

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

19 September 2021

Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time



We live in a world created by God's love but, just as a flower needs food, water and light, our world cannot flourish without our care and attention. Today's readings speak so much about the selfishness and inhumanity which is rampant in our world; there are those who work for the realisation of God's plan for our planet but there are many others who, through their action or inaction, are causing the destruction of our earth and the devastation of people's lives.

Alfie's mother was very concerned that he was not mixing with other children because of the constraints of living in our coronavirus world. He is almost two years old and, apart from his slightly older cousin, he has not learned to interact with children his own age. Now things are getting easier she took him to a nursery group to begin the process of introducing him to the world of playing and sharing with others, the world in which we too learned the first lessons of life. To her delight he took this change in his stride and began to understand that he must share with others, be gentle around those who are not as robust as he is, and be aware of the needs and wants of the children in his group. In essence he must learn to be a loving, caring, considerate human being.

It is so apt that, when Jesus speaks to His disciples about their attitude to power, he should look at the example of a little child to show them how they should behave. Children grow up to be adults and the goodness they have absorbed as children is so often lost as they become subjects of our frantic, selfish, world. If we could keep the lessons we learned of the sharing and caring of our nursery days then the problems and traumas of our adult life would fade and, perhaps, we could build a world that welcomes everyone, no matter what their race, colour or religion may be. **David Frank**

Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1

Divine Office Week 1

Wisdom 2:12.17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

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Sunday 19 September

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Special Collection for Home Missions

*After Mass Coffee will start again
at St John's today*

Monday 20 September

9.30am St Brendan's School Mass (SB)

Tuesday 21 September - St Matthew

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 22 September

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 23 September - St Pius of Pietrelcina

9.30am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

Friday 24 September - Our Lady of Walsingham

No Mass Today

Saturday 25 September

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

12.30pm Baptism (SB)

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 26 September

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.30pm Baptism (SB)

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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, Joan & Edwin Rankin, Pat Howarth

Lately Dead: Mary Fitzgerald, John Hoban

Anniversaries: Esther Thomas, Sheila Doona, Mary Mealey, Mary Watson, Martyn Riley

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Esther Thomas, Sheila Doona, Jim Smith (Birthday Remembrance), Mary Mealey, Neville Smith (Birthday Remembrance), Mary Fitzgerald, Margaret Gibson (Birthday Remembrance), Bernadette Gargan (Birthday Remembrance), For the support of the Fitzgerald Family, Thanksgiving to Our Lady, The Sacred Heart, St Anthony & St Jude, Mary Watson (Birthday Remembrance), John Hoban, Martyn Riley and the Riley family

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: Let us pray, throughout this coming week, for the people of the parish of St Cuthbert, Bolton, with Fr Christopher Gorton their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and for the Beaumont Hospital. May their lives be rooted in the wisdom that comes from above

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 19 September

Do you want to know more about becoming Catholic? In the past, we have run a course called "Becoming Catholic". This was aimed at those who might have thought about becoming a Catholic, or for anyone who simply wishes to know more about the Catholic Faith. We will be starting this course up again, in the near future, so if this is something that appeals to you, please contact the Parish Office on 01204 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk

Children's Liturgy: We are hoping that Children's Liturgy can return in the near future. If you wish to volunteer as a helper or lead children's liturgy in the future, please email Joanne Robinson on joarob71@gmail.com

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29 September at 1pm. It usually finishes between 2.30 and 2.45pm. The novel under discussion is *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry. We are picking up where we left off! All sensible precautions will be taken and we are able to serve tea and coffee. Welcome to anyone who would like to try it out for the first time. Looking forward to seeing everybody again!

Safety: The safety of all parishioners remains paramount. Most churches, I believe, have discarded many restrictions. We welcome the increased numbers and the fact that we are now returning to some kind of normality. If people do still feel vulnerable, we are experimenting by leaving a restricted number of benches, at both churches, with social distancing. If you have any concerns please mention to the stewards. God Bless. *Fr Alf*

Christian Meditation: Why not come along and experience a time of peace and calm after such a worrying year and a half? The next date is: Thursday 23 Sept - 7.30pm (St Brendan's)

Contemplative Christianity Event

Monday 6 December (6.45pm-9.30pm), St John's Church: Based on the Christian Meditation practices as passed through the Benedictine Monk Fr John Main (OSB). 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 via the Parish Office on 01204 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk

Action on the Assisted Dying Bill: Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill, due to be debated in the House of Lords in October. Bishop John is asking all parishioners to act now by praying, writing and sharing. You can find out more details about how to help oppose the bill in Bishop Sherrington's letter on the Diocese of Salford's website at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/action-on-the-assisted-dying-bill/>

Readers For Next Weekend (25/26 September)		
SB (5pm)	SJ (9.30am)	SB (11am)
C Molyneux	G French	A Moore