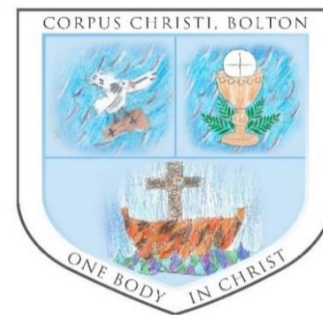


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**30 January 2022**

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



It takes a great deal of courage to speak up when something is happening which you disagree with. Sometimes you need to go against the tide of public opinion and stand by your principles. Throughout history there have been individuals who have spoken out against injustice and intolerance and time has shown that they had right on their side. What inspires an individual to stand against the powerful and speak out for the downtrodden? Where do they find the strength and eloquence to fight against sometimes impossible odds and win?

Today's readings give us an insight into the characters of these individuals. The Prophets of the Old Testament had an unwavering faith in God. They came from unlikely backgrounds, their belief in themselves was somewhat shaky but they were convinced that God was on their side and that He would triumph. The reading from Jeremiah reminds me of a modern-day prophet, Martin Luther King. He believed that the God of love would not tolerate the injustices that were suffered by his people and he believed he was being asked to stand up for them. He spoke eloquently and passionately against the plight of the black people of America and confronted the powerful in the land. He was not overcome, and his cause was carried on through the lives of the people who stood with him and who triumphed through their unity. As with many of the prophets he took the crown of martyrdom, but he was not defeated. The power of God has the ability to achieve what it sets out to do.

Paul speaks of the higher gifts. He recognises that the driving force behind all those who seek for justice is love. With love we can do almost everything, without love our achievements will be blown away in the wind. When we are faced with problems, with difficulties, our only sure hope is love. All human gifts come to a close, in the end, all we have left is love.

When Jesus began his ministry, he knew that some of the things he had to say would not be accepted by his listeners. He does not hide from those who will not accept his words. He knows he speaks the truth and will not dilute his message. We can criticise the people of Nazareth for their reaction to the words of Jesus but before we do just consider one question. When faced with the facts of a situation how do you react? **David Frank**

### Masses this Week

*Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2*

*Divine Office Week 4*

**Readings:** Jeremiah 1:2-4-5.17-19:

Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Luke 4:21-30

*Roman Missal Page 206; Readings Page 212*

*Preface as announced*

#### Sunday 30 January - **CARITAS Sunday**

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

A special Collection will be held for CARITAS today

#### Monday 31 January - *St John Bosco*

6pm First Communion for St Brendan's Yr 4 Children (SB)

#### Tuesday 1 February

9.30am Mass (SB)

6pm First Communion for St Columba's Yr 4 Children (SB)

#### Wednesday 2 February - *The Presentation of the Lord*

9am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

6pm First Communion for St John's Yr 4 Children (SJ)

#### Thursday 3 February

10am Requiem Mass for Mike Davies (SB)

#### Friday 4 February

No Mass Today

#### Saturday 5 February - *St Agatha*

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

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

#### Sunday 6 February

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, 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, Richard Crichton  
**Lately Dead:** Mike Davies, Brian Price, Pat Law, Moira Abbot, Peter Rodgers, William Keegan, Paul Newton

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Gibson, Mike Foster  
*May They Rest in Peace*

**Mass Intentions:** Margaret Gibson, Kathleen Levy (90<sup>th</sup> Birthday), Mike Foster, For a sick friend, For someone who is sick, Brian Price

**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:** On this Caritas Sunday we pray for the work of Caritas Diocese of Salford, for all who work for them or with them to support those in need. May they show in action that the greatest of God's gifts is Love.

**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>)

### A Note of Thanks

Fortalice would like to say thank you to parishioners for the generous donation of toys, gift vouchers and £120 cash donation received at the Christmas appeal. Please continue to hold Fortalice and the work they do in your prayers.

**Caritas Sunday:** This Sunday marks Caritas Sunday, a day in our diocese where we shine a light on the dedicated work carried out by our diocesan social action agency. The staff and volunteers of Caritas Diocese of Salford would like to thank you for all your support over the past 12 months; for your prayers, practical donations and for your financial gifts. To find out more about the vital service Caritas provides or how to get involved, please take a look at their 2021 Impact Report at:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/caritas-sunday-2022/>

If you can, please help Caritas Salford to continue this vital work for those most in need in our communities by making a donation. There will be a retiring collection after this Mass. Alternatively, you can Text SUNDAY to 70580 to donate £10, or you can visit our **website** to set up a direct debit or make a one-off donation. Please continue to keep the staff, volunteers and all those who need 'caritas' - love in action - in your prayers at this time in our communities.

**'At Your Side' - The Art of Accompaniment:** On Saturday 5 March, from 10am - 3pm at Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton, BL1 6PQ. Input from Danny Curtin, Amy Cameron & David Wells on 'The Principles of Accompaniment'. Practical small group sessions on Listening, Encounter and being Present. Registration opening soon.

**Mass for Young Adults:** We are delighted to announce the return of our regular Mass for Young Adults at St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Street, All Saints, Manchester, M15 6BW on Sunday 13 February, at 5.30pm. The Mass will take place on the second Sunday of every month at St Augustine's Catholic Church, Grosvenor St, Manchester.

Our next Mass will include a guest speaker and a social event following the celebration of the Mass. All are very welcome to attend. For any further questions, please email Alex at [SalfordYoungAdults@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:SalfordYoungAdults@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**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/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/the-local-reality-of-the-church-in-the-diocese-of-salford/)

### Parish Christian Meditation (Hour Sessions)

**7.30pm On Tuesdays**

1st February - St Brendan's

8th February - St John's

15th February - St Brendan's

22nd February - St John's

**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](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2).

Please share this link with family and friends. We have until 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:salfordyoungadults@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

## 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.

Readers For (5/6 February 2022)		
C Grundy	A Grundy	K Wilkinson

### New Guidance for Churches 2022 (Taken from Final document of Rev Canon Christopher Thomas 24 January 2022)

Now that the measures put in place by HM Government on 19th January (to mitigate against covid virus transmission as “Plan B”) have now been lifted, we have received new guidance from the Bishops’ Conference of England & Wales for safe church attendance:

Alongside the positive effects of covid vaccination, it should be stressed that any people displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not participate in acts of worship in church. This is good practice for any transmissible illness. Medical advice should be sought as appropriate for those who are ill.

The main form of virus transmission is via personal oral or nasal aerosol. Those attending an act of worship may continue to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) whilst in the church building. There is no need for formal social distancing in church buildings, although those present should be sensitive to the needs of others around them.

Whilst it is still good practice to sanitise hands on entry and exit of churches, there is no need for readers (or other ministers) to sanitise their hands before reading or performing other ministries in the church. All ministers of Holy Communion (clergy and lay people) should still sanitise their hands for the distribution of Holy Communion.

Congregational singing may continue and there is a general encouragement to wear face coverings while singing.

Whilst this reduction of restrictions brings about a more normal way of living, the Covid-19 virus is still in circulation, and this should be in the mind of those participating in the life of the Church as time goes forward, holding in balance the need for personal safety and taking responsibility for that safety.

# Job Vacancies

## CARITAS

### 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.

### Project Manager and Project Workers:

Thanks to grant funding, we are able to advertise three new roles for our Red Door Project. For more information on our Project Manager and Project Workers roles, please visit the link below

### Support Workers, Blackburn:

18.5 hrs & 37 hrs p/w at our Young Parents' Service.

A brilliant opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of people who use our service.

For more details of these & other vacancies, please visit:  
<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers/>

## 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](mailto:amparkinson@salesians.org.uk)

Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Thought for The Week...  
 "When we experience God's love, we  
 are more able to share this with our  
 neighbour."  
 Pope Francis

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