

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

13 June 2021

Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time



In this, perhaps the most extraordinary of years, we now move into the period of Ordinary Time. I always find this period provides the cement that the named periods, the bricks of our lives, Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, rely upon for a strong wall to our spiritual home, the church. This time, however, is far from ordinary; if we listen carefully, the stories of the people and the ideas expressed over this period have the power to reshape our lives, to transform us into God's chosen people.

Our homes are our shelters, the places in which the domestic church can flourish. We sometimes look upon our homes as "ordinary places", they contain familiar rooms, filled with family life and all the memories we have built during the years. They are also the places we return to each day, places where we can be ourselves, always filled with our hopes and dreams, even if we leave for a long time, home is always there, waiting for our return. Like ordinary time, our homes are full of the people we want to be and the people that we have encountered on the road of life. Our true home is described in the passage from Paul, He urges us to "make our home with the Lord" he reminds us that our faith should give us confidence that we are following Christ, for we are "going, as we do, by faith and not by sight"; we believe in something we cannot see, and we trust in a love that we know is there but we cannot touch.

Our readings remind us that the natural cycle of birth, growth and harvest is all around us. We see it in the countryside, in the wild places, the valleys and hills, but we also see this movement in the field of our life. We too, are born, grow and come to the harvest; the image of the Cedar is one that truly represents our achievements, whether they be great or small. We must always remember that even the mighty cedar was once a small seed scattered into whatever soil was there and, with God's help, it, like our faith, can grow into a mighty tree. **David Frank**

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Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office Week 3
Ezekiel 17: 22-24
2 Corinthians 5: 6-10
Mark 4: 26-34

Sunday 13 June - Climate Sunday

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

For more information about Climate Sunday, please see back page.



Monday 14 June - The Dedication of the Cathedral

7pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 15 June

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 16 June

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 17 June

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 18 June

No Mass Today

Saturday 19 June

11am Exposition & Adoration followed by Benediction (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

Special Collection for

Sunday 20 June

The Day for Life

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Eco Thought of the Week



A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know.

Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

How can we celebrate the beauty and creativity of nature and resolve to play our part in God's ongoing creation?



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, David Badley, Frank Murphy, Christopher Moore, Alice Cowley, Harriet Proud

Anniversaries: John Crowley, Georgette Kosecki
May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Winne Heyes (Birthday Remembrance), John Crowley, Teresa Smith (80th Birthday), In memory of Margaret Gibson, Jeff Howarth (Golden Anniversary Remembrance), Georgette Kosecki, A sick person

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 St James the Less, Rawtenstall, and for Canon Anthony McBride, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for All Saints High School. May they plant seeds of faith within people's hearts and allow the faith within their own hearts to grow.

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](#)

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, so if you are interested in the trip, additional information and booking forms are available from Mary Cropper (01204 596439) and Ann Gracie (01204 302912)



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.

Climate Sunday: A Special Mass for the Care of Creation: On Pentecost Sunday the Bishops of England and Wales published a Pastoral Letter to be read at Mass throughout England and Wales. In Scotland their Bishops also published a Pastoral Letter. Both letters stressed our common calling to care for God's creation.

Our own Bishops wrote that: "Our world, God's creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation." They go on to say: "We all have a part to play, each and every one of us, in the routines, choices and decisions of our everyday lives and our aspirations for the future. The actions of parishes, families, schools, and individuals will have a significant impact on our efforts to restore our common home. There are now many resources, freely available, to advise us on our choice of food, saving of water and electricity, suggestions about travel, waste, and re-use. These are measures that everyone can employ, in some degree, with minimal inconvenience and change. They are effective ways in which we can each reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation."

SVP Sponsored Walk: Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) has been holding sponsored walks for many years. The money raised is used to support vulnerable and needy families in our parish over the Christmas period.

This year we are asking participants to take the time to walk around the Entwistle, Wayoh or Jumbles reservoirs sometime during the month of July. This could be done on your own or as part of a group. It would be lovely to see some families joining the walk. Last year we received over £3,500 in donations! Please support this fundraiser by walking, sharing and/or donating. You can still donate in person if you prefer to your local church. A crowdfunding page has been set up for any donations:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/svp-walk-2021>



Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia, for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide and for continuing to keep them all in your prayers.

The Common Good Events: There is a new series of four events exploring the common good. The events are a collaboration between the Benedict XVI Centre at St Mary's University, Twickenham; Together for the Common Good; Caritas Social Action Network; and the Centre for Social Justice. They are kindly supported by the CCLA. The first event will be on the subject of **"The Common Good: What does it mean?"** Philip Booth, Sam Bruce and Jenny Sinclair will be in conversation with Professor Ruth Kelly. It will be held at **6.30-8pm, Tuesday 15 June 2021**, online via zoom. For more information about the first event, [please click here](#).

The Green Church Showcase: The Green Church Showcase is looking for inspiring church initiatives to protect and preserve the planet. The Showcase builds on earlier successful collaborations: the Green Church Awards and the Green Health Awards. We are inviting churches, church schools, dioceses, and Christian groups of any denomination to submit details of work that they have undertaken to combat climate change, protect nature, and involve their communities in making changes.

The details of the event include:
Launch: 4 June

Closing date for entries: Wed 21 July

Judging w/b: Mon 26 July

Creation of videos, booklet, and dossiers: August-October

Launch event and publication: w/b 1 November

[Click here to visit the Church Times website for more information.](#)

Salford Interfaith Forum: Faith in the Environment: Salford interfaith forum is running an event on zoom. Faith in the Environment is an online conference examining the response of faith communities to the climate crisis, the event will take place on Wednesday, 23 June (6.30-8pm). Bishop John will be speaking at the event alongside, Andrea Passe from Eco Synagogue and the Board of Deputies and Zahid Hussain a Manchester City Councillor and Community Activist. [Click here for more information.](#)

[To book a place for the event, please click here](#)

Greater Manchester Churches Together Job Vacancy: GMCT are recruiting for a Churches Together Facilitator. The main purpose of the role is to facilitate and support the churches of Greater Manchester in their relationships with one another and in their wider mission in the world. [Click here for the job description.](#)

Click here for the [application form](#), and the [person specification document](#).

Caritas Job Vacancy: Caritas is looking to hire a bank counsellor to provide a counselling and family support service in schools across the Diocese of Salford according to each school's formal agreement. The position will require working with pupils referred to the Caritas Schools' Service on a variety of issues, providing a non-judgmental, caring and confidential environment for them to work through their problems and difficulties. [For more information on the position, please click here.](#)

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](#)



200 Club Winners for June:

£50 H Day (170)

£25 D Whyte (120)

The God who Speaks through 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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What is Climate Sunday?

The Climate Sunday initiative is calling on all local churches across Great Britain & Ireland to hold a climate-focused service on any Sunday before COP26 (November 2021). So far over 1,000 churches have joined in, could your church add its voice this year?

Our vision is to leave a lasting legacy of thousands of churches better equipped to address this critical issue as part of their discipleship and mission and to make a significant contribution to civil society efforts to secure adequate national and international action at COP26.

The collective action and commitments from local churches across Great Britain & Ireland will be presented to UK Government at a Nations Climate Sunday Service in Glasgow on Sunday 5th September 2021. Further details about this event will be published shortly.

*May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away
the joy of our hope.*

Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 244

Pray: God of all creation, your goodness and glory shine forth through everything you have made. Through the light of faith, help us to see this world, our common home, not as a resource to dominate and exploit, but as a gift to be cherished by all generations. Prompted by your Spirit, we ask this in the name of Jesus, through whom all creation was made. Amen.

Some useful Links:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/Global-green-recovery-2021>

<https://www.climatesunday.org/>

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/>

<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/>