

DIOCESE OF SALFORD

Corpus Christi Parish Bolton

Incorporating St John, the Evangelist, Bromley Cross, St Columba's Tonge Moor and St Brendan's Harwood

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

5th July 2020

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, Anne Hurst, Margaret Padfield, Anne Killeen, Fred Heywood, Emily Martin

Lately Dead: Christopher Scott, Bridget McDonagh, Susan Howard, Fr Arthur Neary (retired Salford priest), Irene Parkinson (Fr Frank's mum)

May they rest in peace

Mass Intentions: Special intention

SAD NEWS

Fr Frank Parkinson rang me on Thursday evening to inform me that his mum Irene had passed away. May she and all our faithful departed rest in peace.

We keep them all in our prayers.

Let us pray for the victims of this pandemic, their families and loved ones. Remembering also the key workers who are on the front-line during this current pandemic. We thank them for all they are doing and ask the Lord to keep them safe.

Hope in the future

We pray for the people of the parish of St. Joseph and St. Edward, Longsight and Rusholme, and for Fr. Robert Morland and the SMA Fathers. We pray for the Little Sisters of the Poor and their residents, and for the priests of Opus Dei. We also pray for the Brazilian and Zimbabwean chaplaincies based at St. Edward's, for their parish primary schools and for Xaverian College.

Re-Opening our Churches

We now have received permission to **open both St John's and St Brendan's Churches for prayer** and following the government guidance for the celebration of Mass.

Safety has to remain our priority and therefore, we will initially be opening for individual private prayer only.

We need to monitor the R level and safety levels before we embark on public celebration of Mass, but if everything goes well, then we can start with mass in a few weeks, but numbers will be limited to allow social distancing, although families living together or "bubbles" can, of course, sit together.

(Please note: - At these times, Sunday obligation has been lifted for the time being.)

This week's opening times: - St John's 10am-Noon Monday/Wednesday and Saturday

St Brendan's 10am- Noon Thursday and 2-4pm Sunday

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There will be stewards assisting and they are there for guidance and safety, please listen to them.

Numbers in church are limited, as we have had to block off alternate benches to allow safe, social distancing.

We will exercise a one-way system entering at the main doors and leaving through the fire exits.

Masks will not be provided but you may wish to wear a mask when you enter Church.

If you have not been well or have illness symptoms or if someone in your house does, please do not attend church.

Catherine returns

I'm delighted to report that Catherine returns to the Parish office this week, so I can stop talking to imaginary friends. She will be working Tues/Wed/Thurs 9am- Noon.

Obviously, as we are all still distancing, could any queries be phoned or emailed.

Weekly Reflection Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time with grateful thanks to David Frank

Zechariah 9: 9-101 Psalm 144 Romans 8: 9,11-13 Matthew 11; 25-30

Certain words can make us turn off; they represent something in which we either have no interest or we lack understanding. One of these words, often used in our church, is "Spirituality". To the ordinary person in the street it has little or no meaning, to the catholic in the pew it means "holy" people, those who pray a lot; many people, I fear, do not consider themselves spiritual. Yet we are called to live "spiritual lives".

Paul speaks to us today, in the passage from Romans, about Spirituality. He divides the people of his time into spiritual and unspiritual; between those who believe in Jesus Christ and those who do not. He also believes that Christians live their lives in a spiritual way because the Spirit of Christ is living in them. They have no need for the unspiritual side of life for they are filled with the gifts of the Spirit.

Now this is where, I believe, we need to reconsider our views on spirituality; if we have the spirit living within us He brings us His gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord, Enabled by these gifts we can live our lives in a way pleasing to God, we can become more understanding of our own and other people's needs, we can become more wise in dealing with the ways of the world. Read again the passage from Zechariah; he speaks of a king riding on a donkey;

only the wise could see this as a king who wants to serve his people, not rule over them. Only those who understand the true nature of the life of Jesus can see that through these gifts we can we bring peace to our planet.

Spiritual people are often seen as childlike: unable to handle the outside world, they lock themselves away in their prayer books and their studies. In the Gospel, Jesus explains,

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that unless we look at things through the eyes of a child, we will not be able to see the kingdom of heaven.

Children love naturally; they see things in a very different way to adults. Through love we can build the kingdom here on earth; it will be difficult; we need to start in our homes and our neighbourhoods. Remember Jesus is there beside us shouldering the load when it becomes too heavy. We are in the service of God. Let's start today.

David Frank

Feed the Hungry – Funding for Food Vouchers Available Now

Whilst Caritas welcomes the news that the government will be extending the free school meals vouchers to children during the summer holiday period, the reality is that many families across the Diocese of Salford will still find themselves going hungry, having to make the stark choice of paying the bills or buying food for the family.

The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation is offering grants to alleviate this suffering in the context of the Covid 19 pandemic and has allocated £8,400 to Caritas to distribute across the Diocese according to where there is most need. This will be in the form of money for you to use to purchase and distribute food vouchers.

This funding is available NOW on a first come, first served basis to all our parishes and schools across the Diocese. Please circulate this information to all individuals or groups in your parish community who are involved in local social action work and may know of families who would benefit from receiving financial assistance in the form of food vouchers at this time. Please do not let any family in need in your parish miss out!

To apply, please email **Mike Coen** at m.coen@caritassalford.org.uk stating:

Name and location of your parish.

Amount of funding you are requesting for the purchase of food vouchers.

Number of families and number of individual adults and children in each family you are wishing to support.

What impact this will have (we require this information for the funders) and any relevant additional background information.

NB: Any agreed funding will be transferred to your relevant parish account for the purchase of food vouchers from the local supermarket of your choice to pass onto the families concerned.

Applications received from parishes must be endorsed by the Parish Priest.

Gubay Crisis Fund

In addition, please do not forget to access the Gubay Crisis Fund too. A sum of £10,000 is available until the end of September from which one-off payments of up to £400 per family can be made to

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provide immediate relief to families or individuals in crisis (NB: it cannot be used directly to pay utility bills, rent or debts).

For further information on the criteria or to apply, please go to:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/gubay-fund/>

Church Services Online: There are many online resources available to help you with your prayers at this time, including the daily live streaming of Holy Mass.

For links regularly updated: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/covid-19-online-resources

www.churchservices.tv or www.mcnmedia.tv

If you have no internet-The Diocese of Middlesbrough are now offering Mass by phone. The number is 01642 130120

Prayer Resource - Lord's Day at Home

If you would like to say the prayers along with the livestream of Mass, the Lord's Day at Home resource can help you. This week's Lord's Day at Home prayer document can be found by copying this link https://mcusercontent.com/76e219dab8653b775ba8aac4c/files/db81a1a0-eb07-4caf-8786-dab89a84817d/LDAH_Ordinary_14A.pdf

'Family is Sacred' – An Introduction - Zoom Webinar

Thursday 9th July, 7:30pm-9:00pm on Zoom

Family is Sacred is a course to support and enrich Marriage & Family life and strengthen the Domestic Church. Anyone over 18 is welcome to attend. The session will include an overview of the course, small group discussion and plans to offer this course around the diocese.

Register your free place by emailing hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk (Zoom details to follow)



*Act of
Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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