

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**18 July 2021**

## Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time



A shepherd is one who cares for his flock, one who will protect the sheep and lead them to rich pastures. He cares for each individual and keeps a special eye on the weak, the sick, the excluded, and those who go astray. The sheep know him and listen for his voice. He builds a sheepfold where they may rest in safety. He stands against those who would harm his sheep and is prepared to lay down his own life for them.

Throughout the history of the People of God shepherds have been at work. Some whose names we know; Abraham, Moses, David, some whose work goes unnoticed by the world but whose names live within a particular community, at a particular time. The church needs good shepherds, leaders who will care for the people of God; who will lead them and keep them, nourish their talents, enable their gifts. The world of Jeremiah in the first reading is calling out for good shepherds. God recognises that the people are scattered and wandering away from Him. He promises them shepherds who will look after them and pasture them, free them from fear so that none will be lost. Paul speaks to us about those who were far apart but who have been brought very close by the blood of Christ. Paul's mission was to reconcile Jews and gentiles and bring them all into the flock that is God's church. To create a sheepfold which would be a symbol of the peace of Christ. That sheepfold is the church and we are the united flock of Christ. Jesus is training his shepherds; he has sent them out in pairs into the world and now they return to him rejoicing in their successful mission. He recognises the work they have done and that they are tired and in need of rest. There is a balance to be struck between the needs of the sheep and the needs of the shepherds; he urges his disciples to find a quiet place where they can rest and find time to pray. In our world today there is a growing demand for shepherds. Our church is changing and there are fewer priests to lead the flock, we, the laity, need to help with the leadership of our communities. We are being called to become shepherds for our people in our day. There will be a need for us to balance the needs of our communities, our families and ourselves; to enter into partnership with our priests and deacons and ensure that the needs of the flock are met with compassion, understanding and love. **David Frank**

### Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1  
Divine Office Week 4*

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

#### Sunday 18 July

9.30am Mass (SJ)  
11am Mass (SB)  
12.15pm Baptism (SB)

#### Monday 19 July

1.30pm Yr 6 Leavers' Mass for St Columba's (SB)  
7pm Mass (SJ)

#### Tuesday 20 July

9.30am Mass (SB)  
2pm Funeral Service for Gordon Cain (SJ)

#### Wednesday 21 July

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

#### Thursday 22 July - St Mary Magdalen

9.30am Mass (SB)  
11am Year 6 Leavers' Mass for St Brendan's (SB)  
4pm Funeral Service for Joyce Stephens (Overdale)

#### Friday 23 July - St Bridget of Sweden

9.15am Year 6 Leavers' Mass for St John's (SJ)

#### Saturday 24 July

11.30am Mass (SJ)  
5pm Mass (SB)

#### Sunday 25 July

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

### Eco Thought of the Week



In today's Gospel, Jesus took the apostles to a lonely place to rest for a while

*Might we find time and space in these weeks to rest for a while and enjoy the beauty of God's gift of creation?*

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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, 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, Helga Healey, Denis McGreavy, Joyce Kennedy, Norah Walton, Anne Hurst, James Waters, Roland Wallbank, Sherine Murray, Joyce Stephens

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Healey, Jeff Howarth, Lucy Hesford, Michael Hayes, Eileen Dearden, Francis Xavier Price

**May They Rest in Peace**

**Mass Intentions:** Joseph Healey, Helga Healey, Denis McGreavy, Christine & Chris Molyneux (Golden Wedding Anniversary), Joyce Kennedy, Norah Walton (née Ellis), Deceased members of the McGarry & Stone families, Anne Hurst, James Waters, Jeff Howarth, Gordon Cain, For a successful operation, Lucy Hesford, Michael Hayes, Roland Wallbank, A Special Intention for Gerard & Caroline Rawlinson, Eileen Dearden, Sherine Murray, Francis Xavier Price

**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, this week, for the parish of Christ the Redeemer, Bolton, its parishioners and Fr Morrough O'Brien, their parish priest and Rural Dean. We pray for their three parish primary schools. May the Lord raise up shepherds from amongst them to serve the People of God, as priests, deacons and lay 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 [LDAH](#)



**Congratulations:** To all the children who have now made their first Holy Communion (only a couple of isolators to go); and we congratulate those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. We keep them all in our prayers. Can we also thank Thornleigh for their help in catechising candidates for Confirmation and their assistance in helping transport children from St Columba's to get to their Leavers' Mass.



**Golden Wedding Congratulations:** To Christine and Chris Molyneux who are celebrating 50 years of marriage this weekend. We send our prayers and best wishes to them both.

## A Note from Fr Alf

Today (18th July) is the seventh anniversary of my ordination at St John the Evangelist cathedral, Salford.

I give thanks to God for my vocation and support I have received from parishioners since my ordination especially I remember those who nurtured my Catholic faith, by word, deed and example, especially my late parents Alan and Maisie - May they rest in peace.

Next week I am away from Friday 23rd July for a week - I will publish neighbouring parishes weekday Masses. We welcome Fr David back to celebrate our weekend Masses. Catherine will be in the office on Tuesday-Thursday (9am-12noon) to help with any queries.

**Lifting of Restrictions:** We are now journeying towards the end of Covid restrictions. Could I take this opportunity to thank the kind generosity of our steward volunteers who have allowed us to continue to function. They have kindly offered their time and energy to keep us all safe, so that the sacrifice of Mass, requiems and baptisms could proceed. Without their kindness and commitment, we could not continue to serve our parish community. As soon as we receive any new guidance from the Diocese these will be published. *With every blessing Fr Alf*

**Stella Maris:** Thank you to parishioners for their donations. Please visit:

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

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**Congratulation:** To Tommy Bridge who was Baptised at St John's Church on Saturday 3 July and to Guy Martin Citarella who was baptised at St John's on Saturday 10 July. May they and their families continue to grow in faith.



**SVP Sponsored Walk:** Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) have 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. 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. We have had a message from the Destitution Project *“Thank you so much for such a generous donation from all your parishioners. We really appreciate their gifts and support.”*

They have also asked if we would be able to help with the following list of shortages: 1 litre cartons of orange or apple juice, cartons of WHOLE milk, Tins of sardines - preferably in oil, tins of fruit (they are almost out of these) - mango, pineapple and mandarin oranges are firm favourites but fruit cocktail also popular, packets of biscuits, boxes of tissues. Thank you, again, for all your kindness!

**Caritas Salford - ‘Business Buddies’ for Refugees:** Caritas Salford has teamed up with TERN (The Entrepreneurial Refugee Network) and Ben & Jerry’s (the well-known ice cream manufacturer) to launch the *Ice Academy* for the first time in Manchester. This is a project to support refugees in developing business ideas and starting their own business in Greater Manchester by connecting them to experts, programmes and support they need to move forward. Caritas is searching for 15 volunteer ‘business buddies’ interested in social innovation and with some business/public sector experience or a professional services background. You will offer your expertise, guidance and advice as our entrepreneurs develop and test their business ideas. For more information and to express an interest, please contact Amir by email at [a.raki@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:a.raki@caritassalford.org.uk) or call/text to 07477 926517. You can also register your interest [here](#)

## Salford Cathedral’s Choral Family

Following a period of restructuring and reauditions, Salford Cathedral now offers a range of opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to sing:

**Children’s Choir** - for ages 7-12. Rehearsals Tuesdays & Wednesdays (4.15pm-5.30pm) in Cathedral House (no auditions)

**Youth Choir** - for ages 12-18. Rehearsals Tuesdays (5.45pm-6.45pm) in Cathedral House (no auditions)

**Music Group** - for singers and instrumentalists of all ages and abilities. Rehearsals at 8.40am for the 9.15am Mass on Sundays (no auditions)

**Voluntary Choir** - for adults of all abilities who enjoy singing in a mixed-voice choir. Rehearsals at 4.30pm for the 5.30pm Mass on Sundays (informal audition)

**Cathedral Choir** - for experienced choral singers with good sight-reading skills. Rehearsals Thursdays (7.30pm-9pm) and 10am for the 11am Mass on Sundays (formal audition)

**Choral Scholarships** - worth up to £1,200 for students ages 18+ in full time education. Rehearsals as for the Cathedral Choir and also for 5pm Vespers on Thursdays (formal audition) For more information please get in touch with the Director of Music, Alex Patterson,

[alex.patterson@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:alex.patterson@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or 0161 817 2210.

**Caritas Bishop's Fund:** Caritas is pleased to offer the Caritas Bishop’s Fund to parishes and schools to provide immediate support to families or individuals facing a crisis and *now also to include food shopping vouchers.* (We noted how helpful this was for families in crisis during the recent distribution of the National Lottery grant). Each school or parish may be allocated up to 6 applications per year to this Fund. To download the full award criteria and an application form, [Click here.](#)



**200 Club:**  
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**Salford Diocese are Recruiting for Three Replacement Roles at the Cathedral Centre.**

**PA/Senior Administrator - COO Office:**

To provide office management and oversight of the administration of the COO Office. This role will have responsibility for providing robust administrative and secretarial support to the COO and her team across all areas but particularly in relation to the IT, telephony, and Data Protection

**Personal Assistant to the Vicars General and the Secretary to the Trustees:** To provide high quality administrative support to the Vicars General and the Secretary to the Trustees to enable them to fulfil their specific roles and wider responsibilities for the governance of the diocese. The role will require regular interaction with a wide and diverse range of individuals and the incumbent must understand that they are an ambassador for the Diocese in all their encounters

**Receptionist:** The Cathedral Centre is the office base for diocesan curial staff and houses the Cathedral Bookshop, Café, and conference rooms. A large number and wide variety of visitors, contractors and personnel come to the Cathedral Centre and the wider estate as a whole. The Cathedral House is adjacent to the Centre and houses some of our retired clergy

**Closing date for all applications: 12noon on Monday 26 July 2021.**

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

**If you have any queries, questions can be sent to [hr@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:hr@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)**

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