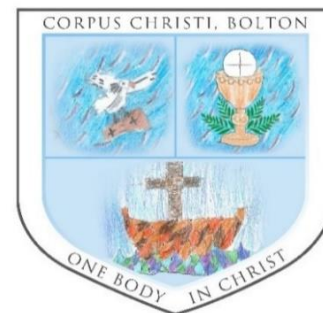


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**12 September 2021**

**Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**



What kind of disciple are you? You may think that you are not a disciple, because you don't go round pushing your beliefs on people or you may not live a particularly good Christian life, let's face it we all struggle with life's problems and at times we lose our tempers and walk away from situations that a "disciple" would stay and confront. We are all human, we are not perfect, faith teaches us that we are always growing in our life with God. As a gardener, and not a particularly successful one, I know that at times my garden does not bloom. Seeds fail to germinate, the birds pinch my fruit, tomatoes stay green, but that does not stop me from trying again. It's the same with our faith, we are disciples because, no matter what setbacks we face we still persist in trying to do good things.

In our first reading Isaiah speaks to us about the problems of discipleship; he endures because of the helping hand of God. No matter what he faces the Lord will be with him, giving him the strength and determination, he needs to confront the world. The psalmist echoes the words of Isaiah, his God "*protects the simple hearts, I was helpless, so he saved me*". James as ever offers common sense advice. What is the use of faith without good works? Discipleship is a means of sharing the love of God with all who are in need, and to do it in practical ways. Whatever you do, wherever you go, take the love of God with you and your life will be a testimony to your faith.

We must never be afraid of doubt. Our Gospel passage asks us that basic question of belief "Who do people say I am? Jesus asks this to test his apostles, those who are closest to Him. It is a question each of us must answer. To be a disciple we must believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Some days this belief can be tested by the challenges of life, sometimes we believe but we still ask "What is God doing?" especially in troubling situations. Perhaps He is waiting for a disciple to look at the situation and say "I will go there, and I will help". **David Frank**

## Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1

Divine Office Week 4

Isaiah: 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

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### Sunday 12 September

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

*Special Collection for the Catholic Education Service*

### Monday 13 September - St John Chrysostom

9.10am School Mass for St Columba's (In School)

11am School Mass for St John's (SJ Church) - Parishioners are welcome

### Tuesday 14 September - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9.30am Mass (SB)

### Wednesday 15 September - Our Lady of Sorrows

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

### Thursday 16 September - Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

9.30am Mass (SB)

### Friday 17 September

No Mass Today

### Saturday 18 September

No Morning Mass Today - due to wedding

5pm Mass (SB)

*A Special Collection for*

### Sunday 19 September

*Home Missions*

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 Killeen, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Emily Martin, Terence Gillett, Pat Margiotta, Mary Bagg, Vernon Holt, Peter Riley, Frances Skemp, Kathleen Banks, Penelope Booth (poorly infant), Eileen Gartland, Colin Markland

**Latently Dead:** Ken Parkinson (Dad of Fr Frank), Mary Fitzgerald

**Anniversaries:** Esther Connolly, Mary Ellen & John Gilmartin, John Gilmartin Jnr, Margaret Settle, Gerard Lamoury, Patrick Healy

### ***May They Rest in Peace***

**Mass Intentions:** Esther Connolly Eileen Gartland, John Hall (Birthday Remembrance), Mary Ellen & John Gilmartin, John Gilmartin Jnr, Ernie Peacock, Jeff Howarth (Birthday Remembrance), Mary Fitzgerald, Margaret Settle (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary), Gerard Lamoury 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), For peace in Afghanistan, Deceased Members of Joe Quinn's family, Patrick Healy

**Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6):** We pray especially for: students & teachers; the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families

**Hope in the Future:** We pray, this week, for the people of the parish of The Sacred Heart of Jesus, Westhoughton, for Fr Barry Lomax, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school. May they profess, by their lives, that Jesus is the Christ.

**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 [Click here](#) to download the Mass sheet for Sunday 12 September



**Congratulations:** To Patrick Martin Cooke and George Peter Arthur Davidson who were baptised at St Brendan's on Sunday 29 August. And to Harrison Fred Grace who was baptised on Sunday 4 September at St Brendan's. We pray that they and their families continue to grow in faith.

**Thank You:** Theresa and family would like to thank the readers, singers and all who sent prayers/Mass cards and attended the funeral of Mary Fitzgerald. For all your support, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered. Thank you for all your kindness, *Theresa*.

**Welcome:** To Fr Paul Blackburn who will be celebrating our Saturday Vigil Mass this weekend.

**Congratulations:** To the four children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday evening. Let us keep them in our prayers.

### **Catholic Education Sunday - Thank you Teachers!**

The focus today is to thank all those who work in Catholic Schools for their hard work and dedication over what has been a very challenging eighteen months. We would like to especially thank the staff in our own parish schools, for everything they do.

A message to all those working in Catholic schools from the Rt Rev Marcus Stock, Chair of the Catholic Education Service, Bishop of Leeds

*Over the last eighteen months we have seen an upheaval affecting everyone in our society, the like of which has not been witnessed since the end of the Second World War. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed not only aspects of how we live our lives but has given us a chance to reflect on the fragility and preciousness of human life, on human solidarity, and the capacity to show love and support to our neighbours. Like many other front-line workers, teachers, school leaders, and support staff have exemplified this love throughout the pandemic, going above and beyond to support the young people in their care. It is only right therefore that on Education Sunday, we take this opportunity to offer prayers of thanksgiving for all who work in our Catholic schools and colleges, and to express our gratitude for their outstanding dedication and professionalism, especially during the pandemic. Throughout the challenges they have faced in two national lockdowns, two sets of exam cohorts, and a managed return to schooling, the staff of all our schools have exemplified what it means to follow the command of Our Lord Jesus Christ to love our neighbour. On behalf of the Catholic Education Service, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to them and my appreciation for the vocation and mission they exercise in the community of the Church. + Marcus*

**Christian Meditation:** Our Christian Meditation group will commence again this September. Why not come along and experience a time of peace and calm after such a worrying year and a half? Dates for the next few weeks are:

Thursday 16 Sept - 2pm (St John's)

Thursday 23 Sept - 7.30pm (St Brendan's)

Tuesday 28 Sept - 2pm (St Brendan's)

Thursday 7 Oct - 2pm (St John's)

Thursday 14 Oct - 7.30pm (St Brendan's)

Thursday 21 Oct - 7.30pm (St John's)

Tuesday 26 Oct - 2pm (St Brendan's)

## Caritas Update

"What is happening about the donations we have made to the Afghan Refugee Crisis Appeal?"

Caritas Diocese of Salford is absolutely delighted and so grateful for every single item collected by you, your parish and local community.

The local authorities hosting evacuated people in quarantine are now regularly assessing the specific needs of individuals and their families, and then requesting only those exact items from us.

Our dedicated members of staff, assisted by wonderful volunteers in each of the drop-off centres, are currently sorting through items and arranging deliveries based on these requested needs.

For this reason, we are able to accept the donated items you have already collected in your area with sincere gratitude, and politely ask that no more appeals for further items are made just at this time please.

The medium to long-term needs of these most welcome of new neighbours will be ascertained in due course and communicated to all, for those still wishing to help in any way. Or, you may prefer to make a financial gift, and can do so here:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/afghanistan-appeal-2021/>

Thank you for your continued support and your prayers. God bless you and your loved ones.

## Contemplative Christianity Event

Monday 6 December 2021 - (6.45pm-9.30pm)  
At St John's Church, Bromley Cross



A Retreat based on the Christian Meditation practices as passed through the Benedictine Monk Fr John Main (OSB). Fr John Main had his spiritual roots in the tradition of the Desert Fathers & Mothers. There will be a short storytelling/theatre performance

based on the desert spirituality set in a modern, contemporary setting.

There are limited places, so booking is essential. Please contact the Parish Office on 01204 301927 or email [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk)

**Taking Liturgy Seriously - Online study course from the Society of Saint Gregory.** The course is aimed at all who wish to widen their understanding of the liturgy. Further information, including details of the course leaders and online booking, can be found [here](https://www.ssg.org.uk/). Or visit <https://www.ssg.org.uk/>

200 Club September Winners:

£50 J Burton

£25 Fr Alf



## Newsletter

The newsletter will be published on Wednesday next week. If you have any news items or Mass Intentions, please could they be handed in on Tuesday or before 10.30am on Wednesday. Thank You

## Caritas Cornerstone's Big Sleep Out 2021

The Big Sleep Out is returning this autumn with a special hybrid event, asking people to raise funds to support rough sleepers by sleeping outdoors overnight at Xaverian College, Manchester, from 7pm on Friday 17 September, or by "boycotting their bed" from their own home.

**How to get involved:**

1. Click [here](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BigSleepOut2021) or visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BigSleepOut2021> to set up your Just Giving page. This can be done whether you plan to be present on the night or at home boycotting your bed.

2. Click [here](https://cornerstonecds.org.uk/big-sleepout/) or visit <https://cornerstonecds.org.uk/big-sleepout/> to register for the overnight event at Xaverian college. For further information, contact Rachel Taylor on 0161 817 2258, or email [fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk).



**Destitution Project:** Thank you for all donations so far. We have been asked 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!

## Readers For Next Weekend (18/19 September)

SB (5pm)	SJ (9.30am)	SB (11am)
E Openshaw	P Barnes	L Lamoury

Thought for the Week...

Each encounter with Jesus fills us with joy, with that deep joy only God can give."

Pope Francis



# Diocese of Salford Vacancies

**Chancery & Tribunal Administrator (replacement role):**

**Appointment type:** Permanent, full-time (35 hours per week. 30 hours per week will also be considered).

**Location:** Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

**Salary:** £22,000 - £24,0000 per annum

**Chancery & Tribunal Assistant (replacement role):**

**Appointment type:** Permanent, full or part-time. We can be flexible in how we fill this role and are open to applicants interested in applying for a full-time (35 hours per week) role, or part-time position (please visit the website for further details).

**Location:** Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

**Salary:** £20,000 - £22,0000 per annum.

For further information and to apply, please visit

[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/)

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