundy, M Speed
11am (SB)	K Wilkinson	J Murphy, P Carolan K Wilkinson,

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 1/2 Feb

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	S Mikolajewski	TBA
9.30am (SJ)	A Grundy	F Smith, M Speed, A Gracie, S May, J Carroll, M Cropper
11am (SB)	C Bridge	K Wilkinson P Carolan J Murphy

## CARITAS SUNDAY - 26 January 2020

Caritas Sunday is the one opportunity each year for Caritas to appeal to every parish in our Diocese to support the corporal works of mercy. Formerly Catholic Children's Rescue Society (founded in 1886), Caritas (Diocese of Salford) has now expanded to respond to many areas of need in our parishes, from our work with the homeless, with children, families and the wider community, and in welcoming refugees. Caritas keeps their central admin costs to a minimum to ensure every penny donated makes a real difference. Their work with schools and parishes in the Diocese is growing in importance as we strive to be Missionary Disciples. Caritas means 'Love for Humankind.' This is the action that we are being asked to take as Missionary Disciples in our parish. Caritas (Diocese of Salford), the home charity of our Diocese, has 22 formal services and centres located around the North West.

**THANK YOU!** This time last year, thanks to your help, our appeal raised £29,833, which went directly to fund where the need was greatest; namely our work with children and families in our Bolton Young Parents' Home; our work with homeless at Cornerstone Day Centre; and our work with refugee education and integration. Our parish raised £675.33 in our collection - so please accept a huge thank you from Caritas!

Thanks to our supporters, in 2019 Caritas provided care and support to 13,130 unique beneficiaries. 771 people across the Diocese of Salford gave up their time to volunteer, many of whom are Caritas representatives; volunteers who help to share information from Caritas in parishes and who work with the Hope in the Future development teams to support local outreach projects.

Sunday, 26 January 2020 is Caritas Sunday. This year Caritas is asking all parishioners to support the goal of a 2020 with *#NobodyLeftBehind* and to help house the homeless, build stronger families and communities, and welcome refugees. The second collection after Mass and ongoing support will allow Caritas (Diocese of Salford) to continue important work in our parishes and across the Diocese.

Please check the special Caritas Beacon and the Annual Review available at the back of church to find out more.

If you are interested to get involved in social action in this parish, to help others in need, then please speak to your Parish Priest, your Caritas Representative and your Hope in the Future Team, or direct to Caritas on 0161 817 2270 or via [parishreps@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:parishreps@caritassalford.org.uk)

### **Hope in the Future, Living the Sunday Eucharist: Seventh Installment**

#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES: Penitential Act**

Do you remember when, as children, your mum or dad (or grandparents) would say as you came in from an afternoon or evening of play "Make sure you wipe your feet before you come in!" Perhaps this is something you still say! In a sense that is what the "penitential act" is all about. It is part of our preparation to worship God in our liturgy - the first thing we do once we are all gathered is a spiritual "wiping of the feet", asking God to cleanse us of sins and faults and failings, so that we can worship properly. As with many parts of the Mass, the most important moment here is not the words we say, but the silence we are given. This silence is for each one present to "personalise" this moment: it is not a generic acknowledgment of sinfulness, but a deeply personal and intimate confession. We should use this moment to think about the week that has gone, and own up to our great or small sins - the little lacks of patience or understanding, the moments when temper got the better of us, the indulgences we regret, the temptations we did not resist though we knew we should. We should humbly fill our minds with our own sins, things which are our fault, not looking at or blaming others: Pope Francis told a little story about this in an audience two years ago: "It costs us to admit being at fault, but it does us good to confess it sincerely. Confess your own sins. I remember an anecdote that an elderly missionary used to tell, of a woman who went to confession and started speaking about her husband's failings. Then she moved on to talk about her mother-in-law's failings and then the sins of her neighbours. At a certain point, the confessor said to her: "But, madam, tell me: have you finished? – Very well: you have finished with the sins of others. Now start telling your own". Even though this is a penitential moment, it is also joyful, because it celebrates the love of God who desires only that we turn back to him and live! It helps us to become, as Saint Paul says, "the holy people of Jesus Christ, called to take their place among all the saints."