

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

23 January 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Lay people were allowed to read the Word of God during Mass as one of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. When readers go to the lectern, they take up the Word and proclaim it to the people and we hear the voice of God speaking to us across the centuries. It is so important that each reader speaks clearly for if they fail to do so then they silence Christ.

Today's passages remind us of the power of the Word and the importance of reflecting on the scriptures, seeing how they touch our daily lives. In the first reading, from Nehemiah, Ezra the priest brings the people together and speaks to them of the Law of the Jewish Nation. This passage should remind us of the importance of the readings at Mass. They are not dead words written long ago to a people long gone; they are the voice of Christ, speaking to us today, in the circumstances of our lives and we should listen and take them to heart.

Paul's letter to the Corinthians speaks of the diversity that exists in the church and how the blending of the gifts and service of all the people build the Body of Christ. He stresses that we must work together in unity: we cannot do God's work in isolation from each other. Every individual is important and necessary for the health of the whole church. We are one in the Spirit, and each member of the body of Christ needs to discover their role in the great journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Luke's description of the reading of the scroll of Isaiah by Jesus in the synagogue in Nazara reminds us that everything starts with the Word. It is through the power of the Word that people are ignited by the flame of faith. Jesus today proclaims the outline of his ministry, He tells us; we must bring the good news to the poor, free those who are captive in so many ways, and bring all people to believe in Him by opening their eyes to the wonder of his love. Through the prophesy of Isaiah he asks us to listen, for what he looks for is our help to fulfil His mission in our world today. *David Frank*

Masses this Week

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 3

Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10: Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

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Preface as announced

Sunday 23 January

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 24 January - St Francis de Sales

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 25 January - The Conversion of St Paul

9.30am (SB)

Wednesday 26 January - Ss Timothy & Titus

9am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Funeral Service for Paul Newton (SB)

Thursday 27 January

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 28 January - St Thomas Aquinas

No Mass Today

Saturday 29 January

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB) *A Special Collection for Caritas*

Sunday 30 January *will be held this weekend*

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

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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, 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: Pat Law, Moira Abbot, Peter Rodgers, William Keegan, Paul Newton

Anniversaries: John Hall, Michael Axford, William Hurst, Cynthia Winstanley, Kathleen Roberts, Bernard Coop, Alan Yates, Eleanor Owen, Agnes & George Beeching, Rita Prendergast, Barbara Stoppard, Rita McDonagh, Peter Rodgers

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Michael Axford (Birthday Remembrance), John Hall, William Hurst, Cynthia Winstanley, Ian Smith, John Durkin (60th Birthday Remembrance), A Special Intention, Kathleen Roberts, Bernard Coop, Alan Yates, Eleanor & Bill Owen, Thanksgiving for Prayers answered, Agnes & George Beeching, Pat Law, Rita Prendergast, Barbara Stoppard, Moira Abbot, Rita McDonagh 1st Anniversary (death)

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: We pray for the parish of St. Anne, Crumpsall, for its parishioners and for Fr. David Glover, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school. May the joy of the Lord be their stronghold.

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>)

Congratulations: To Henry Austin Blakeley, Joseph Paul Flanagan, Finlay Gavin Bowden and Oscar Andrew Vaughan who were baptized recently. Let us pray they and their families, continue their journeys of faith.

Parish Christian Meditation (Hour Sessions)

7.30pm On Tuesdays

25th January - St Brendan's

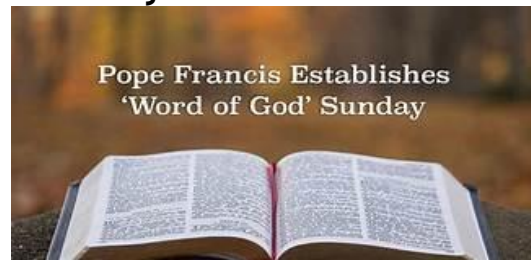
1st February - St Brendan's

8th February - St John's

15th February - St Brendan's

22nd February - St John's

Sunday of the Word of God



Today 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".

Synod: 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.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26 January at 1pm. It is a "*Classic Choice*" month where members choose ONE of the following three novels for discussion. Either; *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte or *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen or *1984* by George Orwell.

All precautions are taken - windows are open and sanitizer available. All welcome!

Formation Series: Local reality of the Church in Salford with Bishop John Arnold

Wednesday 9 February 2022, 7.30pm - 9pm at the Cathedral Centre and Via Zoom. Register here - www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/the-local-reality-of-the-church-in-the-diocese-of-salford/

Luke - A Companion on our Journey with Fr Chris Lough Thursday 27th January 7pm - 8:30pm, via 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/.

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 26 and Sunday 27 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, 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.

For families outside the Manchester area, please download the criteria and application form for the Caritas Bishop's Fund, 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/>

Readers For (29/30 January 2022)

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Notes of Thanks

The Destitution Project: Would like to express their extreme gratitude for the constant supply of food and nonfood items that our parish sends to them. As you can imagine, the service users have had a difficult time during the last 2 years, and your constant support has been overwhelming.

Red Boxes: Missio would like to thank us for the donation of £316.80 sent recently through the Red Box appeal.

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 beginning on Thursday 24 February (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.

JOB VACANCY

Thornleigh House are advertising for a post of Cook- Assistant Housekeeper
Salary: £9.50 per hour
Hours: 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 01204 600720

Email amparkinson@salesians.org.uk

Closing date 31st January 2022

Thought for The Week...

"Jesus was sent to bring the Good News to enter the heart of each one of us."

Pope Francis

Job Vacancies

Volunteer Coordinator for Caritas Diocese of Salford

Thanks to the receipt of funding specifically intended for capacity building, Caritas Salford is recruiting for a Volunteer Coordinator. This newly created post will improve the promotion, recruitment, selection, induction and ongoing support for volunteers across our organisation.

Appointment type: 37 hours per week, permanent

Location: Manchester with travel/homeworking

Closing date: 10am Wednesday 2 February 2022

Interviews: Friday 11 February 2022

Salary: SCP16-19 £24,012 - £25,481 per annum.

For more details of this opportunity and other vacancies, please visit

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers/>

Clergy Welfare Officer for Diocese of Shrewsbury


Appointment type: 21 hours a week, Tues - Thurs, although some flexibility will be required

Location: Curial Office, 2 Park Road South, Prenton, Wirral CH43 4UX

Salary: £38,000 - £42,000 pro rata

To find out more about this role and apply, please

visit <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>

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