

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

6 June 2021

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



The Bread of Life, broken for me, is held, in a sacred vessel, in the hands of our priest.

He has received this precious wafer of bread through the miracle of God's love, and consecrated on God's altar.

Freely given, Our Lord sacrificed His body, poured forth His blood, so that this everlasting covenant could be given to all who believe in Him.

We cannot deny this precious gift to those who yearn for the food of heaven; nothing can separate us from God's love and His gift of the Eucharist.

We join, countless millions who, through the passage of time, have processed to God's table and received this gift. May it always be so.

Long ago, in the desert, God spoke to Moses and gave him His commandments, they were simple instructions on how to live within the love of God. When you read them today, they speak of a wild, uncivilised people, given something precious on which to build a better life for themselves and their children's children. They convey to us a message; keep within these ten simple laws and you will find true peace. The Book of Exodus tells us that the people said, with one voice, "We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed"; the covenant was sealed in, what we would consider great cruelty today, the burning of the bodies of bullocks and the shedding of their blood.

We have lived through a desert experience; these last fifteen months have seen long periods of isolation from human contact and great fear and dread among the people. During this time, alleviated for some by the wonders of modern technology, there have been long periods when we could not receive the Eucharist, indeed for some, cocooned in hospital, in care homes, and in their own homes, this period must seem never ending. Their only consolation is the sense of knowing that God will never isolate from His people, He is always there, waiting for the voice of prayer, and that humankind, inspired by God, has the ingenuity to find ways of alleviating the power of the epidemic. Through these long months the people of God, for all humanity are God's children, have sought to help those in need, have offered consolation to those who grieve and worked, tirelessly, in our hospitals to keep the flame of life alive. Someday soon we will once again have the joy of taking the Eucharist to all who long for its blessings, and the words of Christ will echo again in our hearts. **David Frank**

Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1

Divine Office Week 2

Exodus 24: 3-8

Hebrews 9: 11-15

Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

Sunday 6 June - Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven", says the Lord

"Anyone who eats this bread will live forever".

Monday 7 June

11.30am Private Requiem for Jodie Settle (SB)

7pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 8 June

9.30am Mass (SB)

1.30pm Private Funeral for David Badley (Tonge Cemetery)

Wednesday 9 June

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 10 June

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 11 June - *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

No Mass Today

Saturday 12 June - *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

11am Exposition & Adoration followed by Benediction (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 13 June

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (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: 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, David Badley, Frank Murphy, Christopher Moore, Alice Cowley, Harriet Proud

Anniversaries: Patrick O'Donnell, Bill Owen
May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Frank Murphy, Patrick O'Donnell, Barbara Pearl, Christopher Moore, Bill Owen, Alice Cowley, Harriet Proud

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: Let us pray for the parish of St John Paul II, Padiham, and for Fr Allan Swift, their parish priest. We pray for their three parish primary schools and St Joseph's Park Hill School, together with the Sisters of Mercy and those resident in McAuley Mount. We pray that the Eucharist may be the Source and Summit of their parish life.

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. [LDAH](#)

Newsletter: As we have been having a couple of problems with our email system, we were unable to send out our newsletter last week. To avoid this happening again, we are going to publish the newsletter on our recently upgraded website: www.sbsj.org.uk.

The newsletter can be found under the "News" heading on the top menu.

I hope you are all keeping well and look forward to seeing you at Mass, thank you for supporting our Parish. With every blessing, *Fr Alf*

Destitution Project: We are appealing for the usual food items for the Destitution Project. Everything you have donated in the past really does make a difference. Thank you.

40 Hours of Devotion: The parish of St Margaret Citherow will be holding Quarant' Ore Devotions at Sacred Heart Church - week of the 8 June. please visit:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/40-hours-devotion/>

Caritas Refugee Week Webinar: Caritas, with support from Social, is pleased to be hosting their next webinar: *Towards An Ever Wider "We"* on Tuesday 15 June, 6.30pm to 7.30pm, during this year's International Refugee Week. The webinar takes its title from the published theme chosen by Pope Francis in advance of the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday 26 September. Responding to the undignified and often unjust process which refugees and asylum seekers currently face from the time of their arrival in the UK, Caritas invites you to be part of a facilitated panel event on the current realities and our practical response. The webinar will include a presentation about how the social teaching of the Catholic Church can lead us to advocate for a future of justice and peace, accelerating the process of working Towards An Ever Wider "We", envisioned by Pope Francis. Caritas hopes that this webinar will form part of an ongoing dialogue and encourage dynamic collaboration and solidarity, to significantly improve the experience of those who come to the UK seeking to continue their lives in sanctuary and ensuring that no one is left behind.

[Please register for the event here](#)

The Loreto Centre - Online Llandudno Summer School (July):

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

Ignatian Year 2021 - 2022: This year is the Ignatian Year. This is an opportunity for an *experience*. Through all the events developed during this year, we want to invite people to live an experience of conversion. Resources are available 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:

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

Christian Heritage Centre Event - Faith & Reason A Catholic Integration (5-8 August): A short, residential course. For more information <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/> or bookings@christianheritagecentre.com

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