

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

4 July 2021


Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time

It is very difficult to write about the human life of Jesus of Nazareth. We put Him, quite rightly, on a pedestal, high above the crowd of humanity, yet we must not forget he was human, as well as divine, he experienced all the human emotions as we do. Today Jesus goes to his own folk, the people who he grew up with, those who knew him as the Carpenter's son, the one who took on his father's role in the workshop. They must have heard the gossip and the stories about him, of what Jesus was getting up to, so, when Jesus appeared in their midst he would have been greeted with both joy and scepticism. How could one of their village boys have grown up into this man, this healer, this miracle worker?

Today we hear of two other men, common everyday men, of no great rank or celebrity. Both called to do extraordinary things for God. Ezekiel is a prophet, a man chosen to speak to the exiled children of Israel, to bring them back from slavery to pagan kings, to call them to repentance and to return to the God of Israel. His message will not be received with widespread rejoicing. It is a difficult thing to admit one's faults and beg forgiveness. Many prophets were rejected by the people to whom they were sent. Paul was called to carry the word of God to the pagan peoples. He found resistance on all sides. There were a great number of pagan gods, symbols of power and superstition: to the rulers of these people any form of compassion was seen as weakness and rewarded by slavery: the very idea of a "Crucified Christ" was anathema. Yet Paul endures, his power is at its best in weakness, "For it is when I am weak that I am strong".

We cannot imagine how Jesus felt, standing in his village synagogue, looking at a sea of familiar faces and seeing, not welcome smiles but doubting looks, not acceptance but rejection, not love but hatred and indifference. He will have looked for faith but found a complete lack of belief. In our lives, as we try to live in Christ's light, we too face a spirit of hostility and ignorance. We too are called to go into this world and, no matter how great our achievements, we are judged by what we believe in. We stand with Christ. He is our hope and our strength, His love will carry us through the storms that surround us, all we need is a little faith. **David Frank**



Activities this Week	
<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1</i> <i>Divine Office Week 2</i> Ezekiel 2: 2-5; 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10; Mark 6:1-6	
Sunday 4 July 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)	
Monday 5 July 7pm Mass (SJ)	
Tuesday 6 July 9.30am Mass (SB)	
Wednesday 7 July 9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday 8 July 9.30am Mass (SB)	
Friday 9 July No Mass Today	
Saturday 10 July 11am Exposition & Adoration followed by Benediction (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) 12.30pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB) <i>A Special Collection for</i>	
Sunday 11 July <i>Apostleship of the Sea</i> 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)	
	Eco Thought of the Week Each week the Eucharistic Prayer begins with one of a number of Prefaces. In Ordinary Time one such Preface prays: "You have laid the foundations of the world and have arranged the changing of times and seasons; You formed man in your own image and set humanity over the whole world in all its wonder, to rule in your name over all you have made and forever praise you in your mighty works, through Christ our Lord." <i>How have succeeding generations exercised that 'rule' over all creation? How will we do so?</i>

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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, Frances Skemp

Lately Dead: Gordon Cain, Colin Stiff, Francis McGovern, Helga Healey, Anne Connolly, Angela Kelly, Michael Watson, Elizabeth Riley

Anniversaries: Marie Corner, James Crowther, Richard Gardner Hopkinson, Josephine Westley
May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: James Crowther, Colin Stiff, A 60th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance, Richard Gardner Hopkinson, Francis McGovern, Helga Healey, Josephine Westley, Anne Connolly

As there is no newsletter next week any Mass Intentions will be included thereafter

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 people of the parish of the Good Samaritan, Burnley, together with their parish priest, Fr David Featherstone, Fr Damien Loudon and Fr Emmanuel Ugwuoke, CM. We pray for the Blessed Trinity High School and for their three parish primary schools. We pray for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph and for the Burnley General Hospital. Let us pray that they may know the power of God, especially in human weakness.

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](#)



Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of

the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. For an appeal talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit:

<https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday/>

To donate and for more information, please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

Urban Outreach: Dear Friends, well what a strange school year it's been! That said, it will soon be coming to an end and we will once again find ourselves trying to bridge the hunger gap for those children that would normally receive free school meals. For that reason, we are bringing back Bolton Lunches for 2021 and will be looking for volunteers to help with the pack and sandwich making. If you feel that you could help, please do contact the office on 01204 385848 or email admin@urbanoutreach.co.uk to add your name to the volunteer list. Please feel free to pass this email on to people in your congregations. We're looking forward to seeing you all again. *Your friends at Urban Outreach (Bolton)*



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.



Congratulation: To Benjamin Thomas Woods who was Baptised at St John's Church last Saturday. May he and his family continue to grow in faith.



Congratulations: Now over 70 of our year 4 children have managed to make their first Holy Communion, leaving just a handful left who were previously isolating. We keep them all in our prayers and pray that they have a deeper relationship with Our Lord in their faith journey as they move towards their Confirmation.



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). Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Madeleine

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](#).

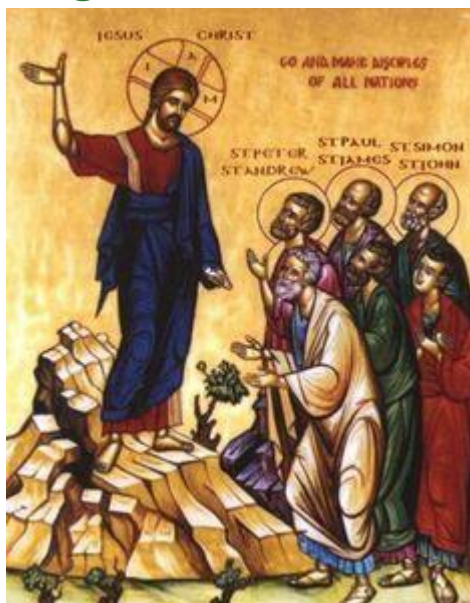
Oberammergau Passion Play

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)

11 July 2021

Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

"He began to send them out."



Again, it is prophecy that is our theme. Here, we concentrate on the sending of prophets, the entrusting of the mission to them, and most importantly the necessary qualifications to be a prophet. The only qualification necessary is an open ear, to hear the mandate from God. We see this in Amos, the simple shepherd, and in the Twelve, called by Jesus from their humble occupations, which no one would have thought qualified them to speak on 'religious' themes. As last week, the possibility of rejection and failure is quite explicitly treated - Jesus instructs the Apostles in what to do if they are ignored. When the Gospel simply states, "So they set off to preach repentance..." we can imagine all that was in their minds and hearts as they did so. They had heard the call of Jesus, and allowed it into their hearts: this was all they needed to go out and speak his words.

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<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1</i> <i>Divine Office Week 3</i> Amos 7:12-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:7-13	
Sunday 11 July	9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) A Special Collection for Apostleship of the Sea will be held today
Monday 12 July	7pm Mass (SJ)
Tuesday 13 July	9.30am Mass (SB)
Wednesday 14 July	9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 9.30am Mass (SJ)
Thursday 15 July - St Bonaventure	9.30am Mass (SB)
Friday 16 July - Our Lady of Mount Carmel	No Mass Today (Principle Patron of the Diocese of Salford)
Saturday 17 July	11am Exposition & Adoration followed by Benediction (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) 12.30pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB)
Sunday 18 July	9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) 12.15pm Baptism (SB)

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