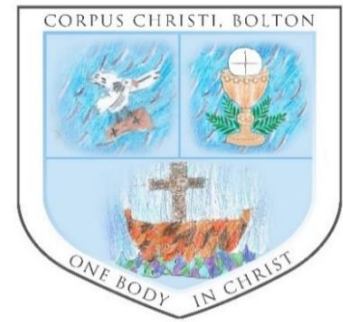


## Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**30 August 2020**

### Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time



**“Get behind me Satan,  
you are an obstacle in my path”**

When I read through this week's passages a line from a song came into my head “Nobody said it would be easy, nobody said it would be so hard”; last week, Peter was the one with the vision of whom Jesus was, this week, he completely misunderstands the vision with his very human response “heaven preserve you Lord, it must not happen to you”. In two passages of scripture we glimpse the human condition; we want to have faith in Christ, but we want it on our terms not His.

Jeremiah believed in God and strived all his life to follow Him, he let himself be seduced, overpowered, hoping God would protect him if he did what was right. But doing what was right was far from easy, people laughed at him, called him names, disagreed with everything he said. Threatened him, insulted him so that he decided not to follow any longer. However, giving up was not easier than giving in. Something had hold of his heart, his soul, and would not let go “there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones”

Paul is trying to get across to the readers of his letters what it really means to follow Christ. Now he tells his readers not to judge their actions by the world but, instead, look at the example of Christ. We cannot behave as others who have not known Him behave. We must change, become as new, and seek to live as Christ showed us by his example because that is the perfect thing to do. We all have a burden to carry, often it is our own expectations which imprison us, keep us striving for the unattainable. When we fall short, we blame something or someone else, never ourselves. It is a wise person who understands that little is really needed, that a heart that loves is more valuable than a purse filled to bursting. Jesus places a simple choice before each of us. We must make that choice: do we try for earthly gain or do we work for a heavenly reward. We must seek the way which will make us happy; once we have known the Lord then that way becomes clear and we can take up our cross and walk with Him. *David Frank*

#### Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2;  
Divine Office Week 2  
Jeremiah 20:7-9  
Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 16:21-27

#### Sunday 30 August

2pm-3pm Holy Hour with Benediction (SB)  
4pm Mass (SJ) - This Week Only

#### Monday 31 August - Bank Holiday

No Mass Today

#### Tuesday 1 September

9.30am Mass (SB)

#### Wednesday 2 September

9.30am Mass (SJ)

#### Thursday 3 September - St Gregory the Great

9.30am Mass (SB)

#### Friday 4 September - St Cuthbert

10am Private Requiem Mass for Noelle Schofield (SB)

#### Saturday 5 September

11am Exposition and Adoration (SJ)  
11.30am Mass (SJ)

#### Sunday 6 September

9.30am Mass (SJ) *(Please see details below regarding Sunday Masses)*  
11am Mass (SB)  
2pm Baptism (SB)

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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, Madeleine Evans

**Lately Dead:** Noelle Schofield

**Anniversaries:** Bridget & Jack Day, Robert Whaley, Hannah Doona

**May They Rest in Peace**

**Mass Intentions:** Bridget & Jack Day, Hannah & Richard Thomasson, Margaret Gibson, Robert Whaley, Hannah Doona

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 the Sacred Heart and St Francis, Gorton, and for Fr Kevin Murphy. We pray for the parish primary schools and for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph

### 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. We are always thankful for all you do to help us.

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

**Sunday Mass Times:** Because of the pandemic, there is still no requirement to attend Mass on Sunday, but from next weekend we will be able to open our Churches for Mass on Sunday mornings (9.30am at St John's and 11am at St Brendan's). Each church is limited to attendance of 43 people at St Brendan's and 50 at St John's. As we are restricted to numbers if you can attend Mass during the week this will allow more room for those who are restricted to Sundays. If you wish to attend a Sunday Mass please let the office know by email: [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk), or by phoning 301927, so that we can make a note of numbers. *Thank you*



## SVP Sponsored Walk



The annual sponsored walk (around our three local reservoirs) has now been re-scheduled for Sunday 11 October 2020. This event helps to raise vital funds for the SVP to support families in our parish at Christmas time.

Members of the SVP will be taking part in this beautiful walk (which is approximately 10 miles) and if you feel you would like to join us, in either all or some of the route, please do come along and take part. If you have any further queries, please contact any member of the SVP. Further times and details will be available in the next couple of weeks.

This year, a *just giving Crowdfunding* page has been created for sponsorship. This can be found by visiting:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding>  
[/:/www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/svp-walk-2020](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/svp-walk-2020)

## Destitution Project:



As you are probably aware, many food bank charities have been struggling for donations over the past weeks. The Destitution Project, here in Bolton, are always so grateful for all we do for them but they are always in desperate need of more items. If you are able to donate, the usual items are: Tins of fish, tomatoes, chick peas, red kidney beans, sweet corn, corned beef, fruit. Also, Cartons of apple or orange juice, Rice, Long-life milk, tea bags, coffee and vegetable oil. Items can be left at each church, and members of the SVP will take them to the centre. Thank you, as always, for all your help and support.

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## Upcoming Series of Free Online Talks at the Christian Heritage Centre

Join us online at 7:30 pm on Thursdays

3rd September  
St Ignatius:  
Man of His Time and  
Saint for the Presents  
Fr Dominic Robinson, S.J.

24th September  
Forging a Little Way to Heaven:  
The Life and Spirituality of  
St. Therese of Lisieux  
Canon John Udris

10th December  
God and  
the Crib:  
Francis and  
Gregorio  
Fr Gabriel  
Kyte, C.F.R.

8th October  
Newman, Belief and  
Reality: Finding  
God in the World  
Dr. Giuseppe  
Pezzini

3rd December  
The Saviour  
of Europe:  
St Benedict  
and  
Benedictine  
Spirituality  
Fr Richard Conrad, O.P.

22nd October  
The Answer is  
43: Thomas  
Aquinas on Life,  
the Universe and  
Everything  
Fr Richard Conrad, O.P.

19th November  
The Spanish Mystics: Life and Love in  
Jesus Christ  
Fr Matthew Blake, O.C.D.

5th November  
Devotion is for everyone:  
The working spirituality of  
St Francis de Sales  
Canon Scott Tanner, I.C.K.S.P.

For more details and to register for a link  
visit us at [www.christianheritagecentre.com/events](http://www.christianheritagecentre.com/events)  
email us direct at [events@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:events@christianheritagecentre.com)  
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The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst will be offering a series of online talks, “*Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters*”, over the next few months. Exploring some of the great figures of Western spirituality with well-known experts, the series is free to attend online. It will take place at 7.30pm on Thursdays, beginning on 3 September running through till 10 December.

Simply register to receive a link, either online at <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters/> or by emailing [events@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:events@christianheritagecentre.com)

### Department of Formation Course *Family is Sacred*

After the success of our first *Family is Sacred* Webinar in July, we will be offering the full 14-week course online via zoom. The first session will take place on Wednesday 23 September (7.30pm-9pm) and will run every other Wednesday for 14 weeks. The course is designed to enrich and support marriage and family life and the building up of the Domestic Church. There will be input from various speakers followed by small group discussion and Q&A All Welcome! Register your free place by emailing [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) before Tuesday 22 September (Zoom details to follow)

## Vacancies

### Operations Assistant

**Appointment Type:** Part-time, permanent  
**Working hours:** 16 hours per week (Thursday to Saturday). Flexible working will be required including regular evening work.

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

**Salary, pension, and benefits:** £7,904-£8,667.76 per annum (depending on experience); 25 holidays plus bank holidays (prorated) and 5 Diocesan closure days, employer’s pension scheme.

We are looking to recruit an Operations Assistant to provide efficient and effective cleaning support to the Cathedral, Cathedral House and Cathedral Centre, ensuring that the security and general appearance of the building and surroundings are maintained in accordance with the required standards.

**Closing date for applications:** 12 noon on Friday 4 September 2020

### Heritage Project Manager

**Appointment Type:** Part time, fixed term contract until May 2021

**Working Hours:** 14 hours per week, with some flexible working required

**Location:** St John the Baptist RC Church, Rochdale

**Salary:** £33,670 per annum (subject to pro-rata)

St John’s Church, Rochdale, has been awarded round 1, development phase funding from the NLHF to enable the preparation of a round 2 application for delivery phase funding. A successful delivery phase application would enable repairs of this Grade II\* Listed Church and a full programme of heritage activities. Previous relevant work experience and a degree or professional project management qualification and/or substantial experience in a similar role is essential.

**Closing date for applications:** 12 noon on Friday 4 September 2020

For a full role description and an application pack, for the above vacancies, please visit:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

### Volunteer Vacancy at Marriage Care

Catholic Marriage Care are looking for a volunteer *Head of Centre* in Manchester. In this rewarding role you will lead and support a local team in providing and extending our marriage preparation and relationship counselling services in the area. Email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk) Or visit their website [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) for more information.