

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**17 January 2021**

## Second Week in Ordinary Time



Have you ever had the feeling that God is calling to you to do a particular service for him? It is very difficult to decide whether it is an actual call from God or just something you have imagined. You must always be careful: take refuge in prayer, and speak to someone who you trust, who will give you good advice. Sometimes, because we desire something so much, we can be deceived or even fool ourselves into thinking that this is what God wants, only to find, eventually, that we have chosen the wrong path and it was not God who was calling but your own or another voice calling you down the wrong path.

Samuel is a young boy who lives in the temple with Eli the high priest. It was not unusual, in Old Testament times, for young boys to be placed in the temple and to grow into the high priests of the future. The passage recalls how God's voice calls to Samuel, even as a young boy, and how Samuel, eventually, responds to that call.

In the Gospel passage we have the story of two adults who are called by God in a very different way. They are bystanders, talking to John the Baptist, when Jesus passes by. This time John is the voice that they hear speaking, calling Jesus the Lamb of God, and they go to Jesus and walk with him and spend the day with him. We do not know the name of the second man, but one of the bystanders is Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, and that day changes his life forever as he hears God calling him, through Jesus, and he becomes one of the apostles. The unnamed man also becomes a follower and reminds us that there are many called for a particular service, who remain in obscurity, whose names are known to God alone.

Andrew now becomes the voice, calling Simon Peter to Christ. We may not realise what calls us to serve God, all we can do is to be open to Him and listen for His call and then, by letting the Spirit that lives in each of us have His way, we can respond with Samuel "Speak Lord your servant is listening" David Frank

*Listen, let your heart keep seeking;  
Listen to his constant speaking;  
Listen to the Spirit calling you  
Aniceto Nazareth.*

### Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1  
Divine Office Week 2  
1 Samuel 3: 3-10, 19  
1 Corinthians 6: 13-20  
John 1:35-42*

#### Sunday 17 January - Peace Sunday

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

*At Masses today we will have a special White Flower collection for SPUC (The society for the Protection of Unborn Children)*

#### Monday 18 January

7pm Mass (SJ)

#### Tuesday 19 January

9.30am Mass (SB)

#### Wednesday 20 January

9.30am Mass (SJ)

#### Thursday 21 January St Agnes

9.30am Mass (SB)

#### Friday 22 January

Churches Closed

#### Saturday 23 January

11am Exposition

11.30 Mass (SJ)

#### Sunday 24 January

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

**Christmas Poinsettias:** If you would like to take your poinsettia home, please collect from church (if attending any Masses) or you can ring the Presbytery to arrange collection.

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**We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends:**

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, Vernon Holt

**Lately Dead:** Win & Peter Daly, Violet McGarrigle, Nathan Coyne, Joseph Cleary, Alan Gadd, Owen Kavanagh, Andrew Porter, Glynn Booth, Betty Davenport, Ron Dawson, Stuart Webster, Rita Ray, Hannah McAuley, Terry Holland, Archbishop of Glasgow Philip Tartaglia  
**Anniversaries:** Dorothy Mary Kirton, Winifred Kenyon

***May They Rest in Peace***

**Mass Intentions:** Win & Peter Daly, Winifred Kenyon, Special Intentions for the Coyne Family

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 1 (of 6):** We pray especially for: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The sick and those who care for them; Victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it; The unemployed

**Hope in the Future**

We pray for the people of the parishes of St Patrick, Rochdale, and St Mary of the Annunciation, Littleborough, and for Fr Robert Lasia, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for the patients, staff and chaplaincy at the Rochdale Infirmary, as well as those imprisoned at Buckley Hall, their staff and chaplaincy. May their life and mission draw others to Christ.

**Offertory**

We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. 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** - For those at home, and not able to attend Mass, the Liturgy Office has prepared a service called "*The Lord's Day at Home*", based on the Sunday Scriptures, that you can pray on your own or with your family. It is particularly aimed at those not able to follow a Mass on the internet. [Lord's Day at Home](#)

**Win & Peter Daly:** After 64 years of marriage, Win & Peter Daly, former parishioners of St John's Church, passed away together in Hampshire (20 & 28 December 2020). Requiem Mass is on Tuesday 19 January. The service details and tributes are available at <https://peterwindaly.muchloved.com>.

**A Message from the Destitution Project- Happy New Year!**

We just wanted to let you know that we are asking our donors to take a break from donating food at present. The numbers of our destitute service users have dropped because they have been dispersed nationwide in order to be given a roof over their heads. On Monday we had a huge delivery from Mount St Joseph's School and our shelves are now full, so we have simply run out of storage room! When things get going again, we'll put a shout out when there is shelf room!

We had hoped to start a very simple Drop-in this month but these plans will have to be put on hold for now. Meanwhile we look forward to later in the year and to seeing you all again. We send our thanks all the supporters from the Parish. Your support always overwhelms us - we are very grateful. Take care and stay safe and we hope to see you in the not too distant future! With Thanks again, and best wishes to you all.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** The 18 - 25 January is *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*. The theme this year is "*Abiding in Christ*" and it is taken from the Gospel of John chapter 15: 1-7. On the CTE website there are materials and information that may well prove helpful. You can find them here: <https://www.cte.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=591118>

There is a county wide celebration in Lancashire, which has been adapted due to COVID. A poster with details of this Zoom event [can be found here](#).

**Caritas Sunday 2021:** Thank you so much for all that parishes did in November and December for the Caritas Advent Appeal for those without a permanent home this winter. The work continues and Bishop John has prepared a Pastoral Letter for this weekend concerning the annual collection for Caritas Sunday (31 January 2021). Due to the pandemic, we are encouraging people to consider electronic giving. It is now very easy to set up a regular or one-off gift for Caritas, using our website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/> For further information or support, please contact Rachel Taylor on 0161 817 2285 or email [r.taylor@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:r.taylor@caritassalford.org.uk) Details of Caritas's parish resources for Lenten Pray-Fast-Give and COVID-secure ways of transferring funds will be available shortly.

**Retrouvaille Marriage Support:** Covid19 is a challenging time for many marriages. So much uncertainty around health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children and housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen, to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time brings even more challenges: you just can't cope; would you be better apart you wonder? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage - and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme (a virtual weekend commencing on 25- 28 February) Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443

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or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Decarbonisation Project:** The Diocese of Salford has started work with academic partners on a 'decarbonisation strategy.' This will involve understanding our carbon footprint and ways to reduce it, over the next two years. The team would welcome anyone with expertise in this area in our parish communities to get in touch at [decarbonisation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:decarbonisation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk), so that we are more aware of those that might want to get involved. Thank you.

### Talks from the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst

**The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation** A free series of online talks offered by the Christian Heritage Centre. A range of excellent speakers will examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art. At 7.30pm every second Thursday, from 14 January to 25 March. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

**Set Free Summit:** the Christian Heritage Centre and ICPE Mission offer a set of six, online sessions to young adults on relationships and sexuality based on John Paul II's teaching. Featuring speakers from across the globe, each session will provide the opportunity to share and ask questions. At 4pm on Sundays from 7 February to 14 March. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/set-free>

### Online Talks

**The Adventures of a Biblical Translator by Dom Henry Wansbrough**

**Saturday 23 January, 11am - 2.30pm**

An event by The Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain. Editor of the New Jerusalem Bible and most recently the Revised New Jerusalem Bible, Dom Henry has spent a lifetime in Bible translation. To access this live stream event go to [www.sppilford.org.uk](http://www.sppilford.org.uk) and click on live stream remote services. Event available subsequently on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the CBA, will introduce the event. Questions for Fr Henry on Bible translation may be emailed beforehand to [catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com](mailto:catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com)

**Austen Ivereigh: Let Us Dream!**

**Saturday 30th January, 11am - 2.30pm**

*Let Us Dream!* is the first book written by a pope in response to a major crisis, and the first ever to be drafted in English - by his collaborator and biographer, Austen Ivereigh. The book offers not just the Pope's reflections on the multiple coronavirus crisis, but spiritual guidance on how to make use of the pandemic to make a better world, drawing on powerful episodes from his own life and a lifetime of leadership.

**Austen Ivereigh:** Is a writer, journalist and commentator best known for two highly regarded biographies of Pope Francis: *The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope* and *Wounded Shepherd: Pope Francis and His Struggle to Convert the Catholic Church*

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**200 Club 1 January 2021 Winners:**

**1 A Gracie £40**

**2. J Burton £20**

### Thought For the Week



**"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."**

**St Teresa of Calcutta**

## (COVID-19)

### GUIDELINES FOR PARISHIONERS WHEN ATTENDING HOLY MASS

Before you decide to come to church, please read this guidance carefully. The obligation to attend Holy Mass is suspended at this time of pandemic. If you have any symptoms of coronavirus or have been in contact with someone who has symptoms, please stay at home.

- The church will open approximately 30mins before the scheduled Mass time.
- External doors will be open at all times, so wear suitable clothing in case it's cold.
- You must wear a face covering in church. Please bring your own.
- The toilet is closed at all times, except for emergency use.
- As you enter church, a steward will greet you and ask you to sanitise your hands.
- A steward will direct you to an allocated seat. You cannot choose where to sit.
- Social distancing of 2 metres will be observed. Those living in the same household or sharing the same social bubble may sit together.
- Remain in your place once seated and refrain from talking to others.
- Singing during the Mass is not permitted. Mass sheets and books are not available.
- You are not allowed to enter the sacristy area, nor speak to the priest in the sacristy.
- The stewards will have a basket at the back of church for any offerings you wish to give.
- At Holy Communion, please follow the instructions given by the priest and the directions given by the stewards. Wait in your seat before you are asked to move forward.
- After you have received Holy Communion, you can return to your seat in the pews.
- After Mass has ended, the congregation departs in an orderly and distanced manner.
- Sanitise your hands as you exit.
- Refrain from talking and mingling with others outside the church.

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