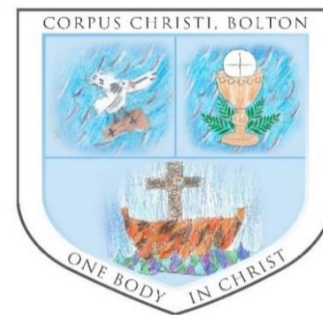


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

6 February 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



We cannot know the time or the place when God calls to us. There is no perfect time when we feel ready for him, we always think that we are unworthy, that God would never ask us to do something. He is often called the God of surprises for He comes when He is least expected. There once was a man who waited his whole life, working away, being kind, considerate, loving, who felt that God would never call him. He died and went to heaven and met God face to face. "Lord" he cried "why did you not call me"? God looked at him, smiled and said "Did you not realise that I called you long ago and you answered me by living your life, sharing my love with those you met"

When I read about Peter and his friends cleaning their nets on the beach. after a long fruitless night, I imagine it was one of those occasions when you least expect God to call but it is so often in the midst of our busy lives that the call is made, we just have to be ready to listen. Peter knew his limitations, he felt he led a far from perfect life, he was a sinner as most of us are, no doubt he prayed and kept the Jewish Law but it was only when he listened to Jesus that day that he began his real journey of faith. When Jesus asked him to put his boat out to fish Peter did not dismiss the idea, he probably thought it was a waste of time but something about Jesus intrigued him, so he let out his nets. And what a catch, it took all four hard working fishermen to pull in the harvest, no wonder Peter felt unworthy in the face of such a miracle.

It is in moments of calm that we are most open to God. We may never have the vision of Isaiah with a holy sanctuary, filled with angels and God himself asking "Who shall I send". We may not have an encounter such as Paul on the road to Damascus when Jesus suddenly came calling. But the call will come, it is up to each of us to recognise it when it happens. All we can do is prepare for the day by the way we live our lives and then, when God does call, we can answer "Here I am send me" *David Frank*

Masses this Week

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 1

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8; Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

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Preface as announced

Sunday 6 February

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.15pm Baptism (SB)

Monday 7 February

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 8 February

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 9 February

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With St John's Year 4
School Children

Thursday 10 February - *St Scholastica*

1.30pm Requiem Mass for Cliff Partington (SB)

Friday 11 February

No Mass Today

Saturday 12 February

5pm Mass (SB)

A Special Collection for

Sunday 13 February

Racial Justice

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, 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, George Denton, Richard Crichton,
Lately Dead: Cliff Partington Ernest Grimes, Mike Davies, Michael Waldron, Brian Price
Anniversaries: Betty Finn, Martin Feeney, Lewis Brown

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Ernest Grimes, Betty Finn, Michael Waldron, Martin Feeney, Marie Lamoury (Birthday Remembrance), Mike Davies, Lewis Brown

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 Anne, Higher Openshaw, for Fr Chris Lough, their parish priest, for their parish primary school and for the Presentation Sisters. May we follow the Lord's invitation to each of us to follow him

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 Ivy Rose Rigby who was baptised last Sunday. Let us pray that both she and her family continue to grow in faith.



Congratulations: To all the Year 4 children who made their First Holy Communion last week. (These were delayed from last year). Let us continue to pray for them as they continue on their journey of faith.

A Note from Fr Alf

As we are now moving along into the new year, and restrictions are lifting, it is nice to see parishioners feeling safe and coming back to church.

Pope Francis, and indeed, our own Diocese, are hoping that we will take time to take part in the Synod so that we can reflect about what it means to us to be part of our faith. If you can, please do respond to the questions and continue to pray for the Synod and its outcomes.

I am taking my Christmas break from Friday, so next weekend we welcome Fr Paul Blackburn (Saturday) and Fr David (Sunday).
God Bless, *Fr Alf*

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 15th 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. **Some further thoughts and points for discussion are on the back page of the newsletter.**

The Catholic Church Music of William Byrd: A Workshop for Singers at St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Street, All Saints, Manchester, M15 6BW on Sunday 26 February, 10.30am-4pm
Back by popular demand, the St Philip Neri Singers will be returning to deliver another fascinating workshop on Elizabethan composer William Byrd. As a Catholic living through the Protestant Reformation, Byrd was unable to practise his faith in public and was limited to creating and performing his work - mainly Latin-texted music - in secret. Discover more about the life and works of this remarkable composer as Manchester University lecturer Dr Rosemarie Darby and the St Philip Neri Singers deliver another unmissable lecture and choral workshop. For more information and registration details, please phone 0779 8858900 or email:

stphilipnerisingers@yahoo.co.uk

'At Your Side' - The Art of Accompaniment: Saturday 5 March, (10am-3pm) at Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton, BL1 6PQ. 'The Principles of Accompaniment'. Registration opening soon.

Mass for Young Adults: St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Street, All Saints, Manchester, M15 6BW on Sunday 13 February, at 5.30pm. All are very welcome to attend. Please email Alex at 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/

Racial Justice Sunday: Next Sunday (13 February) is Racial Justice Sunday. The theme this year is "In the Image & Likeness of God" celebrating different presentations of the Holy Family from different countries and cultures. The theme builds on that of the previous year's Racial Justice Sunday 'A Time to Act', which reflected on the importance of everyone recognising themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the life of the Church. The aim, in 2022, is to continue these conversations about how we see others in the "Image and Likeness of God". The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales are encouraging Catholics to mark the day by praying the words of Pope Francis taken from his encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti - on fraternity and social friendship*:

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,
so that we may discover anew
that all are important and all are necessary,
different faces of the one humanity
that God so loves.
Amen.

200 Club Subscriptions: Will soon be due (£12 per number). Sadly, we have lost several parishioners over the last year who subscribed to the 200 Club leaving many numbers available. New members therefore, will be greatly appreciated and made very welcome. It may be difficult for some parishioners to get their subscription to me, so here are a few options to help:

1. Post/deliver to the Parish Office
 2. Leave at the front of either church in the basket provided
 3. Contact me on 01204 30291 /07528027295
- For options 1 and 2 please place your subscription and your contact details in an envelope F.A.O Ann Gracie. All cheques made payable to **Corpus Christi**. Congratulations to all who have enjoyed their numbers being drawn over the last year and each number bought supports the Parish. *Ann*

Salford Young Adults Retreat: Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 February Theodore House, Stonyhurst College in Clitheroe. Join other young adults from across our diocese with a weekend of prayer and reflection to help us better prepare for Lent. 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

Parish Christian Meditation (Hour Sessions) 7.30pm On Tuesdays
8th February - St John's
15th February - St Brendan's
22nd February - St John's

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 contact Fr Alf, in good time, via the Parish Office.

Readers For (12/13 February 2022)

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You are Always Welcome...
To join us for coffee and a chat after Sunday Masses at St John's and St Brendan's.

We would love to see you!

Thought for The Week...
"To follow Jesus means to share his love for every human being."
Pope Francis

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SYNOD

Pope Francis has asked us, the people of Corpus Christi parish, to help him. Not just us, of course, but every parish in every diocese across the world. He wants us to spend some time listening to each other in our parishes, and to those outside our churches, whether it's those who have drifted away from Mass or have been hurt by the Church, and to those on the margins of society. He wants us, individually and together with our families and friends, to ask ourselves what the Holy Spirit wants our Church to be in this Third Millennium.

Why us? Our Catholic Faith teaches us that the Holy Spirit speaks through all the members of the Church, lay-people, religious, deacons and priests, bishops and the Pope. Each of us have something to say and he wants to listen. That's why he recently said "In the one People of God let us journey together, in order to experience a Church that receives and lives this gift of unity, and is open to the voice of the Spirit."

Pope Francis seeks a Church where all can feel at home and participate. He wants us to become a listening Church, to break out of our routine in order to stop and listen, firstly to the Spirit in adoration and prayer, and then to our brothers and sisters, their hopes, the crises of faith around the world, the need for renewed pastoral life. And Pope Francis urges us not to be distant but to become a Church of closeness by her very presence, bandaging wounds and healing broken hearts with the soothing touch of God.

At this time he is asking us to reflect on a few questions and respond to them, as a group or individually. The questions are available at: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/

Please respond to those questions that engage you the most. Talk about them with your family and friends. Encourage them to help shape your response. Do it prayerfully. Remember; it's not about 'this is what I want' but rather 'this is what I feel the Holy Spirit is saying to me about.....' And begin by saying simply 'Come, Holy Spirit.' Also consider asking a friend or family member to also respond, we are looking for a wide range of voices to help shape our diocesan response.

Responses can be submitted online (www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/) or by post. You can also find a wealth of resources here to help you think on the questions. Unfortunately there isn't much time because the deadline is March 15th. This will give us a chance to prepare a summary of the responses which will be find its way to Rome. That summary and a larger reflection on the responses will also be available for the people of our Diocese

So, Pope Francis needs us, each and everyone of us, priests and people, women and men, young and not so young, church-goers and non-church-goers, and many others besides to gather our thoughts and share them with him. Let's all of us help Pope Francis to fulfil his ministry as our Holy Father.

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Appointment type: Full-time, permanent (35 hours per week). Some evening and weekend work will be required).

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Salary: £41,200 - £50,645 per annum

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