

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

9 August 2020

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekly Reflection

Have you ever thought about your relationship with God? Is He a strict parent or a patient friend; is He a familiar God who you have come to know or is he distant and unapproachable? Do you find Him in prayer or is he elusive and difficult to communicate with? Is your God complex and mysterious or simple and loving? Faith, I believe, depends on relationships; unless we have a relationship with Jesus how can we believe in Him? Life is the journey through our relationship with God, sometimes he is close, sometimes he seems far away; one thing is sure He is always "there" for you.

Elijah lived a life full of ups and downs, he lived through famine and feast, he was respected and shunned; if anyone needed a close relationship with God then it was Elijah. Today we are given a glimpse of that relationship in the passage from Kings. For those who seek a mighty forbidding God, the wind, the earthquake, and the fire are places to look but for those who know God then the quiet gentle breeze is the sign of his loving presence. When you think about it those who we feel are close to him are gentle and kind, a real reflection of a loving God.

I feel for Paul; he has found his God in the figure of Christ but by believing in Him he feels he has lost the Jewish faith which has nourished and guided him all his life. He has a choice to make and he chooses Jesus. Now he reflects on God's chosen people, he senses that they are moving on a different path and he is helpless, he cannot find a way to reconcile them to a crucified Christ. The Catholic Church has, in recent times, moved slowly and prayerfully towards reconciliation with the Jewish people. There are still many obstacles to overcome but the days of blind prejudice are, I pray, behind us now. Paul, I believe, would be the first to welcome this change of heart.

Does your God walk on water? Sometimes we expect Jesus to be a superman with whom everything is possible. To a certain extent this is true, we cannot put boundaries on his power, but He can do nothing unless we believe in Him. Today's Gospel speaks to me of the fragile faith we have in Jesus. When all is good, He walks on water; when things turn bad, there we are in the water, drowning in our lack of faith. Like Peter, we need to believe that whatever life throws at us he is waiting by the side of the boat with a life belt. *David Frank*

Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2;
Divine Office Week 3
1 Kings 19:9.11-13; Psalm Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33*

Sunday 9 August

2pm-3pm Private Prayer (SB) with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*Please note change of time*)

Monday 10 August - St Lawrence

No Morning Prayers
7pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 11 August - St Clare

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 12 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 13 August

11am-12noon Prayer (SB)

Friday 14 August - St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Churches Closed

Saturday 15 August

10.30am-11.30am Prayer (SJ)

Sunday 16 August - *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

2pm-3pm Prayer (SB)

Holiday

There are some changes to the activities for the week ahead as Fr Alf is away in Iona for a few days. We wish him a lovely break and hope that the sun shines.

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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: Bernard O'Donnell, Michael Mannion, Owen McIntyre, Bill Ince, Margaret Ashcroft, Vincent Sheridan, Jeff Howarth, Stephen Smith, Len

Anniversaries: Denis O'Kane, Valerie Piddock, Mark O'Brien, Patrick Joynson

Mass Intentions: Bernard O'Donnell, Denis O'Kane, Michael Mannion, Valerie Piddock, Stephen Smith, Rose Ann & Richard Gardner-Hopkinson, Owen McIntyre, Colin Spragg, Mark O'Brien, For someone who is sick, Jeff Howarth, Patrick Joynson, Len, Jane Connaughton

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions:

We pray for all the victims of the devastating explosion in Beirut and the emergency services who are working around the clock to help the victims and their families.

We continue to pray for victims of the Covid-19 virus, and for all those who are still working tirelessly to keep us safe.

Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers

Hope in the Future

We pray for the people of the parish of St Mary and St John Fisher, Denton, and for Fr Peter Kinsella, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools and for St Thomas More High School.

Offertory Envelopes

These are available for collection in the respective churches. Donations can be made by posting through the presbytery letter box, by post or alternatively donations can be made through Salford Diocese website, or alternatively by setting up a bank standing order.

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

Congratulations: To George and Kathleen Denton who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 13 August. We wish them a wonderful day.

Newsletter: Next week, the Newsletter will be a double edition and published on Wednesday 12 August (due to holidays). If there are any items you would like to have included, please let the office know by Tuesday 11 August. *Thank you*

Parish Signs: We now have new large signs outside both our churches (to say who we are). We would like to say Thank you to Howarth's Funeral Services for their kind donation towards them.

Caritas - Diocese of Salford

Caritas is appealing for donations of IT equipment such as old laptops, tablets and smartphones which will help its Refugee Response Service to continue offering English lessons and provide vital communication tools for those it supports.

The Coronavirus pandemic has meant that all of the conversational English classes run by Caritas Salford - which are vital for reducing isolation experienced among refugees - are now delivered virtually.

Technology is an increasingly essential tool which helps refugees to both learn English and communicate with family members around the world.

Caritas Salford's Director, Mark Wiggin, said: "Obviously there's a great demand nationally for technology, but particularly with refugees there's a huge demand and also because we've now switched a lot of our classes to virtual ones.

Explaining the benefits of using IT he added: "The main benefit is the way it can be used is to teach conversational English.

"We've been bringing our volunteers together to teach different topics and it builds friendships, just the discussion of normal things."

To find out more about donating and about other services run by Caritas, please visit:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/contact-us/>.



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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Caritas - Diocese of Salford Current Vacancies

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKER

37 hours per week

Fixed Term Contract until April 2022 SCP20-23 £25,295 - £26,999

Based across the diocese of Salford and Lancaster

Working closely with the Refugee Response Manager, the Community Sponsorship Development Worker will be at the pioneering edge of this still relatively new initiative to support vulnerable refugees resettle in the UK. Experience of working with asylum seekers/refugees, volunteers and community groups is essential. Additionally, you must have experience of delivering professional community or social action services to people in need. Caritas follows Safer Recruitment practices and this post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service checks.

Closing date: Monday 31 August 2020 at 5pm

Interview: Friday, 4 September 2020

SUPPORT WORKERS (MORNING STAR & EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION)

1 x 37 hours per week

1 x 22.2 hours per week

SCP5-6 £18,795 - £19,171 (pro rata part time £11,277 - £11,502)

Based in Manchester

As a Support Worker you will provide support, housing and homelessness advice to clients to ensure the aims and objectives of the service are successfully achieved.

The Support Worker will work 7.4-hour shifts from 8am - 4pm or 1pm - 9pm over 7 days a week.

Experience of working with vulnerable, homeless people or disadvantaged groups in a similar setting is essential. Caritas follows Safer Recruitment practices and this post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service checks.

Closing date: Tuesday 1 September 2020, however on receipt of applications they will be reviewed and shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview. Interviews may be in person (socially-distanced) or via an appropriate platform

Interview: TBC

For full role descriptions and to apply, please visit our website www.caritassalford.org.uk for an application pack or contact Rebecca Anderson on by email r.anderson@caritassalford.org.uk

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