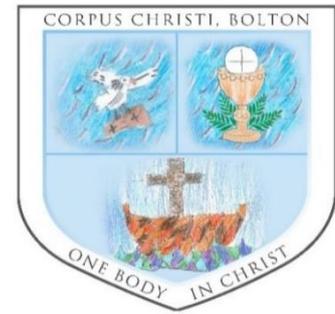


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

29 May 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter



The brutal reality which often follows a radical change in human behaviour is portrayed today in our first reading. In the aftermath of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, His followers began to put into practice His teaching. They do this alongside the old observations of Judaism with all its human laws and ways of worship. This brings them into conflict with the temple authorities; they want to continue in their ways and see those who follow Christ as blasphemers, the fate of the blasphemer is death and so we come to the first martyr of the church, Stephen, a man “filled with the Holy Spirit”. Stephen is killed, brutally, by a mob stirred up by the council. Ironically this act brings to our attention a young man called Saul; history will tell us that Saul, as the apostle Paul, will become the greatest missionary of the church of Christ and help Christianity to leave the bonds of a Jewish sect and become God’s church, open to all the people of the world.

The proclamation of the great missionary journey of the church is contained in today’s gospel. It comes in the form of a prayer. Jesus is praying not just for the twelve but for all those who will hear the call to follow Him down all the centuries until the end of time. This is part of our responsibility, we follow in the footsteps of the apostles and today it is our voices, our actions, our love which will draw others to Christ. We have an awesome task if we have the courage to accept the challenge of building Christ’s church on earth. This is the great commission: this is what we are called to do, but we do not act alone. Jesus unites us with the Father and the Spirit who will walk with us on this path and our reward will be that we will be with God for eternity.

If we believe
then those who hear our words will believe
If we are one
then unity will sweep all believers into one body
If we are true
Then the world will see God’s glory
If we love
then the love of Jesus will shine through us for
all to see. *David Frank*

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2

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Sunday 29 May

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 30 May

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 31 May - *The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9.30am Mass (SB)

11.30am Funeral Service for John Campbell (SJ)

Wednesday 1 June - *St Justin*

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ) followed by Coffee Morning



We pray for Elizabeth, our Queen; may she continue to know the steadfast love of God and serve her people faithfully.

Thursday 2 June

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 3 June - *St Charles Lwanga & Companions*

No Mass Today

Saturday 4 June

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

4pm Baptism (SB)

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 5 June - *Pentecost Sunday*

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (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, 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: John Campbell, Gerald Loughran, Robert Toole

Anniversaries: Helga Healey

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Helga Healey, Mary & Philip Marshall (Birthday Remembrance), Gerald Loughran

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>)

Congratulations: To Enya Rose Rae Callaghan who was Baptised last weekend. Let us pray that both she and her family continue their journey of faith.

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

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

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

Afternoon Tea (with Benediction): Sunday 3 July (2.30pm) for our housebound and elderly at St John's church. More details to follow

Fair Trade Stall

There will be a stall selling fairly traded goods at St John's after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 5 June. At a Fair-Trade conference last Sunday, several speakers (from the majority world) spoke of the empowerment they feel when they can sell goods through fair trade channels. They would like us all to keep buying! Thank you

Jubilee Garden Party

Sunday 5 June (3pm - 5pm)
Christ's Church, Harwood

In case of bad weather, this will be re-located to Longsight Methodist Church Hall.

St Joseph's Deanery Charity Dinner Dance: In 2019, a dinner dance was organised to bring all the churches in the deanery together for good food, good company and entertainment and to raise funds for local charity with missionary parishes in mind. The event was well supported by a number of churches in the deanery, received positive feedback and raised more than £1000 for Bolton Hospice, a place that resonates with many in the town. It was hoped this would become an annual event, but two years of lockdown made that impossible. As we come out of that phase, the deanery is looking to re-establish this event. It is proposed that a Deanery Dinner Dance takes place, this year, on Friday October 14th. All details are on a booking form in both churches. If you would like to attend, the organisers will need to know numbers by the end of June.

Mass to celebrate 40th Anniversary of Papal Visit: To celebrate this 40th anniversary, there will be a Mass in Our Lady of Grace church, Prestwich, M25 1AS on Tuesday 31 May (7pm). All welcome

Meeting for Diocesan Musicians: The Cathedral Director of Music, Alex Patterson, is inviting all those involved in parish music (throughout the Diocese of Salford) to an online meeting on **Monday 20 June, 7.30pm** via Zoom. This will be an opportunity to hear more about the work of the Diocesan Schools Singing Programme currently reaching over 650 children and young people across the Diocese and to share your own thoughts about what is needed to help you with music in your own parish. Please RSVP via: <http://eepurl.com/h0l8Sj>

The Caritas BIG SLEEP OUT is back! On Friday 16 September at two locations in Manchester and Bury. Secure your place now for Caritas' biggest annual event. Please help us to raise awareness and money for Caritas projects at Red Door Bury; Cornerstone and Morning Star Manchester and our Young Parents' Accommodation in Bolton and Blackburn so that we can ensure:

- People have the support they need to prevent them from becoming homeless.
- People who do become homeless are helped into secure, safe accommodation with the support they need to make a new home.
- No one has to sleep rough.

For further information, please go to <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/big-sleep-out-2022/>

To register, please follow the link <https://app.donorfy.com/form/NBJHFKD0E0/2DKS6>

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 Holy days 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/>

CARITAS Miles that Matter: Run, bike, hike, or walk in the virtual footsteps of one of our refugee students to support their educational aspirations. Between 6 June and 8 July, we are asking you to encourage all family and friends to sponsor you to walk, run, cycle (or any active travel you choose) part of the distance of one of the four journeys taken by our students (below). They travelled, often by foot, from their war-torn countries to the UK in search of a safe home and future for their family.

Wazia - Evacuation to Kabul Airport 20 miles/32 km

Eisa - Calais to Dover - 40 miles/64 km

Daniella - Ukraine to Poland - 80 miles/130 km

Karim - Across the Mediterranean - 400 miles/640km

For further details, please go to <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/miles-that-matter/>

To sign up, please go to:

<https://app.donorfy.com/form/NBJHFKD0E0/ZTKQ3?p=yes>

Readers For (4/5 June 2022)		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
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The Feast of the Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary



The feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the visit of Mary, the Mother of God, with the child Jesus in her womb, to her cousin Elizabeth. The visit took place when Elizabeth was herself six months' pregnant with the forerunner of Christ, Saint John the Baptist.

Arriving at the house of Zachary (or Zacharias) and Elizabeth, Mary greets her cousin, and something wonderful happens: John the Baptist leaps in Elizabeth's womb (Luke 1:41). Elizabeth, too, is filled with joy, and cries out in words that would become part of the chief Marian prayer, the Hail Mary: "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." Elizabeth then acknowledges her cousin Mary as "the mother of my Lord" (Luke

1:42-43). Mary responds with the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55), a canticle or biblical hymn that has become an essential part of the Church's evening prayer (vespers). It is a beautiful hymn of thanksgiving, glorifying God for choosing her to be the mother of His Son, as well as for His mercy "from generation until generations, to them that fear Him."

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour

He looks on his servant in her lowliness;

Henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy is his name!

His mercy is from age to age, and those who fear Him.

He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things, and sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel His servant, remembering His mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers,

To Abraham and his sons forever.