

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

7 February 2021

Fifth Week in Ordinary Time



It is difficult to live in these days of isolation when everything about normal life has been changed and we need to find new ways to spend our time. There is fear all around us, fear about this illness affecting ourselves and those we love, fear of loneliness, fear that nothing will be the same again. Perhaps today's reading from Job, although not a pleasant read, will remind us that these things will pass, and the sun will shine again.

When these days pass into the memory what will remain? Will your relationships with your church, your community, your family and friends, become more precious? You may have been complacent about your faith: will your experiences change your attitude? How will the church adapt in a post covid world where even human contact may need to assume new rules: will "hands, face, space", become the new reality? Are you ready to do something positive, are you ready to change?

Paul writes about change, not of lifestyle but of attitude, he realises that he does not live for himself, he needs to become a "slave" of all. Such a difficult transition for one who lives an independent, self-sufficient life. Can we do the same? have we learned, through these difficult months, that we are no longer an island, sufficient to ourselves, that we must begin again to learn what community and the sacrifice of self really mean?

Jesus teaches us two very important lessons in today's gospel. Firstly, we need to be open to those around us, we need to consider our family and neighbours and seek to help them in their needs. Jesus does this by healing them, body, and soul, by giving them the dignity that their status as human beings deserve. We need to see how we can do the same. Secondly, we need to heal ourselves: we need to find that quiet place, within us, where we can be with our loving God. This will help us to find that strength and energy that we will need to rebuild our lives. When this isolation is over, we need to come together with all who share our hopes, our dreams, to build a more compassionate, caring, society and, with God's help, a church in which our children's children will grow and flourish. *David Frank*

Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office Week 1
Job 7: 1-7
1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23
Mark 1: 29-39

Sunday 7 February

9.30am Mass (SJ)
11am Mass (SB)

Monday 8 February - St Josephine Bakhita

7pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 9 February

9.30am Mass (SB)
1pm Private Requiem Mass for Rita Prendergast (SB)

Wednesday 10 February - St Scholastica

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 11 February

9.30am Mass (SB)
1pm Private Requiem Mass for John Durkin (SJ)

Friday 12 February

Churches Closed

Saturday 13 February

11am Exposition
11.30 Mass (SJ)

Sunday 14 February

9.30am Mass (SJ)
11am Mass (SB)

Thought for the Week



**In books we
seek God;
in prayer we
find him."**

*St Pio of
Pietrelcina*

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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: John Durkin, Angela Kidd, Shindo Maguire, Mike Foster, Rita McDonagh, Kathleen Roberts, Rita Prendergast, Capt Sir Tom Moore,

Anniversaries: Michael Hollingsworth, Kathleen Williamson, John & Mary Ellen Healey, Lewis Brown

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Angela Kidd, John Durkin, Michael Hollingsworth, Kathleen Williamson, Michael & Mary Egan & Families, John & Mary Ellen Healey, Rita Prendergast & members of the McDowell & Cryer families, Shindo Maguire, A Special Intention for a family, Lewis Brown

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

Let us pray for the parish of St Michael and St Bernadette, Whitefield, and for Canon Steven Parkinson, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools. As the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes approaches, may St Bernadette lead us to Mary and may Mary lead us to her Son Jesus

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. This week's Lord's Day at Home resource [can be found by clicking here.](#)

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita



Monday (8 February) is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita and is a Day of Prayer for the Victims of Trafficking. Caritas has a small team dedicated to raising

awareness of human trafficking in our local communities, supporting victims and working together with other agencies to combat this scourge. Please remember and pray for all victims of human trafficking during Holy Mass on Monday. Here is a link to a toolkit which you may also find useful and includes a prayer card.

<https://justiceformigrants.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Day-of-Prayer-Anti-Trafficking-Toolkit-2021-Final.pdf>

Holy Week Voices from the Holy Land: Poems and Reflections. This is a unique spiritual prayer resource with 15 contributors from the Holy Land drawn from across the main Christian denominations. It features prayers and resources to offer support for many people in this year's Lenten and Easter Journey. [The book can be found here](#)

Let Us Dream - Refugee Voices Event: Author Austen Ivereigh will join a panel of experts working with the refugee and asylum community on Monday 8 February (7pm - 8.30pm) to discuss Pope Francis's '*Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*' and its messages to everyone concerned about our neighbour and the need to 'welcome the stranger.' Here is a link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-path-to-a-better-future-tickets-137260565045>

In "Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future," Pope Francis reflects on the Covid-19 pandemic, the inequalities and cruelty in our world but also proclaims the kindness and generosity across the world that is the path to a better future for all. The evening will look at how we here in the UK are ready and willing to dream and work together for a better future for all especially the welcoming and resettlement of refugees.

Cathedral Children's Choir: Would your child like to try a new creative outlet? Are they a keen singer? Do they need a little help with their confidence? Following the successful debut of our children's choir at the cathedral over Christmas, we are recruiting new members. We are holding rehearsals (over Zoom) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 4 - 5pm. If you would like to find out more please email:

alex.patterson@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

CJM Six Month Intensive Course for Parish Musicians and Singers:

The frustration of not being able to sing at Mass is being keenly felt by many parish congregations and musicians during this pandemic. As yet, we do not know when we will be able to sing again and when we do, we will surely want to do so with great enthusiasm. With this in mind, the time may be right to consider how we can develop our music ministry skills so that we are prepared for when we are called upon once more to serve our communities. It is always good, however long we have been involved in any ministry, to take time to reflect on what we have been doing and seek ways to develop our repertoire and skills. CJM is offering us the opportunity to do that with a six-month intensive course (money back guarantee if you do not find the first month helpful). Full details can be found here:

<https://cjmmusic.mykajabi.com/parish-music-ministry-collective>

The Global Catholic Movement invites you to “Global Healing.”

In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si’*. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we are inviting you to join us for a series of reflective evenings, using the film-based resource *Global Healing*. These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis’ call to *Care for Our Common Home*. Suitable for all who are concerned about what is happening to our world and who want to take action.

When? Six Thursdays from 18 February - 25 March, (7.30pm - 8.30pm) or email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global.

“Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience...Truly, much can be done!” (Laudato Si’, 217, 180)

Altar Servers Retreat ‘Serving God and our neighbour in the everyday’:

Saturday 27 February 10am-12pm (Ages 8-11) and 1pm-3pm (Ages 12-17) - Servers aged 18 and over please email the address below. To register your place or for more information please go to: formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. An under 18’s videoconferencing consent form **must be downloaded from 44 here**, completed by parents/carers and returned to the above email address.

Talks from the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst

The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation: A free series of online talks at 7.30pm every second Thursday, up to 25 March. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

Set Free Summit: A set of six, online sessions to young adults on relationships and sexuality based on John Paul II’s teaching. At 4pm on Sundays from 7 February to 14 March. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/set-free>



200 CLUB: 200 club subscriptions will soon be due. The cost remains the same (£12 per number). Due to Covid 19 restrictions, it may be difficult for some to get their subscription to me, I have therefore given a few options.

1. Post/deliver to the Parish Office
2. Leave at the front of either church in the basket provided.
3. Contact me on 01204 302912/ 07528027295 to discuss alternative arrangements for collection. For options 1 and 2 please place your subscription and your details in an envelope F.A.O Ann Gracie. **All cheques made payable to Corpus Christi.** Many Thanks, Ann.

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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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