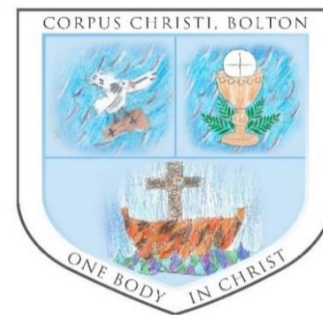


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**21 November**

## *Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King*



Every year, from Advent to today's feast of Christ the King, the scriptures we listen to during Mass reveal to us the figure of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We use the images and stories we hear to nurture our faith in Him and through listening and reflecting on the Word we come to a fuller understanding of Faith. This is a life-long journey, we cannot come to know Him unless we listen and reflect, sometimes it is good to do this in groups but often revelation comes through gentle reflection, sitting in a quiet place and reading, once again, the Word we have heard. In this poem, written some years ago, I have tried to capture my thoughts, my image, of Our Blessed Lord: I hope this may help you in your reflection of the Word.

### **Our King of Majesty**

I see his glory in the sunrise, His might in stormy seas,  
His kingdom in the sky at night, His power in the breeze,  
Nothing can contain him, neither sky nor sea,  
For He rules over all the earth, My King of Majesty.

We build Him great cathedrals, with vaults of soaring stone,  
And golden tabernacles where he can dwell alone,  
But we cannot contain Him, He stands for all to see,  
The small, sweet child of Bethlehem, Our King of Majesty.

No man can have a humbler birth than in a stable stall,  
No fine dwelling ever built could contain the Lord of All.  
And we can have no better life, and in such company,  
than the life He shares with us, Our King of Majesty

For Love cannot be measured, nor caring hands assessed.  
Our sins they are forgiven, our lives so truly blessed,  
For He still dwells among us, and sets our spirits free,  
And gives us hope, to carry on, Our King of Majesty.  
**David Frank**

### **Activities this Week**

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1*

*Divine Office Week 2*

Daniel 7:3-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37  
*Roman Missal Page 514; Readings page 518*

#### **Sunday 21 November**

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

#### **Monday 22 November - St Cecilia**

7pm Mass (SJ)

#### **Tuesday 23 November**

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

#### **Wednesday 24 November - St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions**

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)  
9.30am Mass (SJ)

#### **Thursday 25 November**

9.30am Mass (SB) -with Year4 St Brendan's School attending  
12noon Requiem Mass for Mary Hodgins (SB)

#### **Friday 26 November**

3pm Funeral Service for Joan Rowland (Overdale)

#### **Saturday 27 November**

12noon Nuptial Mass for Aaron Gandy & Katie Kilgannon (SB)  
5pm Mass (SB)

#### **Sunday 28 November**

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), Colin Markland, Joan & Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Jennifer Monk

**Lately Dead:** Mary Hodgins, Joan Rowland

**Anniversaries:** Graham Taylor, Josephine Knowles, Nance Tabiner, Bill Wheeler, Francis-Xavier Price

**May They Rest in Peace**

**Mass Intentions:** Graham Taylor (25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), A sick person, Bill Wheeler, Nance Tabiner (Birthday Remembrance), Josephine Knowles

**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 St Mary, Langho, and St Mary, Osbaldeston, and for Father Leo Heakin, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for St Augustine's High School and for Kemple View Hospital. May they all grow in faith with Christ as their King.

**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 21 November (Feast of Christ the King). This week is the final edition of "*The Lord's Day at Home*". As an alternative, the best Resource for Sunday worship at home is through the **Universalis website** (<https://universalis.com/mass.htm>)

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

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next two dates are Wednesday 24 November "*The Giver of Stars*" by Jojo Moyes and Wednesday 15 December "*Tangerine*" by Christine Mangan. All meetings begin at 1pm. All Welcome.

**Advent**

**Walk With Me:** Booklets and calendars will be available to take with you next weekend (free of charge).

**CAFOD Prayer Cards:** We will also have beautiful prayer cards that can be used throughout Advent. Please do take one along with your Walk With Me booklets.

**A Murder Mystery Play:** In agreement with the Parish Social Committee, a group of us from within the parish are aiming to 'put on' a Murder Mystery Play in order to help generate a post-pandemic community togetherness and, at the same time, provide Fr Alf with some cash to help him maintain our busy and much committed Parish. We have progressed well with most of the organisation but still need to fill one of the acting parts. We still need a lady to take the roll of Farmer Amos's wife.

The play is very amusing and should be fun for both audience and actors. In this unique presentation no script learning will be necessary but you will need to speak clearly. If any lady would like to have a go and join us, please call me on 01204 305832. Terry Smith

**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. Please contact Louise White or Joanne Robinson

**Christmas Flower Demonstration:** We will be holding our very popular flower demonstration on Saturday 18 December at St Brendan's Church (1pm-3pm). Tickets (in aid of the SVP) will be on sale after Masses from Sunday 28 November at £5 per person. You may remember that in April 2020, we were planning an Easter demonstration, which had to be cancelled. If you had bought a ticket for this, please let us know, and your Christmas ticket will be free.

**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.

**Churches In Harwood (Christmas Dinner on Jesus):** If you are able to help with this appeal, we need to collect 200 jars of cranberry sauce (200g size). We aim to have all donations in by 4<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you

**Formation Series: Fr Eamonn Mulcahy - Synods and the Church under Pope Francis**  
 Wednesday 24 November, 7.30pm, Cathedral Centre and Zoom. Fr Eamonn will help us explore Pope Francis' vision for a Synodal Church. 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/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synods-and-the-church-under-pope-francis/)

**Genesis Mission Introduction Session:** Cathedral Centre, Salford - Saturday 27 November, 10am-1.30pm (with optional Mass at 9am and coffee at 9.30am). As part of Stage 4 of Hope in the Future, the focus is explicitly on missionary discipleship - 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. Please register here: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/genesis-mission-introduction-session-tickets-183519009297](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/genesis-mission-introduction-session-tickets-183519009297)

**Caritas Salford's Advent Appeal 2021: #Loved**  
 Caritas Salford's work with children and families is at the heart of our **Love in Action** as much as it ever was, and is just one aspect of their diverse work supporting those facing crisis and challenge. As the principal domestic social action agency of the Catholic Diocese of Salford, and in this Year of St Joseph and the Family, Caritas is asking for your support to continue this transformative work. Please visit <http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/advent-2021> to see the difference your donations have made in the past 12 months to over 5,000 families\*.  
 \*2019/20 Caritas Salford's Impact Report  
 Online donations, via the website, save the charity the cost of administration and eases the claim for 25% extra in Gift Aid. Setting up a direct debit can also be done in this way. Alternatively, call Rachel Taylor during office hours on 0161 817 2285. Cheques made payable to Caritas Diocese of Salford, marked **FAO Rachel Taylor: ADVENT APPEAL** to: Caritas House, Nobby Stiles Drive, Collyhurst, Manchester M4 4FA. Please include your full name, address and postcode, and whether you wish to gift aid the donation. Thank you for your support. Please continue to keep our teams of staff and volunteers in your prayers, as well as those who need our support, so that they know they are loved.

**Lost Property (St Brendan's):** A number of items have been accumulating over the past months. They are in a box in the Harbour Room. Please have a look and claim any items as soon as you can. If not collected, they will be donated to a charity at the end of December.

**200 Club: November Winners:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£50) P Riley  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£25) H O'Donnell



Thought for the Week

"When Jesus dwells in us as our friend and leader, we can bear all things."

St Teresa of Avila

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Readers For 27/28 November		
SB (5pm)	SJ (9.30am)	SB (11am)
L Lamoury	M Parkinson	C Bridge

Readers For (4/5 December)		
SB (5pm)	SJ (9.30am)	SB (11am)
C Grundy	P Partington	K Denton

# 28 November 2021

## First Week in Advent



As usual, the great Season of Advent begins, not by talking about Christmas, but about the Second Coming. We've had this theme already for the past two weeks, but there is a slight change of emphasis in the Scripture readings offered for this Sunday: here the tone is positive: it is the "promise" of what is to come that we contemplate. Even in the Gospel, though it talks of the dreadful signs that mark the end times, we hear of a promise - "liberation". For this we should stand erect and hold our heads high. The central theme is that we welcome the coming of a person - Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, and this is what links this Sunday to the coming feast of his birth: we are now preparing to celebrate how he once came: may these preparations also help us to prepare for him when he comes again.

<b>Activities this Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1</i> <i>Divine Office Week 1</i> Jeremiah 33:14-16; Thessalonians 3:12-42 Luke 21:25-28.34-36 <i>Roman Missal: Page 90; Readings page 96</i>
<b>Sunday 28 November</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) 12.15pm Baptism (SB))
<b>Monday 29 November</b> 7pm Mass (SJ)
<b>Tuesday 30 November</b> 9.30am Mass (SB) 6pm Reconciliation Service for St Columba's Yr 4 (SB)
<b>Wednesday 1 December</b> 9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 9.30am Mass (SJ) 6pm Reconciliation Service for St John's Yr 4 (SJ)
<b>Thursday 2 December</b> 9.30am Mass (SB) 2pm Christian Meditation (SJ) 6pm Reconciliation Service for St Brendan's Yr 4 (SB)
<b>Friday 3 December</b> No Mass Today 2pm Burial of Ashes for Nathan Coyne (Overdale)
<b>Saturday 4 December</b> 11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB)
<b>Sunday 5 December</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)