

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**8 November 2020**

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



November is a time for remembering those who have gone ahead of us to their heavenly reward. Each of us have someone we cared about who is no longer with us and we all miss those who are no longer there to offer love and friendship.

Lord

You speak to us today about the gift of Wisdom. It is a precious gift; it strengthens and consoles us in those days when nothing else seems to touch us. When we lose someone we love, it seems like the end of everything; we feel that loss every day and nothing seems to help.

Through your gift of wisdom, we can begin to see sunlight even on the darkest day.

You have promised, that all who come to love you will share eternal life with you, and this is our consolation.

Teach us Lord to accept death as a parting not an ending. Give us the strength to grow from this experience into a new understanding of our mission to be gentle and compassionate to those who suffer the pain of loss.

Give us the grace of acceptance, the hope of that future meeting, and the deep, deep love of your sacred, blessed heart. *Amen*

Perhaps, the tragedy of the five bridesmaids whose lamps were without oil was not that they were unworthy to be bridesmaids but that they were distracted and failed to prepare for the Lord's coming. How often have we left something important until tomorrow and then suffered regret because of our inaction? Christ calls us to be always ready for we do not know the hour when He will call us to Himself. Stay awake! **David Frank**

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### Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2*

*Divine Office Week 4*

Wisdom 6:12-16

Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

**Private Prayer: As announced, for the next few weeks we are now having to revert to churches opening for private prayer only. There is no need to contact us if you wish to attend. Thank you**

**Opening times for Prayers at St Osmund's:**

Monday churches closed.

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday (2pm-4pm) at St Osmund, Breightmet.

Wed & Thur (2pm-4pm) at St Teresa, Little Lever.

**Sunday 8 November**

**Remembrance Sunday**

10am-11am Private Prayer at both Churches



***A Day of Prayer for all Victims of War***

**Monday 9 November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

10am-11am Private Prayer (SJ)

**Tuesday 10 November - St Leo the Great**

10am-11am Private Prayer (SB)

10.15am Private Funeral for Joan Frodsham (Overdale)

**Wednesday 11 November - St Martin of Tours**

10am-11am Private Prayer (SJ)

**Thursday 12 November - St Josaphat**

10am-11am Private Prayer (SB)

**Friday 13 November**

Churches Closed

**Saturday 14 November**

10am-11am Private Prayer (SJ)

**Sunday 15 November**

10am-11am Private Prayer at both Churches

## 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 & Joyce Heywood, Emily Martin, Madeleine Evans, Barbara Pearl, Howard McArdle, Terence Gillett, Pat Margiotta, Mary Bagg

**Lately Dead:** William Pious O'Neill, Peter Walker, Kathleen Edge, Joan Frodsham

**Anniversaries:** Mary Cassidy, Sean Cassidy, Betty Pollitt, Victor Gill, Jean Gorse, Philip Hall

**May They Rest in Peace**

**Mass Intentions:** Mary Cassidy, Sean Cassidy, Betty Pollitt, Departed souls of the Owen & Gill families, Victor Gill, Peter Gartside (Birthday Remembrance), Jean Gorse, Margaret Gibson, Philip Hall, Deceased members of the Ramsden & Jones families, Deceased members of the Reynold & Carroll families, William Pious O'Neill, Peter Walker, John Meagher, Mary Bagg

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: Students & Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation, Justice & Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners & Their Families

### Hope in the Future

This week we pray for the intentions of the parishioners of Our Lady and St Joseph's parish, Heywood, and of Fr Paul Daly and Fr Bob Hayes. We pray for the parish primary schools and for Holy Family Roman Catholic and Church of England College. May the parish strive always to live by God's wisdom that does not grow dim.

### Offertory Envelopes

We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. Currently, there are still a few offertory envelopes to be collected. If you would like these to be delivered to you, please do let us know and we can arrange this. 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. Again, many thanks for your continued generosity.

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

### Prayer Resource - Lord's Day at Home

Based on the Sunday Scriptures, this resource is particularly aimed at those not able to follow a Mass on the internet. This week's Lord's Day at Home prayer sheet [can be found by clicking here](#)

**New Restrictions:** Following Wednesday's vote, in the House of Commons, the new restrictions are now confirmed and unfortunately public worship is now prohibited during this lockdown [see back page for the statement from the Bishops' Conference]

Thanks to the generosity and kindness of our stewards we will be opening our churches for private individual prayer only.

I cannot thank all our stewards enough for all the support they have given, and continue to give, during this uncertain year. Without their help we could not have opened our churches and, I am sure you will agree, that the past few months have run like clockwork as we ensured everyone gathered safely for Holy Mass.

We will have to see how everything develops but thank you once again.

Let us continue to pray for each other and all who are in need at this time of pandemic.

**Take care and keep safe. God bless, Fr Alf.**



### Remembrance Sunday

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in light of the risks posed, the annual Remembrance Sunday March Past the Cenotaph and local

services will not take place this year. Despite the changes this year, the Royal British Legion are encouraging people across the nations to ensure Remembrance Sunday is still marked appropriately by taking part in remote and socially distanced Remembrance activity, whether that be watching the service on television or pausing for the Two Minute Silence in their home or on their doorsteps. A volunteer from Corpus Christi will lay our wreath at Dunscair War Memorial. Let us pray for all victims and others affected during times of conflict.

### November - Holy Souls



We now have envelopes and you are invited to place the names of your deceased relatives and friends and all for whom you wish to pray during the month of the Holy Souls (no donation required). Please return the envelope to either

church or post through the presbytery letterbox. If you are unable to make it to church at this time, you may email your names to [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk) or ring on 301927. All envelopes received will be placed on the sanctuary in the baskets marked Holy Souls. We will continue to pray for the Faithful Departed. **May they rest in peace.**

**Special Collections:** Thank you for all your donations to our recent appeals your generosity is really appreciated:

**Shrines of Palestine: £177.12**

**Peter's Pence: £215.09**

**Missio: 97.46**

**CAFOD Fast Day: £760**



**200 Club:** We are pleased to announce the winners of this month's draws are:

**Draw one:** E Owen (£40); M Lloyd (£20)

**Draw two:** M Roe (£40); E Mingay (£20)

**Draw three:** M Lloyd (£40); J Meagher (£20)

Please contact Ann Gracie for your prizes.

The next draws will take place throughout December. If anyone hasn't paid their subscriptions and wishes to be included in the draw, please contact Ann Gracie 01204 302912

**Urban Outreach - Christmas Dinner on Jesus:** This year Churches In Harwood have been asked to collect 200g cartons of gravy granules for the food hampers. As a parish we have been asked to collect 200. If you are able to donate, the final date is 7 December. Thank you for your continued support.



**Destitution Project:** Thank you for all donations that have been coming in - they really do make a difference. We continue to collect the usual items: tinned tomatoes, tinned chickpeas/red kidney beans, rice, cooking oil, sardines, tea, coffee, long-life milk, tinned fruit & corned beef, cartons of orange juice etc.

### Diocese of Salford - Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Salford are currently recruiting a **Finance Office Supervisor** to manage a team of Finance Officers and be responsible for the completion of month end processes and analysis, management reports, reconciliation of multiple bank and control accounts. This is a full-time, permanent post, working 35 hours per week at Cathedral Centre. £26,000-£32,000 per annum, 25 holidays plus bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days, with employers' pension scheme. The closing date is 12noon on Monday 9 November.

The Diocese of Salford are also currently recruiting a **Management Accountant** to help support and develop financial management and information provision for the Diocesan Trust. This is a full-time, permanent post, working 35 hours per week at Cathedral Centre. £40,000-£50,000 per annum, 25 holidays plus bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days, with employers' pension scheme. The closing date is 12noon on Friday 27 November. Full details and application packs for both posts are available at: [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies)

### Eucharistic Adoration and Prayer on Vigil of Feast of Christ the King On 21 November:

An hour of Eucharistic adoration and prayer will take place (worldwide) for each other on the vigil of the Feast of Christ the King, [View the poster by clicking here](#) The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have asked, that during these difficult times, "we sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21 November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic."

### Bishop John Young Adult Talk - Fratelli Tutti:

On Saturday, 7 November, (2 - 4pm) is an online talk for Young Adults. Bishop John Arnold will present new encyclical letter, 'Fratelli Tutti' from Pope Francis which will open up a discussion of some of its main themes. Register by emailing: [yam@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:yam@jesuit.org.uk)

**November Retreats:** Donna Worthington is running Zoom Retreats which are extremely well presented in a very spiritual way. If anyone would like any further information please visit: [www.christianretreats.live](http://www.christianretreats.live)

**Online Talks:** Wednesday 25 November (7pm): *The God who speaks in the Gospel of John*, by Fr Michael Winstanley, SDB, Salesian priest and Scripture Scholar, please email [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**'Family is Sacred' Zoom Course:** All Welcome! Register your free place by emailing [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)  
**18 November - The Sacrament of Matrimony - A reflection of the Love of Christ**  
**2 December - The Sacrament of Matrimony - A reflection of Christ's faithfulness & fruitfulness**  
**16 December - Fatherhood & Motherhood - The challenge of Authority**



**Thought for the week...**

**"We can ask the Lord to grant us the gift of wisdom." Pope Francis**

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## CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

**Statement from the President and the Vice-President of the Conference on the National Lockdown Wednesday 4th November 2020 Today, Parliament passed into law the Regulations governing many aspects of activity in the whole of England until 2nd December. These Regulations prohibit the gathering of people for communal worship in churches and other religious buildings**

Churches remain open and in use for activities other than communal worship, including personal prayer and support for those in need. Funeral Masses and funeral services may be held. Please refer to the Regulations (for places of worship see paragraph 18) and associated Guidance. Despite profound misgivings it is important that we, as responsible citizens, observe these Regulations, which have the force of law: 'Remind them to be obedient to the officials in authority; to be ready to do good at every opportunity' (Titus 3:1). We do this in solidarity with so many others on whom are being imposed restrictions which impact severely on their lives and livelihoods. It is also important to recognise that these Regulations are not an attack on religious belief. However, they do demonstrate a fundamental lack of understanding of the essential contribution made by faith communities to the well-being, resilience and health of our society. At this difficult moment, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help. We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21st November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic. And we encourage you all in your practical service and support of each other and those around you in need. This pathway of prayer and service is the royal road we are to take as a gracious witness in our society today.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols  
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