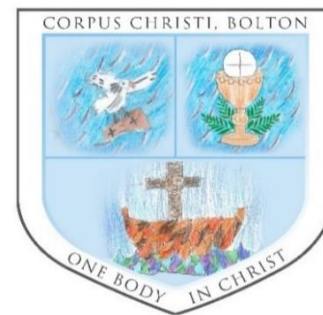


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**26 September 2021**

**Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**



Today is Harvest Sunday when we give thanks to God for the food we have gathered from our fields and gardens and for the work of those who gather our harvest and, in doing so, feed our world. As followers of Christ, we too are workers in the fields of life, seeking to gather all people into the family of God. In our readings we find food for thought, encouragement, and a word of warning, for each of us has a part to play in God's harvest and we must be attentive to His call.

In the first reading we have a reminder that God's call can come to individuals whatever their rank in society. The Israelites in the desert have complained that they are hungry and would be better off in Egypt. God responds by calling together seventy elders to support Moses against the harsh criticism he has received. Initially God calls down His spirit on the seventy elders and they respond, but, in the camp, two others receive this same spirit. This causes consternation among the people, why them and not us! Then Moses speaks out on behalf of the two, exclaiming "if only the whole people of God were prophets".

The letter of James is the first warning; this is against those who take the harvest for themselves and fail to share with the people. It is graphic language that reminds us that each harvest cannot last forever, it is only by the work of the labourers that a fresh harvest can replace that which is used or wasted. James reminds us that the labourers deserve a share in the harvest and the rich man cannot keep his harvest for eternal life.

We know from history and from experience that those who work for the harvest often are ill-treated in the world. Like the labourers in the field the disciples and those who follow Christ will suffer to bring the harvest home. Sometimes the spirit calls those we do not expect, we shake our heads at the thought that he calls the sinners not the righteous to do His work. The warning in Mark's Gospel is for those who question the choice that God makes; we cannot know what is in a person's heart; we must allow the spirit of God to make the choice and rely on His wisdom.

**David Frank**

## Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1*  
*Divine Office Week 2*  
Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6;  
Mark 9:38-3.45.47-48  
*Roman Missal Readings page 436;*  
*Preface: page 49*

### Sunday 26 September

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

### Monday 27 September - St Vincent de Paul

7pm Mass (SJ)

### Tuesday 28 September

9.30am Mass (SB)  
2pm Christian Meditation (SB)

### Wednesday 29 September - Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)  
9.30am Mass (SJ)  
1pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)

### Thursday 30 September - St Jerome

9.30am Mass (SB)  
2pm Requiem Mass for Jason Boreno (SB)

### Friday 1 October - St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

No Mass Today  
**CAFOD Family Fast Day**

### Saturday 2 October - The Holy Guardian Angels

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)  
11.30am Mass (SJ)  
12.15 pm Baptism (SB)  
5pm Mass (SB) **Special Collection**

### Sunday 3 October **For CAFOD**

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

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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, Joan & Edwin Rankin, Pat Howarth, Philip Anderson  
**Lately Dead:** Mary Booth, John Hoban, Nancy Hargreaves, Gerard Murphy, Dorothy Turner  
**Anniversaries:** Barbara Grimes, John O'Brien, Joseph Fitzgerald, Margaret Almond, Rose Hall  
**May They Rest in Peace**

**Mass Intentions:** Philip Anderson (for Surgery), Geoffrey Bradshaw (Birthday Remembrance), Barbara Grimes, John O'Brien, Joseph Fitzgerald, Colin Spragg (Birthday Remembrance) Dorothy Tudhope (Birthday Remembrance), Betty Carolan (Birthday Remembrance), David Greenhalgh (Birthday Remembrance), Mary Booth, Margaret Almond, Terry Smith (90<sup>th</sup> Birthday), Rose Hall, Robert Hall, Deceased members of the Heyes 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:** We pray for the people of the parish of Blessed Dominic Barberi, Bolton, and for Fr Dermot Heakin, their parish priest, together with their parish primary schools. May they live out their baptismal calling to be a people of prophets, proclaiming God's word through the witness of their lives.

**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 26 September (Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time).

**Fr Alf:** Is away on retreat w/c 4 October. Priests normally would have one retreat per year, but as with most things, it had to be delayed because of Covid Restrictions. Let us pray for him as he will pray for us.

**Happy Birthday:** To Terry Smith who will be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Monday!

**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](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk)



**CAFOD: Go Green & Give - Climate Crisis Appeal:** The poorest communities are the most affected by the climate crisis. This Family Fast Day, Friday 1 October, you can support people around the world who are dedicating their lives to care for God's creation. Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Donate online through the CAFOD website or by using a CAFOD envelope (**which will be attached to the newsletter next weekend**). You can also easily give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10\*. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580. \*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70580.

**St Brendan's Paintwork:** The statue and lettering (over the entrance to St Brendan's Church) has had a facelift. We hope you agree that it looks much better and is a more striking feature.

**Children's Liturgy:** We hope 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](mailto:joarob71@gmail.com)

**After Mass Coffee:** If you would like to help with coffee at St Brendan's Church (on Sundays), please let the parish Office know.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting will be 1pm Wednesday 29 September. The novel under discussion is *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry. Welcome to anyone who would like to try it out for the first time.

**Newsletter:** Next weekend there will be a "double edition" of the newsletter. If you have any news items for w/c 4 and 11 October please could they be sent by next Wednesday (29 September). Thank you.



## 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](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk)

**Diocesan Walk for our Climate:** On Sunday 10 October there will be a Walk for our Climate from Salford Cathedral to the Laudato Si' Centre. We will start with a prayer then depart from Salford Cathedral at 12.30pm, arriving at the Laudato Si' Centre around 3.30pm for a short service.

The walk is approximately 8.6 miles long. En route, we will have the opportunity to take time to reflect on our care for our common home. The reflections will take place in the churches listed below alongside the route and timings:

Route: <https://goo.gl/maps/SSy6VoL4Kf9AvsEE9>

Meet at Salford Cathedral piazza	12.15
Depart from Salford Cathedral	12.30
St James Church	13.00
St Peter and St Paul Church	13.45
St Charles Church	15.00
Laudato Si Centre	15.30

All are welcome to join us. You do not need to do the full 8.6 miles; you can meet us at one of the churches and walk part way or just come along for the reflections. For further information please contact

[laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.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 (2/3 October)		
SB (5pm)	SJ (9.30am)	SB (11am)
J O'Connor	P French	C Owen

**Prayer for our Planet:** Join us as churches across the area unite for a week of special services as part of the Greater Manchester Churches Together Week of Prayer for our Planet.

Running from Sunday 26 September to Saturday 2 October, the event will consist of seven ecumenical prayer services expressing our concerns at a time of environmental crisis and highlight our hopes for the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference (COP26).

Bishop John will lead a service at Salford Cathedral on Tuesday 28 September at 7.30pm, reflecting on the theme of "Climate Change and Others." You are welcome to join the service in person or watch online at

<https://www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral>

Find out more about the Prayer for our Planet week at

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/prayer-for-our-planet/>

**Caritas Cornerstone's Big Sleep Out 2021:** Last Friday, fundraisers across the diocese braved the elements to sleep outdoors to raise money to help people who are street homeless, sofa-surfing, or without permanent accommodation.

Sponsors slept outside in the grounds of Xaverian College in Manchester, in schools, and boycotted their beds at home to raise funds to support the work Caritas Cornerstone carries out to provide 1:1 support for people without a permanent home.

So far, a total of £10,762 has been raised for the charity, with donations continuing to rise. If you would still like to contribute, you can donate online now at

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BigSleepOut2021>.

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees:** Sunday 26 September marks the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, a day where Catholics around the world are united in prayer for people fleeing war, famine, poverty, and more. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is 'to advance together towards an ever wider "we".'

To mark the occasion, Caritas Diocese of Salford has pulled together a number of resources to help people understand more about how they can help and how the Church is responding to the refugee crisis on a local level.

To find out more about these resources, or to read Pope Francis' message to the world, head to <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/news/world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees-sunday-26th-september/>

# Diocese of Salford Vacancies

## Synod Coordinator

**Appointment type:** Full-time, three-year fixed-term contract (35 hours per week. Some evening and weekend work will be required).

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

**Salary:** £26,000

£28,000

## 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 - £24,000 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 - £22,000 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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Thought for the Week...

"Let us allow God to fill our hearts  
with his goodness".

Pope Francis

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