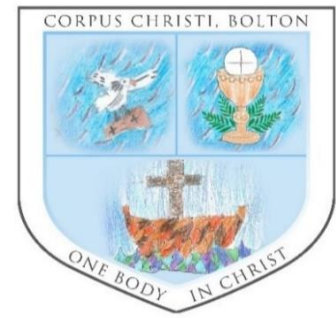


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**3 October 2021**

**Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**



There is much emphasis given these days to vocation. The root of the word "vocation" is voice; vocation is listening to a voice and then acting upon the possibilities the voice offers. The voice may come from within; a sense of following one's inner feelings, or the voice may come from without, through other people, their needs and hopes, their joys and despairs, their dreams for our future.

We each have a vocation in our lives, for most of us it is lived through our families and friends. The Book of Genesis speaks to us today of that very important vocation of the married life. The passage is set in the midst of creation; man fills his days by naming the beasts and the birds, but this fails to provide real companionship, so God sends him into a deep sleep and, from the body of the man, woman is formed. This story is simple, it comes from the inspired imagination of the writer, yet it contains an important message. The truth behind the message is that human life comes from the love between two people and is dignified and sacred. It is not for everyone; the single life is also very important, love can be shared in many ways and is part of the very fabric of society, we each look for companionship and love for without it our lives are unfulfilled.

Vocations are not always smooth and easy; sometimes things go wrong and we question whether this particular choice is what we really want. Married couples fall out of love with each other and turn to divorce as an answer to their difficulties. The passage from Mark's Gospel tells us that the law concerning divorce in the Old Testament was given because the people were "unteachable" but that the basis of that relationship was and always should be that "They are no longer two but one body". Today the pressures of modern living are reflected in the loss of stability in marriage and the subsequent disaster of family breakdown. The church recognises this but sometimes struggles when considering how to care for "wounded families, such as single-parent families or those who are separated or divorced and remarried".

The Gospel focuses us now on little children. Somehow, we need to find a way of creating the spirit of acceptance that we find in children and use that spirit to help us through the difficulties of adult life. **David Frank**

## Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1*

*Divine Office Week 3*

Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11;

Mark 10:2-16

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### Sunday 3 October

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

**Special Collection For CAFOD**

### Monday 4 October - St Francis of Assisi

No Mass Today

### Tuesday 5 October

No Mass Today

### Wednesday 6 October

No Mass Today

### Thursday 7 October - Our Lady of the Rosary

No Mass Today

2pm Christian Meditation (SB)

### Friday 8 October

No Mass Today

### Saturday 9 October - St John Henry Newman

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

1pm Baptism (SB)

5pm Mass (SB)

### Sunday 10 October

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.15pm 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, Philip Anderson  
**Lately Dead:** May Castle, Mary Booth, George Tweddle

**Anniversaries:** Maisie Rebello, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Barbara Grimes, Mary Hurst, Curt Vosper, Elmer Audal

**May They Rest in Peace**

**Mass Intentions:** May Castle, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Barbara Grimes, Mary Hurst, Curt Vosper, Elmer Audal, In thanksgiving for a favour received, For the people of La Palma

**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 for the people of the parishes of the Holy Family and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Blackburn, for Fr Gerard Barry, their parish priest, and for Fr Bob Hayes. We pray for the Teaching Sisters of St Dorothy, the Daughters of the Sacred Hearts, for the Royal Blackburn Hospital and East Lancashire Hospice, with Canon David Ryder, their chaplain, and for the parish primary schools and Our Lady and St John Catholic College. May Our Lady of the Rosary draw all people to her Son.

**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 [Click here](#) to download the Mass sheet for Sunday 3 October (Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time).



**Congratulations:** To Sebastian Connell Brady and George Luca Quinn who were baptized at St Brendan's last weekend. We pray that they and their

families continue on their faith journeys.

**The SVP Sponsored Walk:** Back in June the SVP held a sponsored walk around our three local reservoirs. They are very pleased to announce that they raised a fantastic £2,111.41! This will be used to help needy families in our area at Christmas time. Thank you so very much to everyone who helped make this walk possible, to those who took part and to all who donated.

**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 (**attached to the newsletter**). 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.

**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:** We are struggling for volunteers. If you would like to help with coffee at St Brendan's Church (on Sundays), please let the parish Office know. 01204 301927 or email [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk)

**Fr Alf:** Please keep Fr Alf in your prayers this week, as he takes a well-earned spiritual break in Walsingham.

**Invitation to celebrate Mass for members of the LGBTQ+ Community:** On Saturday 9 October, the Diocese will be celebrating another Mass for members of the LGBTQ+ community, their families, and friends. The Mass will take place at 3pm at Holy Name Church, Oxford Road, Manchester, and will be followed by refreshments. All welcome.

**Caritas Salford's Harvest Appeal 2021:** This autumn and winter, Caritas services will meet the needs of around 5,000 individuals or families experiencing a challenge or a crisis. Caritas Diocese of Salford provides practical help, such as a food parcel, shopping vouchers or an 'in-crisis' emergency grant to replace an essential household item. We are there for people who need housing and tenancy assistance, need help with making an application, or just a listening ear.

We appreciate that our parishes may be donating to their own local foodbank or other charitable causes this harvest time, however as always, Caritas will be very grateful for your support.

For an up-to-date list of food cupboard and 'food for the street' items required, details of drop-off points, or to make a financial donation, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/harvest-festival-appeal-2021/>

*Unless restricted, donations are shared across our projects, services and parishes where there is most need.*

**The Caritas Bishop's Fund for families facing challenge and crisis:** As many families will face further financial pressures this autumn, due to the ending of the furlough scheme and Universal Credit £20 uplift, we would like to remind parishes of the grant available to support those in need in our parishes and schools. Applications must be made by the parish priest or head teacher.

Please download the criteria and application form for the Caritas Bishop's Fund here <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Caritas-Bishops-Fund-Award-Criteria-and-Application-Form.docx>

**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/>

**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)

**Missio - Red Box Collection:** If you have a red box, please could you bring it to church, this or next weekend. Please make sure that you name and details are attached to the bottom of the box. *Thank you*


Thought for the Week...

"Love, by its nature, is communication; it leads to openness and sharing".

Pope Francis

Readers For Next Weekend (9/10 October)		
SB (5pm)	SJ (9.30am)	SB (11am)
C Molyneux	A Gracie	T Proctor

Readers For Weekend (16/17 October)		
SB (5pm)	SJ (9.30am)	SB (11am)
S Mikolajewski	A Grundy	K Wilkinson

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# 10 October 2021

## *Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time*



In today's story of the rich young man, who comes to Jesus full of good intentions, there are some simple words that speak so clearly to our own age: when Jesus tells him to sell everything and give it to the poor, "his face fell at these words, and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth." How sad it is that such a keen (he runs up to Jesus), and by all accounts good young man (whom Jesus loves) could not free himself from the one thing that was holding him back; his dependence on money. Jesus' words "How hard it is..." perhaps indicate his own sadness that the young man could not free himself from this. Jesus' teaching was new - as the disciples' reaction shows. In Israel at the time, riches were thought to be a blessing from God. But as Jesus knew and taught, holding on to anything that passes away can distract us from holding on to things that are eternal.

<b>Activities this Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1</i> <i>Divine Office Week 4</i> Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30 <i>Roman Missal Readings page 458;</i> <i>Preface: page 51</i>
<b>Sunday 10 October</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) 12.15pm Baptism (SB)
<b>Monday 11 October</b> 10.30am Funeral Service for George Tweddle (SB) 7pm Mass (SJ)
<b>Tuesday 12 October</b> 9.30am Mass (SB) 2pm Christian Meditation (SB)
<b>Wednesday 13 October</b> 9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 9.30am Mass (SJ)
<b>Thursday 14 October</b> 9.30am Mass (SB) 7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)
<b>Friday 15 October - St Teresa of Jesus</b> No Mass Today
<b>Saturday 16 October</b> 11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) 12.30pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB)
<b>Sunday 17 October</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) 1pm Baptism (SJ)