

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

26 June 2022

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time



We begin today a whole series of readings which speak to us of the journey we must take with the Lord. He is our constant companion on our journey which begins on the road to Jerusalem. This is significant for just as Jesus must give up everything, even life itself, to journey to the Father so too must we, on our own personal journey to salvation. The readings may seem, at times, to be very harsh; there seems to be a need for us to change our natural instincts and give up everything to follow in the footsteps of Our Lord. Our understanding of the scriptures needs to be tempered by the knowledge that the God we follow is the God of Love and everything He asks of us is centered on that love.

Elijah knows that the life of a prophet is hard, he must risk everything to serve the Lord. Now God sends him to Elisha who God has chosen to continue the work of Elijah. This will be an apprenticeship which will take Elisha on a journey through dangerous territory and among people, some of whom seek only to do him harm. It is a harsh life, that he must be prepared for, if he is to survive and accomplish God's work. The ritual of turning his back on family and workers, the literal burning of his plough, emphasises the radical nature of the change that each of us must make if we are to follow Christ. The demands on each of us will be different and there will be many ways in which we make our journey, but we are following Jesus and His love will carry us through.

Paul speaks to the Galatians of the freedom we have to make choices. However, each choice we make must be for the right reasons. When the Spirit calls, we need to be ready, we must not fall into the sin of self-indulgence. We must be prepared to choose not our path but the one the Spirit has chosen, for us, for then we follow Christ.

Wherever He went Jesus encountered people who were attracted to the miracles, the healings, they failed to see that these events were only possible through prayer and suffering. That they needed to sacrifice their own selfishness in order to follow Him. Over the coming weeks the readings will speak to us of our own journey, listen carefully, for when the Spirit calls to us, we must be ready.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 1

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Sunday 26 June

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

A Special Collection For Peter's Pence

Monday 27 June

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 28 June - St Irenaeus

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 29 June - Ss Peter & Paul

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Holy day of Obligation

Followed by Coffee Morning (SJ)

1pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)

7.30pm Mass (SB)

Thursday 30 June

9.30am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

Friday 1 July

No Mass Today

Saturday 2 July

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

12.30pm Baptism (SB)

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 3 July

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

2.30pm SVP Benediction & Afternoon Tea (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, Pat Margiotta, 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, Wynn & Michael Latham

Lately Dead: Jacky Citarella, Eddie Loughran, Gerard Loughran, Mary Holland, Tina Leigh- Baker

Anniversaries: Gordon Cain, Marie Corner, Iryn Lew, Robert Christopher Scott, Bridget McDonagh
May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Gordon Cain, Iryn Lew, Marie Corner, Robert Christopher Scott, Bridget McDonagh (RIP), Tina Leigh-Baker

During Ordinary Time (Summer); we pray for: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and the denial of human rights, Europe, Seafarers, Human Life.

We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them. Lord hear us.

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: We pray for the people of the parish of the Sacred Heart and St Francis, Gorton, and for Fr Kevin Murphy, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph. May they know in their lives the love which burns in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. 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>)

SVP Events

SVP Coffee Mornings: The next date is Wednesday 29 June. All most welcome.

Annual Sponsored Walk: Takes place this Sunday to raise funds to support individuals and families in need at Christmas time. A donation will also be made to the Caritas Ukraine appeal for displaced families. If you are able to sponsor one of the walkers, you can speak to any SVP member or donate via the online just giving app: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/svp-walk-2022. Many thanks for all your support.

Afternoon Tea (with Benediction): Sunday 3 July (2.30pm) for our housebound and elderly at St John's church. There is a list in each church for names of people who wish to attend. If you would like transport, please state on the form. Thank you

Christian Meditation 7.30pm: Dates for July:-
Tuesday 5th at St John's
Thursday 14th at St Brendan's
Tuesday 19th at St John's
Thursday 28th at St Brendan's.

Urban Outreach - Bolton Lunches: Are looking for an army of volunteers to help us make sandwiches and to make up packs for *Bolton Lunches 2022*. Please see the poster (in each church) which gives you details of dates, times, and venue. If you are able to help, please email Jeanette on admin@urbanoutreach.co.uk

Summer 2022 Courses at The Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst
Catholicism & Contemporary Culture, 4 - 7 August. Of particular interest to senior leaders, teachers and catechist seeking a deeper knowledge of the Catholic vision in today's world. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-2/>

The Search for Happiness, 26 - 29 August. this course offers a fascinating engagement with this foundational theme for the Christian life. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-happiness/>

Readers For (2/3 July 2022)

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
C Molyneux	M Parkinson	P Brennan

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29 June at 1pm. The novel under discussion is *Circe* by Madeleine Miller. As it will be the last meeting before the summer break, the new schedules for the next Season 12 will be available to collect. Also, our charity donation will be decided. All welcome!

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