

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

16 January 2022

Second Sunday

in Ordinary Time Year C



In today's first reading the prophet describes a future Jerusalem. He foresees a time when the city will be held in great regard by other nations. In Isaiah's time the city was in ruins, now a new relationship with God is being forged. Isaiah uses the example of a bridegroom (God) and his bride (the people) to show the closeness of this relationship. By placing this reading and the Gospel together you can see the importance of the wedding feast and how the changing of water into wine, is a sign that the old wine of the law is losing its flavour. The world is changing, and the old wine of the Old Testament is being challenged.

Today's Gospel is based in the opening week of the ministry of Jesus. During this week we have the prophesy of John, that Jesus is the Chosen one of God, the calling of the first disciples, Andrew, Peter, Phillip and Nathaniel, and, at its conclusion, the Wedding Feast of Cana.

There are several themes in this reading which need to be explored. Here we have the first miracle, it is instigated by Mary, the mother of Jesus "They have no wine". Jesus appears to be reluctant to act, he replies to his mother "Woman, why turn to me, my hour has not come yet." Mary sees beyond these words and tells the servants "Do whatever he tells you".

There is great significance in Mary's words. She speaks to the servants, the lowly slaves of the household, they, in turn, become the first to hear the word of Jesus. "Fill the jars with water" and they are the first to act on his words. They draw the new wine and present it to the steward. If we consider the stewards words, "you have kept the best wine to last" we can begin to understand that the new wine that Jesus brings to us is far superior to the old wine of the feast. Finally, the disciples, onlookers at the feast, cannot fail to be impressed by the miracle that has occurred. Jesus begins his instructions to them by doing the impossible, perhaps we can understand how their faith can begin to grow and give them the courage to leave everything and follow him.

David Frank

| <p align="center">Masses this Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2</i> Divine Office Week 2 Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1Cor12:4-11; John2:1-11 Roman Missal Page 191 Preface as announced</p> |
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| <p>Sunday 16th January 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)</p> |
| <p>Monday 17th January - St Anthony Abbot 6pm please note new time</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 18th January 9.30am (SB)</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 19th January 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p> |
| <p>Thursday 20th January 9.30am Mass (SB)</p> |
| <p>Friday 21st January No Mass Today</p> |
| <p>Saturday 22nd January 11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB)</p> |
| <p>Sunday 23rd January 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)</p> |

**A very Happy and Blessed New Year.
 Many thanks for the kind cards,
 Christmas wishes and generous
 gifts, with every good wish for a
 better year ahead and keeping you
 in my prayers Fr Alfred**



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, Peter Riley, Frances Skemp, Kathleen Banks, Penelope Booth (poorly infant), Colin Markland, Joan & Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Frank & Pat McDowell, Mike Davies, George Denton

Lately Dead: Simon Tonge, William Keegan, Pauline Jones, Mary Morris, Mark Quillian, Paul Newton, Graham Ralphs

Anniversaries: Fr G Duffy, Cynthia Winstanley, Marian Kosecki, John Durkin, Winifred Kentyon

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Pauline Jones (LD) Fr Gerard Duffy (A), Cynthia Winstanley, Marian Kosecki, Mary Morris (LD) Mark Quillian, Sick Person speedy recovery, Barbara Grimes (Rem), Ambrose Royle and deceased members, Jim Kilcoyne and deceased members, Special intentions, Agnes & George Beeching, Sue Hesford, Ian Smith, John Durkin, Mr & Mrs Kielty, Mr & Mrs Lloyd, Graham Ralphs, Winifred Kenyon, Jessie Carter (Birthday Remembrance)

During Ordinary Time; - we pray for: Peace on earth; Openness to the Word of God, Christian Unity; The sick and those who care for them; victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it, the Unemployed

HOPE IN THE FUTURE: - Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Patrick, Manchester, and for Fr. Jim Clarke, their parish priest.

We pray for St. Joseph's Mission to the Deaf, for the Sisters of Our Lady of Evron, for the Presentation Sisters, and for the Missionaries of Charity Brothers, as well as the parish primary schools.

May they use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given them for the building up of God's Kingdom.

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 best resource for Sunday worship at home is through the **Universalis website**

(<https://universalis.com/mass.htm>)

200 Club Draw:

1st prize £50: P Molyneux

2nd prize £25: A Hayes

| Readers For (22/23 January 2022) | | |
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| SB (5pm) | SJ (9.30am) | SB (11am) |
| J O'Connor | P French | C Owen |
| Readers For (29/30 January 2022) | | |
| A Grundy | A Gracie | T Proctor |

PARISH CHRISTIAN MEDITATION (HOUR SESSIONS)

7.30PM ON TUESDAYS

18th January - St John's
 25th January - St Brendan's
 1st February - St Brendan's
 8th February - St John's
 15th February - St Brendan's
 22nd February - St John's

Synod Reminder

Pope Francis has called a Universal Synod which is taking place in every Catholic diocese across the world. The Synod is themed: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission". We want to hear from as many people as possible, those involved in the church and those who are not. You can take part by completing an online submission using the QR code or following this link: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2.

Please share this link with family and friends. We have until 1st March 2022 to make our submissions then, after national and continental gatherings, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome in 2023 to reflect on what has been heard. Please remember the Synod in your prayers. Your contribution is invaluable and will make a considerable difference to the future of the Church in our diocese and across the world.

Formation Series: Synodality in the Universal Church with Sr Nathalie Becquart

Wednesday 19th January 2022, 7:30pm
Online Event Via Zoom

Sr Nathalie is the Undersecretary of the Vatican Synod Office coordinating the Universal Synod 2021-2023. As part of our Formation Series on Synodality, we will be hearing from Sr Nathalie sharing her experience of Synodality across the universal Church. This event will take place on Zoom only. There will be chance to ask Sr Nathalie questions at the end.

7:30pm - Input

8:30pm - Q&A

9:00pm - Finish

For more information and to register visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synodality-in-the-universal-church/. The Zoom link will be emailed once you register.

**Luke - A Companion on our Journey with
Fr Chris Lough
Thursday 27th January 2022, 7:00pm -
8:30pm,
Zoom**

We will be hearing The Gospel according to Luke at Sunday Mass for much of the coming year. Fr Chris Lough will lead an introduction to this beautiful Gospel and its companion volume, the Acts of the Apostles, outlining some of the main themes and ideas to look out for over the coming weeks and months. There will also be an opportunity to work in a relaxed way with some of the wonderful stories that St Luke sets before us. To book a place and get the Zoom link, please visit - www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/st-luke-a-companion-on-our-journey/.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Deaf Adults
Provided by the St Joseph's Mission to
Deaf People - Caritas Diocese of Salford
St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street,
Manchester, M4 5HF**

Everyone is welcome! It does not matter what your religion is, or if you don't have one! You do not need to be Catholic to come. This is a relaxed environment to ask questions about the faith and share ideas, thoughts and experiences with other Deaf people. The sessions are delivered in British Sign Language. The Deaf Club is open 11am-3pm, BINGO at 13.30. Fr. Jim will sign Mass in the Church at 11am, 11.45 break for lunch before the 12.30 session.

Starts: January 4th 2021—FREE

Sessions: First 3 Tuesdays of each month at 12:30 - 1:20pm

Bus Numbers: 18, 76, 76A, 83, 84, 112, 114, 117, 118, 156

Contact: wave@catholicdeaf.org.uk

Salford Young Adults Retreat

Join other young adults from across our diocese with a weekend of prayer and reflection to help us better prepare for Lent.

On Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th February, young adults will be coming together at Theodore House, Stonyhurst College in Clitheroe for a special retreat to help focus the mind ahead of the Lenten season.

The cost of the retreat is £40 (this has been partially subsidised) and will include bed, breakfast, lunch, and evening meal.

To find out more and register your interest, please email

salfordyoungadults@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Caritas Crisis Fund

January is often a very difficult time financially for so many families, and this year, there is the additional worry about increasing energy bills. If you are aware of a family in need in your schools or parish, please do consider making an application to the funds Caritas Salford has secured to be spent on alleviating poverty and helping those facing a crisis.

There is a grant available from the Charity of the late Mary O'Halloran for families in need living in the wards of Manchester City Council. Applications from Caritas staff, parishes or schools via this link to the application form

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/TNL-Application-Form.docx>

For families further afield, please download the criteria and application form for the Caritas Bishop's Fund, again applications via parishes, schools or Caritas staff.

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Caritas-Bishops-Fund-Award-Criteria-and-Application-Form.docx>

If supporters wish to make a donation to any of our Caritas services, they can make it here:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate-3/>

**Parish of St Mary, Horwich - Parish
Administrator Job Vacancy**

Appointment Type: Part-time, permanent Working hours: 12 hours per week, working pattern to be agreed with Parish Priest Location: St Mary's Presbytery, 86 Chorley New Road, Horwich, BL6 5QJ Salary and benefits: £10.23 per hr, 25 holidays, plus statutory bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days (subject to pro-rata)

Closing date 21st January

If interested contact HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk and request an application pack and more details

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Today is Peace Sunday



Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'.

The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peacemaking? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about?

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media.

Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children.

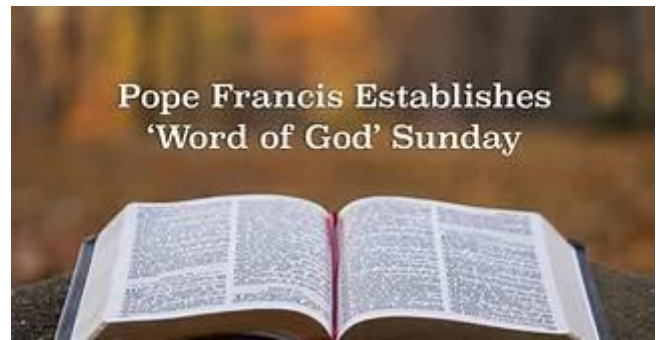
<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Pax Christi needs support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x>

If you'd like your personal donation to be counted towards your parish contribution please give your parish name and town in the 'Additional Information - Order Notes' box on the checkout page.

Or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to:
Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London
NW4 4TY
Tel: 0208 203 4884

Sunday of the Word of God



Next Sunday 23rd January is the Sunday of the Word of God, instituted in 2019 by Pope Francis on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, as "a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people".

The readings in Year C are particularly appropriate

JOB VACANCY

Thornleigh House are advertising for a post of
Cook- Assistant Housekeeper
salary £9.50 per hour

32.5 Hours per week Mon -Fri 11.30am-6.30pm.

Application packs and more details from
Mrs Anne-Marie Parkinson -poster in our porches
Tel 01204600720

Email amparkinson@salesians.org.uk
Closing date 31st January 2022

Sacrament of Confirmation



Catholic children in Year 8 will be invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this summer. This will follow a course of Catechesis that will begin 24th February and will run on Thursday evenings at 6pm. If children are pupils at Thornleigh then the school will be contacting parents directly, as our course will run in conjunction with the assistance of Thornleigh College. If, however, you know any children at other secondary schools that are from our parish then please invite them to contact Fr Alf in good time via the Parish Office.

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