

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

21 August 2022

Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time



There is a big question behind today's readings. It is posed, in the Gospel reading, when a man asks Jesus "Sir, will there be only a few saved". It is the sort of question, I suspect, that we would all like to ask and that we would all want to be included in the answer; but there is no answer that we could receive in this world. We will only know the answer in the next.

So, as usual, we follow the clues and try to build our faith in everlasting life by clinging to whatever we discover. Isaiah is very reassuring; "The Lord says this, I am coming to gather the nations of every language". The Jews believed that their God was only for them and for no others. Time and again the prophets spoke of other people who would come to know the one true God but still the Jews insisted that salvation was for them alone. In today's first reading Isaiah again warns them, and reassures us, that others will come to share in the Kingdom.

Then there is a message from the writer of Hebrews. He reminds us that we are sons and daughters of God; however, with this gift, comes responsibilities. It is not enough to be sons and daughters; we must act as such and be faithful to the Father. Each family is taught how to behave by their parents; if we want to be sons and daughters of God then we must listen to the Father and turn away from sin. If we do not, then how can we enter the Kingdom of Heaven?

We can only come to God if we know Him, and He knows us. How do we do this? By keeping His commandments and following His ways. Through prayer, scripture, and worship we come close to God; if we do not pray to Him, listen to His Word, and receive the sacraments then how can we come to know Him. Through our relationships with others, we follow Christ, we must become Christ-like so that He may recognise us. So, stay true to the Gospel and do not allow yourself to be in the position where Jesus may say to you "I do not know where you come from". *David Frank*

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 1

Roman Missal; Page 371 Readings: Page 377

Sunday 21 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.15pm Baptism (SB)

1pm Baptism (SB)

Monday 22 August - *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 23 August

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 24 August - *St Bartholomew*

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass

Thursday 25 August

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 26 August

No Mass Today

Saturday 27 August - *St Monica*

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 28 August

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, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Emily Martin, Pat Margiotta, Frances Skemp, Kathleen Banks, Colin Markland, Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Frank & Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Josephine Ward, Wynn & Michael Latham, Agnes Kirby, Irene Sheridan, Tony Martin, Thomas Baker, Kathryn Browning

Lately Dead: Kathryn Quillian,

Anniversaries: Mary Fitzgerald

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: In Thanksgiving for a successful operation & prayers answered, Mary Fitzgerald (Birthday remembrance and 1st Anniversary), In thanks for a miraculous recovery, Kathryn Quillian, John & Mary Ellen Gilmartin and son John Gilmartin

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 peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine

Hope In The Future: We pray for the people of the parish of St. Bernadette, Withington, and for Fr Colin Wright, their parish priest. We pray for the Marist Sisters and for Loreto High school. May they be a community of every language and from every nation.

Financial Support: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. Thank you

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*.

Standing Order: Please contact us if you would like to set up a direct payment. *Thank you*

A Thank You: To all who helped attend to George Brooks after his fall last Saturday. He is much better and healing well.

Suggested Parish Trip to the Holy Land: After an immensely successful and memorable Parish trip to Austria and Oberammergau, it was suggested that we, as a parish, should organize another pilgrimage. The most popular suggestion was to visit the Holy Land. Proposed dates are either May or October 2023. Our base would be Bethlehem and the itinerary would include visits to the birthplace of both Jesus and John the Baptist, the Mount of Olives and the Chapel of the Ascension (to name but a few). To register interest and/or request the full itinerary, please contact either the Parish Office or Ann Gracie (07528027295)

Bank Holiday Mass at St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley: Is returning this August for the first time since the pandemic. It will take place at 11am on Monday 29 August. All are welcome to attend.

Volunteers needed for SVP Vinnie Camps: The SVP (Diocese of Salford) are looking for volunteers to help assist with the running of a Vinnie Camp in Snowdonia next year. Volunteers must be prepared to have a DBS check. If you are able to help or would like more information, then please contact Anthony O'Reilly by email on AnthonyO@svp.org.uk

St Bernadette Relic Tour (Salford): Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 September. We advise that if you would like to attend, it is encouraged you visit independently. Please see the link below for how to book.

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/saint-bernadette-relic-tour/>.

There are alternative dates in other churches around the northwest (prior booking is essential for these):

St Mary's Church, Chorley - 15 September (evening) - 17 September (morning)

St Alphonsus Cathedral, Preston (20-22 September)

Lancaster Cathedral (22 - 23 September)

The dedicated website page for the tour

<https://stbernadette.org.uk/> gives more information

200 Club Winners for August:

£50 M Armstrong (64)

£25 I Isherwood (51)

£15 J McDowell (132)

Caritas Job Vacancy

Bank Concierge (Morning Star)

Working hours: Sessional bank hours as required, evenings, weekends and overnights

Location: Morning Star Hostel, 104 Denmark Road, Manchester, M15 6JS

Salary, pension, and benefits: Bank rate SCP5 £11.45 per hour (including rolled up annual leave)

For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers/>

| Readers For 27/28 Aug 2022) | | |
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| 5pm Vigil (SB) | 9.30am (SJ) | 11am (SB) |
| J O'Connor | A Gracie | F Evans |

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