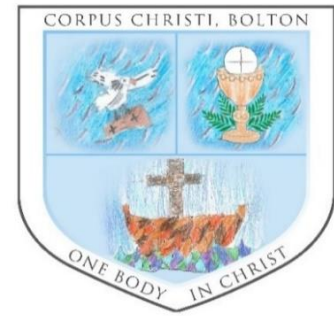


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

22 May 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter



A seed grows slowly
it needs warmth, water, and good soil
patiently, it reaches towards the light.
The People of the Way, planted true and firm by
Christ, nourished by faith,
led by the Star of Bethlehem,
shining brightly, so that all creation
could see God's good light.

Today's first reading marks a mind shift in the way the early church understood the fullness of the ministry of Jesus. The Apostles and the early converts were almost all Jews and they maintained their allegiance to their faith as they did before and during Our Lord's ministry. However, the church was growing and changing, and more gentiles were becoming members of the expanding church. This caused a problem within the church because these newcomers were not practicing Jews and did not keep the laws which the Jews were subject to. After much prayer and discussion, the first real break with the Jewish tradition began with the instruction to the church in Antioch. It is significant that it was in Antioch that the church members were first called "Christians"

What does this mean to the church today? The Catholic Church is truly universal because it embraces peoples from all over the globe. It is missionary and takes the word of God into the furthest corners of our world. Although it took a long time to understand the problems of language and culture it now fully recognises that language and culture can only add to the diversity of worship which the church accepts with joy.

Jesus tells us that "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him". There is no one who is excluded from the love of God and that love is pure and true. As Catholics we need to understand that all of God's creation is precious to Him and that our role here on earth is to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves no matter what religion or culture they belong to. Jesus promises us the gift of peace, but peace can only be achieved when there is no more conflict and a fair and equal society exists throughout our world - a true New Jerusalem. *David Frank*

Masses this Week

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Sunday 22 May

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Laudato Si Week [more information on the back page]

Monday 23 May

No Mass Today

Tuesday 24 May

9.30am Mass (Holy Infant's)

7pm Mass (St Osmund's)

Wednesday 25 May - St Bede

6.30pm Mass (Holy Infant's)

Thursday 26 May - The Ascension of the Lord - Holyday of Obligation

9.30am Mass (Holy Infant's)

10am Mass (SB) - With St Brendan's School

6.30pm Mass (SJ)

Friday 27 May - St Augustine

9.30am Mass (St Osmund's) *Please check Parish Website first.*

Saturday 28 May

No Morning Mass today

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 29 May

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

We welcome and thank the Salesians for covering Masses this week.

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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, Pat Margiotta, Mary Bagg, Frances Skemp, Kathleen Banks, Penelope Booth (poorly infant), Colin Markland, Joan & Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Frank & Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Josephine Ward, Lily Joyce, Mary Holland

Lately Dead: Michael Platt, Stephen Quillian, George Denton, Nell Etherington, Harry Johnson, Maureen Mullin, Nancy Chappelhow,

Anniversaries: Barbara Pearl

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Barbara Pearl, For a Successful operation, A special intention, Michael Platt, Stephen Quillian, George Denton

During Easter; we pray for: New members of the Church, vocations, the right use of the media, the Church and human work

At this present time, we pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil, and do thou prince of the Heavenly Host by the Power of God thrust down to Hell Satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of soul. Amen.

Hope In The Future: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Mary and St John Fisher, Denton, and for Fr Peter Kinsella, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for St Thomas More College, and for the Sion Community. May they know Christ's gift of perfect peace.

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>

Christian Meditation 7.30pm: The dates for May/June are as follows:

Tuesday 24 May at St John's

Tuesday 7 June at St John's

Thursday 16 June at St Brendan's

Tuesday 21 June at St John's

Thursday 30 June at St Brendan's

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting is on Wednesday 25 May at 1pm. The book for discussion is *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan. All welcome.

SVP Forthcoming Events

SVP Coffee Mornings: Are held (monthly) after the 9.30am Wednesday Masses at St John's Church. The next 2 dates are: Wednesday 1st June and Wednesday 29th June. All most welcome.

Annual Sponsored Walk: Takes place on Sunday 26 June to raise funds to provide support for individuals and families in need at Christmas time. A donation will also be made from the proceeds to the Caritas Ukraine appeal for displaced families.

One way to help is to sponsor one of our SVP members taking part in the walk.

Another, even better way, would be to take part yourself. If you would like to do the walk, (which follows a beautiful route around the Jumbles, Wayoh and Entwistle Reservoirs) then please contact an SVP member for a sponsorship form.

There are two ways of sponsoring, one is by sponsoring an SVP member who will be available after each Sunday Mass and the other is via the online just giving app:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/svp-walk-2022

Jubilee Garden Party

Sunday 5 June (3pm - 5pm)

Christ's Church, Harwood

Tickets (£3 per adult and £1 per child) are on sale after Sunday Mass.

Please bring: folding chair & mug/glass.

Please wear: something red, white and blue (Fancy dress also an option).

What's required: Some help on the day, tents & tables, food preparation & prizes for the tombola. A list of food donations is on the church notice boards. If there are any special dietary requirements, and for any other information, please see Catherine Bridge

Caritas Salford announces reopening of Morning Star Accommodation: Following improvement works, Caritas Salford is delighted to announce the re-opening of their Morning Star supported accommodation for people who are homeless.

From this week, the Caritas team will welcome 20 single homeless men who would otherwise be housed in poor quality, unsupported temporary accommodation. Many will have been sleeping rough or 'sofa surfing' and will benefit from having their own room in a supported project. Could you help by sponsoring a room at Morning Star? Please visit

www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/morning-star-hostel/ or call 0161 817 2285.

Mass to celebrate 40th Anniversary of Papal Visit: This month marks 40 years since Pope St John Paul II visited our diocese. On 31st May 1982, this much-loved pope celebrated Mass in Heaton Park and visited Nazareth House in Prestwich. To celebrate this 40th anniversary, on Tuesday 31 May (7pm) there will be a Mass in Our Lady of Grace church, Prestwich, M25 1AS - the parish in which the Mass in Heaton Park took place. A reception in the parish hall will follow.

Bishop Tom Neylon, Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, was one of the twelve priests ordained in the park, and will be the main celebrant, accompanied by Bishop John Arnold, Bishop Mark Davies and some of the other priests ordained that day.

Vocations Weekend for Young Women 27-29 May, Liverpool: If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more, why not come along to this discernment and vocation weekend hosted by the Faithful Companions of Jesus? There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, the chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com, or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org



**Thursday is Ascension Day
A Holy Day of Obligation**

**Mass at 10am (SB)
6.30pm (SJ)**

Thought for the Week...

"All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family."

Pope Francis

Readers For (28/29 May 2022)

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
L Lamoury	L Haworth	A Moore

200 Club Winners - May
£50 D Day (126)
£25 E openshaw (137)
£15 M O'Brien (152)



Diocese of Salford Jobs

Heritage Project Manager for St John the Baptist RC Church, Rochdale

Appointment type: Part-time, fixed-term contract until 30/12/2023. 14 hours per week, to be worked flexibly.

Location: St John the Baptist RC Church, Rochdale, with travel in the local area. Some work will be conducted remotely.

Salary: £33,670 per annum subject to pro rata (approx. £13,648 per annum)

Closing Date: 12noon Monday 23 May 2022

Heritage Volunteer Activity Coordinator for St John the Baptist RC Church, Rochdale

Appointment type: Part-time, fixed-term contract until 30/12/2023. 21 hours per week, to be worked flexibly.

Location: St John the Baptist RC Church, Rochdale, with travel in the local area. Some work will be conducted remotely.

Salary: £23,000 per annum subject to pro rata (approx. £13,800 per annum)

Closing Date: 12noon Monday 23 May 2022

Interim Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Appointment type: 6-12 months, fixed-term contract

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. travel around the diocese will be required, along with occasional overnight travel to support aligned organisations.

Salary: £46,350 - £49,651 dependent on skills and experience.

Closing Date: 12noon Friday 10 June 2022

Safeguarding Officer

Appointment type: Full-time, permanent.

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. travel around the diocese will be required, along with occasional overnight travel to support aligned organisations.

Salary: £41,200 - £44,134 dependent on skills and experience.

Closing Date: 12noon Friday 10 June 2022

To find out more about all the above positions and to apply, please visit

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

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LAUDATO SI' WEEK

Laudato Si' Week is being celebrated during 22 - 29 May. It reminds us of our duty towards, and celebration of, creation. To learn more and to get involved, check out the links below.

The Laudato Si' Encyclical, which was published in 2015, is a letter to the world from Pope Francis. In it he calls for dialogue and action concerning the care of what he calls "*our common home*", and he urges all of us to take our duty to the natural environment, to animals and to the poor seriously.

<http://visnews-en.blogspot.com/2015/06/overview-of-encyclical-laudato-si.html>

The Laudato Si' Movement (LSM) was formed as a result of the Encyclical. Under the umbrella of the Encyclical, it aims to activate the world's 1.2 billion Catholics to tackle the climate and environmental crises. To educate about and enable participation in this undertaking, LSM initiated an online Course.

<https://laudatosimovement.org/>

The Laudato Si' Animators Course was first opened in July 2020 to a world-wide audience of potential activists. The Course teaches how the Laudato Si' (LS) Encyclical fits into Catholic Social Teaching, describes the causes and consequences of climate change and encourages a personal ecological conversion. Participants are encouraged to be environmentally active in their parishes and in the wider community.

https://laudatosianimators.org/?utm_source=laudato&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign&utm_content=What%20is%20the%20Laudato%20Si%27%20Animators%20program%3F%20Join%20now

Laudato Si' Animators are people who completed the course and then got together for mutual support, discussions, ideas and actions. We have a Network of around 90 Animators and green activists, covering the 22 Dioceses of England and Wales. Our aim? Simply to spread the message of the Encyclical throughout the Catholic Church, in an effort to educate about the environmental crisis and to inspire action which will help to combat the dire situation.

<https://www.facebook.com/LSIUK>

The Laudato Si' Action Platform has been established by the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, in response to the Encyclical. It is designed to run for 7 years, encompasses 7 Sectors and has 7 general goals. We will all fit into one or another of the Sectors. The 7 Goals are designed to guide our actions. Under each general goal heading, actions are suggested for us to consider which will reduce our environmental footprint.

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

SUNDAY AND DAYS OF OBLIGATION

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist.

The Bishops have decided that from the 5 June 2022 (The Feast of Pentecost), we are now expected to return to Sunday Mass, as the Sunday Obligation and Holidays of Obligation are reinstated.

It is noted that 'Virtual viewing' of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, the Bishops recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>