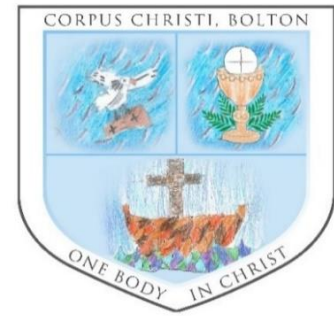


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

4 September 2022

Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time



We all live busy lives, often finding that we must sacrifice one thing for another or that one person needs are put off while we give our time to someone else. We rarely find time for ourselves. We are faced, daily, with choices in the knowledge that, whatever choice we make, someone will have to go without. Was life always like this or have we, in our busy lives, finally ran out of time?

There is a cost to the choices we make, and this is evident from the readings this Sunday. The choice today is how do we serve God and each other? The first reading sets out the problem. We have a limited capacity to think, to understand, to know and to love. God, on the other hand, has an unlimited capacity for all those things. So how can we, as mortal human beings, serve a God who is all knowing, all powerful and all love. The answer comes at the end of the reading; we must seek the wisdom of God whose spirit will guide us in our choices. So, pray for God's wisdom and seek his guidance and, though it may come slowly, the wisdom of God will show you the way.

Paul was touched by the wisdom of God. Today he writes from prison to Philemon on behalf of a runaway slave called Onesimus. Though Onesimus is a great help to Paul, he sees it as his duty to Philemon to return to him his slave. He appeals to Philemon not to treat harshly with Onesimus because of the service he has given to Paul. We are all slaves in our world today; we may not be in chains, but the demands of life leave us with very little spare time. Paul lets Onesimus go, what can you let go to give more time to serving Christ?

In the Gospel passage Jesus spells out very clearly the cost that may be demanded if we are to follow him. The loss of family was a very real threat to those who followed Christ. They risked everything for him because they believed in the kingdom he was preparing. You should never resent the sacrifices you may have to make for Christ; always give thanks, for the reward for your service is eternal life.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 3

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Sunday 4 September

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 5 September

No Mass Today

Tuesday 6 September

9.30am Mass (Holy Infants)

7pm Mass (St Osmund's)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (Patmos Room, SJ)

Wednesday 7 September

9.30am Mass (Holy Infants)

Thursday 8 September - *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9.30am Mass (Holy Infants)

Friday 9 September

9.30am Mass (St Osmund's)

Saturday 10 September - *St Ambrose Barlow*

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm First Mass of 24th Sunday Yr C (SB)

Sunday 11 September (24th Sunday Yr C)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Fr Alf is away on his summer break this week. Please see alternative Mass times in our neighbouring parishes. **Please check their websites beforehand in case of any changes.**

<https://www.holyinfant.co.uk/>

<https://www.blesseddominicbarberi.org.uk/>

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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, Thomas Baker, Kathryn Browning, Rachel Edge, Fr Leo Heakin

Lately Dead: Raymond McGloin, Hayley Warriner
Anniversaries: David Gracie, Barbara Grimes, Hannah Doona, Bridget & Jack Day, Gerard Lamoury

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: In thanksgiving, David Gracie, Barbara Grimes, Hannah Doona RIP, Bridget & Jack Day, Gerard Lamoury

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

We pray for all those affected by the floods in Pakistan. May they find consolation in their sorrow, find strength as they seek shelter and safety and the courage to carry on.

Hope In The Future: Let us pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady and St John, Chorlton, and for Fr Anthony Ekpunobi, their parish priest, and the Vincentian Fathers. We pray for their parish primary schools and for St John Vianney school. May they know the wisdom of God, their refuge from one generation to the next.

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*

Children's Liturgy: Is looking to resume in September. Groups will be small, and may not be weekly, as we only have a few volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Parish Office.

Fair Trade Stall: Will be held after 9.30am Mass at St John's this weekend. We will be bringing runny honey and we welcome any other requests. All sales will help producers in the developing world as they try to recover from the continuing effects of covid.

Suggested Parish Trip to the Holy Land: The Itinerary is now available at the back of each church. If you are interested, please take one as it includes all the relevant information. To register interest, please contact either the Parish Office or Ann Gracie (07528027295)

St Bernadette Relic Tour (Salford): Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 September. Please see the link for how to book.

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

Volunteers needed for Relics of St Bernadette

Visit: If you have an enhanced DBS check and would like to be part of the visit of St Bernadette's relics to our cathedral, we would love to hear from you! Please email

lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Help us on our Journey to Net Zero: As part of its ongoing commitment to caring for our common home, the Diocese of Salford is working hard to reduce its carbon emissions. To do this, research is being undertaken to calculate our existing carbon footprint, and we are hoping to find out more about travel around the diocese as part of that. As such, we would be very grateful if parishioners could complete a short survey to help us understand a little more about their own journeys to and from church. To find out more and to complete the survey please visit

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/travel-survey/>

St Joseph's Deanery Dinner Dance: Friday 14 October at The Holiday Inn, Higher Bridgeman Street. Proceeds are in aid of Bolton Hospice. For more information, please contact the two organisers: - Gemma Pendlebury 07717 686358 lee.pendlebury@sky.com or Agnes Lloyd-Holt 07840 112756 agneslloydholt@gmail.com

Caritas Diocese of Salford Vacancy Allotment and Food Bank Coordinator at the Lalley Centre

Appointment type: 37.5 hours per week, 12 months fixed term.

Location: Lalley Centre, Collyhurst, Manchester

Closing date: 10am Thursday 22 September

Salary: SCP19 £26,277 and casual car allowance

For more details of this opportunity please visit

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers/>

| Readers For 10/11 Sep 2022) | | |
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