

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

16 February 2020

Sixth Week of Ordinary Time



Back in the 60s some groups “adopted” Jesus Christ as an icon of rebellion, overturning authority and tearing up the rule book - possibly because of the frequent confrontations between Our Lord and the Pharisees. Today’s Gospel, however, shows us Jesus not as rule-breaker, but as rule-fulfiller, bringing an even greater depth to the rule that had guided the people of Israel for centuries. Jesus does not throw out the rulebook - or as the first reading says, He does not command us to be godless! He challenges us in this Gospel to see how far our keeping God’s Law will go: will it just be about the letter of the Law (“I have never killed anyone”), or will it look deeper (“Have I ever been angry? Have I been violent in my thoughts?”). The challenge of the Kingdom of Heaven is to keep the commandments first and foremost from within, so that our outward behaviour conforms to the requirements of God’s Law.

Marriage Matters

Making the right choices: Choices! How difficult sometimes to make the right choices. What to eat today, how to save money, what clothes to wear, what we or our children need. For Christians, prayer and a set of Christian values influence the choices we make. Why not ask the Lord’s help to decide what issue is uppermost for us today and dialogue about it?

Think Vocation

“Man has life and death before him.” We are faced with making choices every day of our lives and sometimes we make wrong choices and we sin. One of the greatest gifts our Lord gives to the Church through the sacred priesthood is the power to forgive sins. May we grow in our appreciation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and pray that all our priests who are channels of the Lord’s mercy will celebrate the gift of forgiveness with compassion and love.

*Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2;
Divine Office Week 2
Sunday Missal: Page 227; Preface: Pages 47-51*

Sunday 16 February

9.30am Mass (SJ) - *with Children’s Liturgy*

11am Mass (SB) - *with Children’s Liturgy*

Monday 17 February

11.45am Requiem Mass for John Manfredi (SB)

7.45pm SVP (SJ)

Tuesday 18 February

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Wednesday 19 February

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 20 February

9am Exposition & Adoration (SB)

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 21 February

12.30pm Wedding Service of Jordan Luke & Amy Nicholson (SB)

Saturday 22 February - *The Chair of St Peter the Apostle*

10.30am Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ) - *with re-commissioning of Ministers of Eucharist and Lectorate*

5pm Mass (SB) - *with Children’s Liturgy*

Sunday 23 February

9.30am Mass (SJ) - *with Children’s Liturgy*

11am Mass (SB) - *with Children’s Liturgy*

1pm Baptism (SJ)

A Day of Prayer for the Unemployed

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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, Margaret Russell, Anne Hurst, Colin Spragg, Margaret Padfield
Lately Dead: Maureen Charlson, Brother Donald, Bridie, Kenneth Martin, Audrey Glover, Sylvia Kerlin, Baby Eowyn Coeli Cenina,
Mass Intentions: Patrick O'Donnell (Birthday Remembrance), For a successful operation, A sick person in hospital, William Finlay, Alfeo & Bonifacia Deloroso, Mary O'Brien, Maureen Charlson, Brother Donald, Bridie
Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6)
We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed
Hope In The Future
We pray for the people of the parish of St James the Less, Rawtenstall, and for Canon Anthony McBride, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for All Saints College.
Facts and Figures
Mass Attendance 8/9 February 5pm -131; 9.30am -163; 11am-114 Total - 408
Offertory Collection 8/9 February: £887.68 Standing Orders (7-13 February) - £1,784.50
Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to <i>Corpus Christi</i>. Thank you.

Congratulations: To Dominic Oliver Warrington who was baptised at St Brendan's Church last Saturday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

Christian Meditation: Please come along and join us, especially as we move into the Lenten period. The sessions are a perfect way to help us prepare.

Tuesday 25 February (2pm in the Patmos Room, St John's)

Thursday 5 March (2pm in the Harbour Room)

Tuesday 10 March (7.30pm, following Mass) in the Patmos Room at St John's

Thursday 19 March (7.30pm in the Harbour Room)

Tuesday 24 March (2pm in the Patmos Room).

Re-Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist and Liturgy: This will be held on Saturday 22 February (during the 11.30am Mass held at **St John's Church**). All Eucharistic Ministers and Readers are invited to attend this Mass. If you are unable to attend the Mass, please see Fr Alf. Thank you.

Ceilidh 4 Cafod

Friday 20th March 2020

St Osmund's Church Hall
Long Lane Bolton BL2 6EB

7.30pm to 11pm

Dancing to the Toll Bar Band

Licensed Bar & Pasty Supper.

Tickets £10.00

Available after Weekend Masses

Harbour Room Book Club. On Wednesday 26 February, Melanie Graaf, from Bolton Central Library, will be our Guest Speaker. Meeting starts at 1pm and all are welcome.

Children's Liturgy: In order to continue to provide Children's Liturgy, at all the weekend Masses, we really need more volunteers. Current leaders and helpers are having a catch up at 10am on Saturday 29 February in the Harbour Room (or Patmos Room if Mass is at St Brendan's). If you are interested in getting involved or would just like to find out a bit more please come along. If you can't make it please just speak to any of the current leaders. There is also the training day planned as part of the Hope in the Future initiative.

Children's Liturgy Training Day Led by Linda Pennington

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

To register or for more information please visit:

www.dioceseofalford.org.uk/parishes/events

or call 0161 8172214

200 Club: Subscriptions to the 200 Club will be due at the beginning of March. Please put money in an envelope with your name and contact details. Ann Gracie will now be running the 200 Club. Please put envelopes in the boxes provided at the back of each church. Thank you

Prison Chaplains and Volunteers: Are you interested in visiting prisons either as chaplains or volunteers? Your presence in prisons can make a great deal of difference to prisoners who may feel isolated from society, or even rejected. Many feel just simple conversation can make a real difference to keep in touch with the outside world. If this is something you feel you could do, please see Fr Alf, or have a look at the advertised vacancy.

Lenten Retreat at Wardley Hall: The Bishops of England and Wales have challenged us to read the entire Gospel of Matthew as part of *The God Who Speaks* year on Scripture. The Lenten programme at Wardley Hall will focus on this challenge. Using Scripture, poetry, art and/or music, we will pray with Matthew's Gospel. Sessions, led by Sr Joan Kersley FMSJ and Maria Kidd, will include talks, individual prayer time and sharing. The first event will take place on:

Week 1: 28 February: a. Jesus confronts temptation b. Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Week 2: 6 March: a. Jesus offers choices b. Jesus, Compassionate Healer

Week 3: 13 March: a. Jesus missions the Disciples b. Jesus teaches in Parables

Week 4: 20 March: a. Jesus the Source of Life b. Jesus Fountain of Mercy

Week 5: 27 March: a. Jesus the Messiah b. Jesus' Great Commandment

Week 6: 3 April: a. Jesus' Passion and Death b. Jesus' Resurrection and Great Commission

To confirm your attendance, please email marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 794 2825

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio www.heavensroadfm.com: Is an online radio, broadcasting features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience. It also broadcasts over forty daily live Masses from fifteen churches in England and Ireland from their website: www.heavensroadfm.com.


The radio broadcasts 24/7 from St John's Seminary, Guildford and is reliant upon donations - a very worthwhile cause. Are you a budding radio presenter, or do you know one? They are looking for volunteers to present and produce radio shows, or help with other background work - further info here: <http://www.heavensroadfm.com/vols/>. If you'd like to get involved please email admin@heavensroadfm.com. Listen on www.heavensroadfm.com.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 22/23 February		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Molyneux	TBA
9.30am (SJ)	S May	P McArdle, A Rawlinson, M Speed, F Smith, L Rule A Grundy
11am (SB)	F Doloroso	P Carolan, J Murphy, K Wilkinson

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Roman Catholic Prison Chaplain Vacancy

Appointment Type: Permanent, part time
Working Hours: 20 hours a week including Sunday

Location: HMP Forest Bank, Agecroft Road, Pendlebury, M27 8FB

Salary: £16,296.80

HMP Forest Bank are recruiting for a Roman Catholic Chaplain (part time) to help to ensure that the diverse religious and spiritual needs of the prison community are met by working in a multi-faith team. The successful candidate will serve the needs of residents and staff by supporting religious faith and practice within the prison and work together to create an ordered and caring community.

The closing date for applications is 15 March.

To find a full role description and person specification, please visit:

<https://www.sodexojobs.co.uk/jobs/job/Roman-Catholic-Chaplain/52592>

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Safeguarding Officer Vacancy

Appointment Type: Full time, permanent.
Working Hours: 35 hours per week, flexible working will be required to include evening and weekend work.

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Salary: £42,000- 45,000 per annum based on skills and experience

The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit a suitably experienced and qualified practitioner to join our Safeguarding Team. They will be a highly motivated and well-organised professional, able to contribute to the development and implementation of safeguarding policies and strategies throughout the Diocese. They will have a practical working knowledge and experience of safeguarding and the ability to relate this experience to providing advice and support.

The closing date for this role is 12noon on Friday 21st February 2020

To find out more about the role and how to apply, please visit our vacancies page: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies

Hope in the Future, Living the Sunday Eucharist
16 February (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
10: LITURGY OF THE WORD: Lectionary v Bible

One of the richest products of the liturgical reform of the Second Vatican Council was the book we call the “Lectionary.” Literally this simply means “A Book of Readings”, and it describes the arrangement of the bible passages that we hear at Mass on Sundays, weekdays and in the celebration of the Sacraments. There is something very special about the Lectionary: it differs from the Bible as a book because passages are not read in the order found in the Bible, nor are they read at random. There is a very careful structure to the passages we hear! This is not all a product of Vatican II: the earliest “Lectionaries” date way back into the first millennium of the Church, and consist of lists of bible passages to be read on certain days. So, for example, the different Gospels we read today for the Vigil, Midnight, Dawn and Day Masses of Christmas have been set as such for hundreds of years! What the Vatican II Lectionary does is extend this, making sure that in the course of a three-year cycle someone coming to Mass every Sunday will hear most of the four Gospels, most of the letters of Saints Paul, Peter, James and others, and a very rich selection of passages from the Old Testament. There is nothing to stop you reading the Bible at home, starting at Genesis and working your way through to the Apocalypse, but the proclamation of the Word of God at Mass we allow the Church to guide our reading, so that we may be helped in our listening to and understanding of the love of God revealed through the Word

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