

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

27 June 2021

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

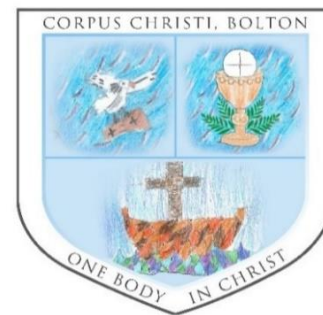
One of the features of Ordinary Time is the extraordinary people we meet in the Gospels and how their stories touch us in a way that seems almost unbelievable. Over the coming week's we will find ourselves listening to stories about our very basic fears and how our life journey seems to resonate in the stories of the people who were present when Jesus walked in our world. They are a reminder to us that there really is nothing new, situations which we find ourselves in, of illness, of doubt, of lack of confidence, these are all places where Jesus waits for us to say "Lord, I need your help, today".

The Gospel begins with a synagogue official called Jarius. His daughter is desperately ill and he falls at the feet of Jesus and begs for help. Being an official, he would have been well known in his community. He would have heard of Jesus and of His healing power, but he would also have been aware that this man, this healer, was held in some suspicion by the leaders of the community. A man, of whom, it was unwise to be close to. We have all been in desperate situations and we all know that sometimes the only help is prayer, and I am sure Jarius must have prayed long and hard before approaching Jesus. When they arrived at the home of Jarius they were greeted with the news that the girl had died. All around was commotion and grief. Jesus dismissed the crowd and, taking the girl's parents and his disciples, he went to the girl and raised her from her deathbed. Giving her the gift of life

There are many things in this life beyond our understanding. Jesus has taught us that, if we have faith, then nothing is beyond us. His miracles of healing remind us that we only need to turn to Him, with faith, and He will help. Sometimes our prayer ends in failure, we cannot always save the ones we love, but we take heart in the belief that Jesus will give us the power to find peace in our suffering and that our loved ones will be held by Him, close to His Sacred Heart. **David Frank**

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Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office Week 1
Wisdom 1:13-15; 2: 23-24
2 Corinthians 8: 7. 9. 13-15
Mark 5:21-43

Sunday 27 June

9.30am Mass (SJ)
11am Mass (SB)
1.30pm Baptism (SB)
A Special Collection for Peter's Pence

Monday 28 June - St Irenaeus

7.30pm Mass (SJ) - *Vigil Mass for Ss Peter & Paul*

Tuesday 29 June - Ss Peter & Paul

9.30am Mass (SB)
10.30am Funeral Service for Elizabeth Riley (SB)

Wednesday 30 June

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

Thursday 1 July

9.15am Mass (SB) *(Please note time change for this week only)*

Friday 2 July

No Mass Today

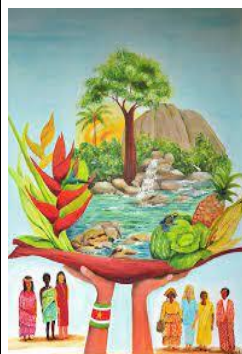
Saturday 3 July - St Thomas

11am Exposition & Adoration followed by Benediction (SJ)
11.30am Mass (SJ)
12.30pm Baptism (SJ)
5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 4 July

9.30am Mass (SJ)
11am Mass (SB)
12.30pm Baptism (SB)

Eco Thought of the Week



The Old Testament Book of Wisdom addresses us with these inspiring words today:
Death was not God's doing;
He takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.
To be – for this he created all;
The world's created things have health in them,
In them no fatal poison can be found.

How can we value the health which is found in the world's created things and ensure their benefit for future generations? How can we keep 'fatal poisons' of discarded plastics and emissions and other pollutants from our lands and our seas and our skies?

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, Frances Skemp

Lately Dead: Angela Kelly, Michael Watson, Paddy Ruddy, Michael Creswell, Elizabeth Riley

Anniversaries: Geoffrey Bradshaw, Nora Taylor (100th Anniversary), Robert Christopher Scott (1st Anniversary), Mark O'Brien, Bridget McDonagh (1st Anniversary)

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Michael Watson, Geoffrey Bradshaw, Nora Taylor, Robert Christopher Scott, Angela Kelly, The O'Connor Family, Someone in hospital, Mark O'Brien, Bridget McDonagh

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 people of the parish of St Mary and St Anselm, Whitworth and Bacup, and for Fr Christopher McGrane, their parish priest, together with their parish primary schools. May they rejoice as children of light who share in the Lord's victory over death

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](#)



Congratulations: To the children who received their First Holy Communion last week. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Please pray for the children of St John's and St Columba's who will be taking part in this great sacrament in the week ahead.



Peter's Pence: This weekend, at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses, there will be a **second collection for Peter's Pence**, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Please take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Thank you for your generosity.



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>



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.



Notice for all Harbour Room Book Club Members: Please pencil in your diaries: Wednesday 14 July, 1pm in the Harbour Room for a get-together to assess where we are and future plans. This meeting will take place (hopefully) outside on the lawn using the chairs available. Bottled water will be provided and disposable cups. Schedules for the next season will also be available. This get-together is subject to Government plans and last-minute cancellation if something urgent arises (Funeral etc). Please pass the word around if you know someone who does not have access to the newsletter. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Madeleine

Retreat for Married Couples: The organisers of the online prayer resource *Pray As You Go*, in partnership with the Westminster Diocese's Marriage and Family Life Team, offer an Audio Retreat for Married Couples. It uses as its base ingredients: scripture, the Ignatian tradition and other Christian insights to provide a simple recipe, which you can then enjoy blending together to make a tasty, exciting and balanced meal to feed your marriage. Further information can be found here

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)

Laudato Si Focus Group: As part of the Diocese of Salford's work to establish the Laudato Si centre, we are conducting research to hear the opinions of the local community. The purpose of this is to ask if you would like to take part in a focus group to better guide our plans, we are asking because it is important to understand how local parishes can work with us to respond and educate about the climate crisis. [Please click here to sign up](#)

Caring for our Common Home: Thank you for your help to date, we need your help further: Thank you to all our parishes that have been taking action to care for our common home. We would like your help on another opportunity. We are exploring funding opportunities for tree planting, solar panels and electric vehicle charging across the Diocese. To help we would like to collate expressions of interest, which we will then review alongside any funding opportunities. We would like to ask a nominated individual to complete an online form per church in each parish by the end of June. The form can be accessed [here](#).

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The Diocese of Salford is Recruiting for Two New Roles at the Cathedral Centre:

Communication and Marketing Officer (Cathedral).

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the Diocese of Salford as a Communications and Marketing Officer to work with the Communications Manager and Cathedral Dean. This role will be key in supporting the Cathedral to tell its story, past, present & future in a busy, dynamic environment. The successful candidate will be responsible for delivering a variety of multimedia communications to assist the Cathedral team in raising awareness of the Cathedral among external audiences while encouraging greater engagement with the Cathedral Community. As a member of the Diocesan Communications Office, the incumbent will also play a part in supporting the team's work around the diocese, its projects, and parishes.

Cathedral Campus Estate & Facilities Manager.

The Diocese of Salford are seeking to recruit a suitability qualified individual to provide leadership and oversee all facilities management aspects of the Cathedral Campus to develop and sustain excellence in all areas. The Cathedral, Cathedral House and Cathedral Centre are of great significance to the Church in Salford and this role will be responsible for delivering the highest standards of safety, hygiene, hospitality and service across this diverse setting through effective facilities management.

Closing date for both applications: 12 noon on Friday 16th July 2021.

For more information and application packs, [please visit the website here](#).

The Feast of Ss Peter and Paul



On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Ss Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion. Yet despite

his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world.

In a sermon in the year 395, St Augustine of Hippo said of Ss Peter and Paul *"Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so, we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."*