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Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

14 November 2021

Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time




None of us want to live during a time of great disaster; we may watch disaster movies and be amazed at the skill of the director and his technical people but as for the real thing - no thank you. However, certainly at a personal level, and sometimes on a global level, disaster strikes; through the death of a loved one or through natural catastrophe and we, who are left, have to pick up the pieces. How we respond to these situations is a sign of our humanity.

The Archangel Michael always strikes me as a really powerful individual. If you visit Coventry Cathedral his statue stands by the main door. He appears to be about twelve feet tall, holding his spear of righteousness, standing over the inert figure of Lucifer, the fallen angel. He takes centre stage in today's first reading from the Book of the prophet Daniel; the message fills us full of hope, not dread, for he tells us "The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, those who have instructed...as bright as stars". It is our mission to learn more about our faith and to instruct those we have contact with, especially our own children, and if we do this work well, we have nothing to fear.

The Gospel message repeats the words of the prophet Daniel, but it is Christ who speaks to us from his place of authority. Again, the message is not doom and gloom but a transition between this world and the next. Mark is writing to the Christians, under persecution, in Rome and his language is stark and uncompromising; the world as we know it will disappear, but the love of God for his chosen people is everlasting. As for the hour, just as we cannot know the hour of our death, we cannot know the day that all life as we know it will end, we can only trust in God.

David Frank

Activities this Week
Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office Week 1
 Daniel 12: 1-13 Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 Mark 13:24.32
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Sunday 14 November Remembrance Sunday
 9.30am Mass (SJ) - *Celebrated by Fr Paul Daly*
 Please note - no coffee today at St John's Church due to Remembrance Services in Bolton and at Dunscair War Memorial 
 11am Mass (SB) - *Celebrated by Fr Paul Daly*
World Day of the Poor

Monday 15 November - St Albert the Great
 No Mass Today

Tuesday 16 November
 No Mass Today

Wednesday 17 November
 No Mass Today

Thursday 18 November
 No Mass Today
 7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

Friday 19 November
 No Mass Today

Saturday 20 November
 11am Mass for Our Dearly Departed (SB)
 12.30pm Baptism (SJ)
 5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 21 November - Christ The King
 9.30am Mass (SJ)
 11am Mass (SB)
 12.15pm Baptism (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), Colin Markland, Joan & Edwin Rankin, Pat Howarth, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison

Lately Dead: Angela Valentina Ngozi Okafor,

Anniversaries: Philip Marshall, Florence & Louis Hodgkinson,

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: For a Special Intention, Philip Marshall, Florence & Louis Hodgkinson, Irene Clappison (sick), Angela Valentina Ngozi Okafor, Deceased members of the Carter & Mathen families

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: This week let us pray for the people of the parish of the Sacred Heart in Darwen, and for Father Brian Kealey, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools. May they keep the Lord ever in their sight.

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 7 November (Thirty second Sunday in Ordinary Time).



Congratulations: To Emilia Grace Niezrecka who was baptised last weekend. We pray that she and her family continue their faith journey.

Contemplative Christianity Event: 6 December at St John's Church. This event is now fully booked. There will be a waiting list if any places become available. Parish Office 01204 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk



Remembrance Sunday, is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those that have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.

*O God, merciful and strong,
who crush wars and cast down the proud,
be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our
midst and to wipe away all tears,
so that we may all truly deserve to be called
your children.
Amen*

Children's Liturgy Activity Bags: Are there any willing volunteers who would help to make some drawstring bags? The children's Liturgy group, are asking for help making up 30 bags that are plenty big enough to fit an A4 size piece of paper and other materials: - pencils, books, crayons etc. (about 12"(30cm) across by 15"(38cm) high. There is some material available for these so if you are able to help. Please contact Louise White or Joanne Robinson

Newsletter: Next weekend, the newsletter will be a "double Edition". If you have any items or Mass Intentions that you would like to have included for weekend of 20/21 and 27/28 November, please could they be handed in by next Wednesday (17 November). Thank you.

Readers Rota: The new rota is now available and can be collected from the stewards in each church

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia plant, in memory of a loved one, please hand in a request slip and envelope along with a donation (minimum £5). Please hand in the envelope to the Stewards at Mass. The deadline for your request is Sunday 12 December. Thank you

Churches In Harwood (Christmas Dinner on Jesus): This year Urban Outreach are asking us to collect cranberry sauce. If you are able to help with this appeal, we need to collect 200 jars of the 200g size. We aim to have all donations in by 4th December. Thank you

Help for families in crisis: As people continue to struggle with the financial impact of the pandemic, or with illness and unemployment, we remind parish priests and head teachers that they are still able to access funds secured by Caritas Salford’s team for families in-crisis. Here are comments from a member of staff at one of our diocesan schools about the difference the fund has made: ‘It makes a massive difference to me personally seeing the relief and joy that appears on their faces when they hear we are able to help. One parent told me: “...this has made my family happy, happy, happy! Words cannot describe how happy we are. God is giving blessing to them with this help and he will bless everyone who gave them this help.” The application form and eligibility criteria are available here: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Caritas-Bishops-Fund-Award-Criteria-and-Application-Form.docx>

Genesis Mission Introduction Session: Cathedral Centre, Salford - Saturday 27 November, 10am-1pm. As part of Stage 4 of Hope in the Future, it is our intention to focus explicitly on missionary discipleship. By this we mean an integration of a newly formed or deepened missionary attitude, with practical tools and ways to share the Gospel sensitively and appropriately in everyday life. Fr Jon Bielawski and Michele Thompson from the Diocese of Plymouth will give an introduction to Genesis Mission and share how you can get involved. For more information and to register, visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/genesis-mission-introduction-session/

Formation Series: Fr Eamonn Mulcahy - Synods and the Church under Pope Francis *Wednesday 24 November 2021, 7.30pm, Cathedral Centre and Zoom.* Pope Francis is inviting the Catholic Church to listen deeply to one another and to discern what God is saying to the Church. Fr Eamonn will help us explore Pope Francis’ vision for a Synodal Church. The session will take place on Wednesday 24 November at the Cathedral Centre and via Zoom. The talk will begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments from 7pm. Suggested donations of £5 are welcome. To register for the event, visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synods-and-the-church-under-pope-francis/

Young Adults Mass and Social
Sunday 21st November, 5.30pm, St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor St, Manchester, M15 6BW. The Mass will be followed by a social and all are welcome. For more information, please email: SalfordYoungAdults@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Caritas Diocese of Salford Job Vacancy

Fundraising Supporter Care Officer for Caritas Diocese of Salford
 Appointment type: 20 hours per week, permanent
 Location: Caritas House M4 with the opportunity to work flexibly.
 Closing date: Mon 22 Nov 10am
 Interviews: Mon 29 or Tues 30 November
 Salary: SCP15-19 £23,541-£25,481, actual salary £12,752-£13,773 per annum. To find out more and apply, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/team-view/fundraising-supporter-care-officer>

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Readers For Next Weekend (20/21 November)

SB (5pm)	SJ (9.30am)	SB (11am)
J O'Connor	H O'Donnell	F Evans

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Thought for the Week...

"Let us give thanks for all the blessings which God has bestowed on us, especially for his patience and for his faithfulness."

Pope Francis