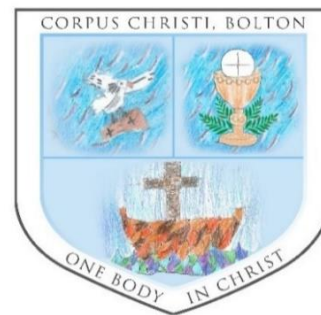


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**30 May 2021**

## The Most Holy Trinity



Can you remember when you first made the Sign of the Cross; for most of us it would have been a long time ago when we were infants. We may have been shown by our parents or copied an older brother or sister or perhaps we learnt to make the sign by a teacher at school. No

matter who our first teacher was, we should be eternally grateful to them, for this sign is the most powerful symbol that we will ever make.

When we invoke the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we claim for ourselves our dignity as followers of Christ, we name the God in whom we believe and who has named us in our Baptism. In some traditions the very movement from head to chest and to each shoulder indicates that we are opening ourselves to God who is in our head so we may understand, our hearts so we may know His love and on our shoulders upon which we take the heavy load that God gives us the strength to carry.

Today's readings speak to us of these gifts of understanding, love, and strength. In the first reading Moses speaks to the people about the Commandments of God; he urges them to understand and take to heart the Word of God present in His law. If we have the strength to keep his Law, then our reward is prosperity and long life for us and our children.

Paul speaks of the Father as "Abba" (Daddy) and urges us to live in harmony with the Holy Spirit. Through this we become children of God and coheirs with Christ.

Matthew's Gospel is a call to us to pass the Sacrament of Baptism to our children and our children's children. There can be no more precious gift than this sacrament. It is freely offered to all, no matter what the circumstances. Through the gifts, given to us at Baptism, we have become "sons and daughters of God". It is difficult for us to understand this concept, Baptism is not just a rite of passage into the Church; it is an opening of the gateway to everlasting life. **David Frank**

### Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1  
Divine Office Week 1  
Deuteronomy 4: 32.34, 39-40  
Romans 8: 14-17  
Matthew 28: 16-20

### Sunday 30 May - Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass (SJ) **The Most Holy Trinity**  
11am Mass (SB)

### Monday 31 May - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

10am Mass (SJ) - Bank Holiday Mary

### Tuesday 1 June - St Justin

9.30am Mass (SB)

### Wednesday 2 June

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)  
9.30am Mass (SJ)

### Thursday 3 June - St Charles Lwanga

9.30am Mass (SB)  
11am Private Requiem Mass for Barbara Pearl (SB)

### Friday 4 June

No Mass Today

### Saturday 5 June - St Boniface

11am Exposition & Adoration followed by  
Benediction (SJ)  
11.30am Mass (SJ)  
5pm Mass (SB)

### Sunday 6 June - The Most Holy Body & Blood of

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

### Weekly Eco Thought



In our Psalm we hear 'by his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and it came to be. He commanded; it sprang into being'. Our God is a Creator God. God has created all that is by his Word and by his Breath (the same word as Spirit). The Lord is God on earth as in heaven, as Moses proclaims in the First Reading. How can we care for God's creation which he has entrusted to us?

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## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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, Terence Gillett, Pat Margiotta, Mary Bagg, Vernon Holt, Peter Riley

**Lately Dead:** Jodie Settle, Veronica Holstead, Barbara Pearl

**Anniversaries:** William Grimes

*May They Rest in Peace*

**Mass Intentions:** Jean Pierre Bonnay, Barbara Pearl, William Grimes, Mary & Philip Marshall (Birthday Remembrances), Kathleen & Arnold Banks (60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary), Kevin Roberts, Margaret Debra Banks

**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, seafarers, human life

**Hope in the Future:** We pray for the parishioners of the parish of St Mary, Oswaldtwistle, and for Fr Sean O'Brien, their parish priest. We pray for Mount Carmel High School and for their three parish primary schools. Let us pray that they will respond to the Lord's call to 'go and make disciples.'

**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 they can be made through Salford Diocese website, or by setting up a bank standing order. Thank you

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

**Prayer Resource** - For those at home the Liturgy Office has prepared "*The Lord's Day at Home*", to pray on your own or with your family. **30th of May LDAH**

**Barbara Pearl Private Requiem:** Barbara's funeral takes place at St Brendan's on Thursday 3 June at 11am. For those that wish, there is the ability to watch online. The link details are: <https://youtu.be/eVZ60WucUsg>.

**Walsingham's May Rosary Hour:** For the Diocese of Salford is this Sunday at 1pm-2pm. All are welcome <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/event/shrine-to-launch-rosary-stronghold-mission/>

**40 Hours of Devotion:** The parish of St Margaret Citherow will be holding Quarant' Ore Devotions at Sacred Heart Church on the week of the 8<sup>th</sup> June. To find out more please visit: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/40-hours-devotion/>

**A Cardinal Bea Event: Toward a Teaching of Respect** - 2 June, 4.30-6.30pm via Zoom  
Dr Mary Boys is joined in conversation by Archbishop Donald Bolen and Rabbi Jeremy Parnes. The event will explore how Christians might develop a "teaching of respect" for Jews and Judaism. To sign up, please email: [sionentrefordialogue@gmail.com](mailto:sionentrefordialogue@gmail.com)

**The Loreto Centre - Online Llandudno Summer School (July):** Living Theology takes place in various places across the country every year. The courses continue to provide opportunities for Christians to deepen their understanding of their faith, and develop their personal reflection on Christian living and belief.

[For more information on a poster please click here.](#)

**Ignatian Year 2021 - 2022:** This year is the Ignatian Year. This should first, and above all, be an opportunity for an *experience*. Through all the events and projects developed during this year, we want to invite people to live an experience of conversion. Resources are available from Jesuits in Britain at: <https://pathwaystogod.org> and from the Jesuits in North America at: <https://www.jesuits.org/spirituality/ignatian-year/>

**The God who Speaks through Mark:**

**2 June** - *The Humanity of Jesus in Mark*

**9 June** - *The Disciples in Mark*

**16 June** - *The Little People in Mark*

Each presentation will be from 7-8pm. Please email [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Christian Heritage Centre Event - Faith & Reason A Catholic Integration (5-8 August):** A short, residential course helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, and anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of the Faith.

For more information

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

or [bookings@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:bookings@christianheritagecentre.com)

### Oberammergau Passion Play

The Parish visit to Oberammergau has been rescheduled and will now take place 15-22 June 2022. Our visit to Oberammergau is combined with time among the lakes and majestic mountains of Austria. A few places remain. If you are interested, additional information and booking forms are available from Mary Cropper (01204 596439) and Ann Gracie (01204 302912)

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