

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

23 February 2020

Seventh Week in Ordinary Time



“Love your neighbour as yourself.” These are words we associate so clearly with the teaching of Jesus and the way of life the Gospel calls us to. But it may be a surprise to some people to hear that these words come first from the Old Testament, in the mouth of Moses himself. Moses was speaking the Lord God’s instruction for the community - the community of the people of Israel in flight from Egypt in their long sojourn in the wilderness. God’s instructions were about how that community had to work - without grudges, resentment or vengeance, but with love and forgiveness and tolerance. When Jesus comes with the message of the Kingdom of heaven, it is the same - instruction for a perfect, God-guided society, which depends on how each of us lives with others. The “wisdom of this world”, which Saint Paul mentions in the Second Reading, will not teach us this: the world will believe in vengeance and friendship only for your friends. Each of us must ask how we can embrace the apparent folly of Jesus’ teaching: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Marriage Matters

Finding the joy in our sacramental relationship: The joy of courting couples is obvious for all to see. Over the years, excitement can lessen, our independent attitudes strengthen; competition and jealousy creep in. Today Jesus calls us to “...turn the other cheek...”. In confidence share, in trust listen, in faith forgive, so that our spouse will grow in self-worth and the sparkle of joy will reignite.

Think Vocation

If anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him.” Going the extra mile has crept into our vocabulary to express the need to give everyone a fair chance. We should avoid hastily judging people who have wronged us or let us down. Sometimes we may have to take risks for the sake of the Kingdom which is built on love and mercy. The Lord has high standards for those whom he calls to serve him in the Church.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3/4 Sunday Missal: Page 238; Preface: Pages 47-51</i></p>
<p>Sunday 23 February 9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i> 1pm Baptism (SJ) <i>A Day of Prayer for the Unemployed</i></p>
<p>Monday 24 February 9am Exposition & Adoration (SB) 9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 25 February - Shrove Tuesday 2pm Christian Meditation (Patmos Room, SJ) 6.30pm Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ)</p>
<p>Wednesday 26 February - Ash Wednesday 9.30am Whole School Mass (SJ) 11am Whole School Service with Communion & Ashes (SB) - NB. This is not a Mass 1pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB) 2pm Service of Ashes (SC) 6pm Mass (SB) <i>Day of Fasting & Abstinence</i></p>
<p>Thursday 27 February 9am Exposition & Adoration (SB) 9.30am Mass (SB)</p>
<p>Friday 28 February No Mass Today</p>
<p>Saturday 29 February - 10am Children’s Liturgy Meeting (Harbour Room, SB) 10.30am Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i></p>
<p>Sunday 1 March 9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i> 1pm Baptism (SJ) 3pm Stations of the Cross, followed by Adoration & Benediction (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, Christopher Scott, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Margaret Russell, Anne Hurst, Colin Spragg, Margaret Padfield

Lately Dead: Maureen Charlson, Kenneth Martin, Pat Lacey

Anniversaries: George Beeching, Billy Hodget, Christopher Hailwood, Ian Walsh, Dharmendra Arquissandas

Mass Intentions: Dharmendra Arquissandas George Beeching, Billy Hodget, Christopher Hailwood, Ian Walsh, Fr Peter Gooden, Denis O'Toole (Birthday Remembrance), Pat Lacey

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

This week we pray for the people of the parish of St John Paul II Padiham and Burnley, and for Fr Allan Swift, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

15/16 February

5pm -109; 9.30am -168; 11am-151

Total - 428

Offertory Collection

15/16 February: £921.11

Standing Orders

(14-20 February) - £212

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

Christian Meditation: Please come along and join us. The sessions are a perfect way to help us prepare for Lent.

Tuesday 25 February (2pm in the Patmos Room)

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).

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

Catholic Bishops of England and Wales Advice for Parishioners Regarding Coronavirus.

Despite the current low risk to the public from coronavirus, the Bishops' Conference have issued guidelines to enable Catholic churches and organisations to find the relevant information in one place. The complete document - which will be amended in the future if necessary - is available at cbew-coronavirus-guidelines-202-v1.pdf but please note the following key messages:

At the time of writing there is no need to take special measures on suspending the Chalice or Sign of Peace. Should that become necessary, more detailed pastoral care guidance will be issued.

Anyone with cold or flu symptoms should refrain from taking communion from the Chalice and receive the host on the hand only. (We should be doing this anyway, every flu season.)

It is good practice for ministers of the Eucharist to wash their hands before distributing communion or sanitise them.

The best way of protecting us from spread is for everyone to use universal good hygiene, which will effectively disrupt spread of the virus. We should be doing this all the time for 'flu:

- Catch it - sneeze into a tissue
- Bin it - bin the tissue
- Kill it - wash your hands with soap and water
- Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands
- Ensure good, regular cleaning of surfaces lots of people touch regularly

There are posters on our notice boards with more information. Thank you.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Preparation Meeting

Thursday 27 February

7pm

St John's Church

Whether you already volunteer with us or not, join us to find out more of the background to this year's Lent Fast day appeal. Help make real changes to people's lives. We will have a guest speaker coming along to talk to us about some of the work CAFOD have been doing. All welcome.

Children's Liturgy: In order to continue to provide Children's Liturgy at the weekend Masses, we really need more volunteers. Current leaders and helpers are meeting at 10am Saturday 29 February in the Harbour Room (St Brendan's). If you would like to be involved or find out a bit more please come along. If you can't make it please just speak to any of the current leaders.

Enviroilent: Throughout Lent we will once again be reflecting on care for our common home. The diocese has produced a series of posters which place a weekly focus on ways we can take practical action. Each week will focus on a different R: reduce, reuse, recycle, rewild and reclaim. Please use the Lenten period to think about each aspect of Enviroilent, and how we can take part in the care of our own community.

Formation Series: Source and Summit talk - Fr Richard Ounsworth OP: Wednesday 4 March, 7.30pm - 9pm - St Gabriel's RC High School, Bridge Road, Bury, BL9 0TZ

As part of Hope in the Future Stage 3, we are reflecting on 'Living the Sunday Eucharist' and the Mass being the 'Source and Summit' of our faith. Fr Richard Ounsworth is a Dominican who teaches scripture and New Testament Greek at Blackfriars Oxford. He will be reflecting on: What is the point of being a Christian? Where are we headed on our Christian journey, and what can sustain us along the way. We will delve into the richness of the New and Old Testaments to explore how the celebration of the Eucharist is both the food for our pilgrimage and the goal of our wanderings. To register your place or for more information please visit:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/hope/events/>

email: hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

call: 0161 817 2214

Second diocesan Mass for LGBT+ Catholics

The second diocesan Mass for LGBT+ Catholics, their families and friends, will be celebrated on Saturday 7 March at the Holy Name, Oxford Rd, Manchester at 3pm. The celebrant and preacher will be Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ. There will be refreshments after Mass and an opportunity to discuss the next steps.

Retreat for Altar Servers: The diocese is organising a retreat day where young people will be able to come together to reflect on their faith and ministry. The retreat days will take place at Theodore House, Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst (9.30am-3pm).

- Saturday 18 April 2020 (Ages 8 - 11 years)

- Saturday 16 May 2020 (Ages 12 - 17 years)

Please see the posters on our notice boards about how to book.

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>

Community Volunteer Coordinator Vacancy at Volition

Role: Volition Community Volunteer Coordinator Salford Cathedral.

Salary: Between £30,000 & £35,000 - includes all on costs and a 10% employers pension contribution.

Hours of work: 37 hours per week, including some evening and weekend work

Location: Salford and Manchester Cathedral, their precincts, Manchester Cathedral Visitor Centre including the Hanging Bridge, Manchester Central Library and the Cenotaph

Principal role: To recruit, train and manage the volunteers at Salford Cathedral, ensuring maximum benefits are achieved for Volition Community, the institution and for the individual volunteers. To develop and enhance the employer partnerships with Volition Community

The closing date for applications is Monday 9 March and interviews will take place on Friday 27 March at Salford Cathedral.

A full application form and further information about the role and how to apply can be found

here: <http://www.volitioncommunity.org/job-vacancy-community-volunteer-coordinator/>

200 Club

The February winners are:

£50 M Whittleston
£25 C Molyneux



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

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 29 February/1 March		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	S Mikolajewski	TBA
9.30am (SJ)	M Morrison	M Cropper, S May T Armstrong, A Rawlinson, P McArdle, F Smith
11am (SB)	F Evans	J Murphy, K Wilkinson P Carolan

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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

Hope in the Future, Living the Sunday Eucharist

23rd February (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Structure of the Readings

Last week we talked about the Lectionary being different from the Bible - passages are chosen and arranged in a very specific way. For the Sundays of Ordinary Time (which is most of the year apart from Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter) understanding the structure of the readings can aid our listening and understanding. The first point to note is that there is a "thematic" link between the First Reading, Psalm and Gospel, but beginning with the Gospel itself, which is read more or less continuously week by week. We have a three year cycle of Sunday readings (A, B and C) and each year focusses on reading a different Gospel (Matthew, Mark and Luke*). The Gospel passage for a particular Sunday "suggests" a reading from the Old Testament - perhaps a prophecy fulfilled in the Gospel, or a prayer, story or exhortation which is echoed by the words or actions of Jesus. The Psalm is always connected to the First Reading, expanding the "theme." The Second Readings are not part of this "thematic" structure, since they follow one of the letters of Saint Paul, Saint Peter or Saint James over several Sundays: this is not to say they are disconnected to the other readings - often the second readings bring insights into the other words of scripture from the point of view of the early Church living the Gospel. The great Seasons are different, since on each Sunday all the readings combine in the same "theme" - such as the Second Coming in Advent, or the significance of the Resurrection in Easter. Lent is a little different, since sometimes there are connecting themes in the readings of one Sunday, or sometimes the "theme" stretches continuously across several Sundays.