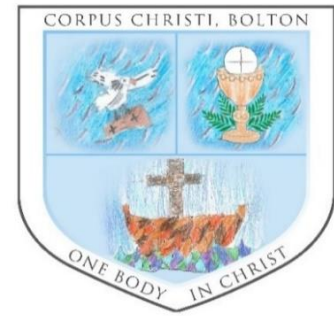


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

11 September 2022

Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time



One of the biggest problems that I have is accepting that I can be forgiven. I guess it is the same with forgiving others, I try to forgive but it is so difficult to forget. We were created without sin, one only needs to look at a new-born baby and one knows that, within that child, there is limitless love. However, we grow, and in that growing we absorb the good and bad that exists in our flawed world and the love that existed can become tarnished with sin. God, however, still looks upon us as that spotless child, born without sin, and His forgiveness is without measure, after all He loved us into being.

Our readings are reflections of God's forgiveness. In Exodus, at the intercession of Moses, he relents from punishing the people who have turned to false gods and instead forgives them. Paul, writing to Timothy, speaks of the mercy he was shown when He became a believer in Christ. Paul recognises that he was a sinner but believes "that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" and that, through the love and mercy shown to him, he found the grace to become an apostle for Christ.

In today's Gospel there are three parables; in the first a shepherd leaves ninety-nine sheep to look for the one that has gone astray and, upon finding him, rejoices, Then a woman, with ten coins, loses one and turns the house upside down until she has found it and again calls on her neighbours to rejoice. Finally, we have a son who has turned away from home and family, taken his share of his father's estate and wasted his wealth on worldly things. He returns, seeking forgiveness, but fearing rejection, and finds complete forgiveness and rejoicing. For he that was lost is found. These images remind us that God loves each and every human being. Many people search for God but fail to notice that He is searching for them too. Forgiveness is a very difficult thing for us to do. We may try but there is always a niggling doubt in the back of our conscience about how deeply we forgive or are forgiven. With God, forgiveness is complete and inexhaustible, so we must rejoice in our God who is loving and forgiving without limits.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 4

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Sunday 11 September

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

Monday 12 September

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 13 September - *St John Chrysostom*

9.30am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room SB)

Wednesday 14 September - *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 15 September - *Our Lady of Sorrows*

9.15am School Mass (SB)

11am St Columba's School Mass (SC School)

Friday 16 September

No Mass Today

Saturday 17 September

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

5pm First Mass of 25th Sunday Yr C (SB)

Sunday 18 September (25th Sunday Yr C)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

A Special Collection for

12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

Home Missions

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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, Janice Green

Anniversaries: James Dowbakin, Margaret Settle, Mark Coughlin

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: James Dowbakin (10th Anniversary), Jeff Howarth (Birthday Remembrance), Ernest Peacock, Margaret Settle, Mark Coughlin, Neville Smith (Birthday Remembrance), Margaret Quayle

During Ordinary Time (Autumn); we pray for: Students and teachers, the spread of the Gospel, the harvest, the fruits of human work, the reverent use of creation, justice & peace in the world, all victims of war, young people, prisoners and their families

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.

For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends and local communities.

Hope In The Future: We pray for the people of the parish of the Divine Mercy, Chadderton and Hollinwood, and for Fr Lawrence Imoisili, of the Vincentian Fathers. We pray for the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King, for the parish primary schools and for John Henry Newman College. May they grow as people of prayer.

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*

Christian Meditation (7.30pm): The dates for September are as follows:

13 September (St Brendan's)

27 September (St John's)

Children's Liturgy: Will resume next weekend. 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.

Thornleigh Confirmation Programme: The deadline for enrolling on this year's Confirmation Programme is **Monday 12 September**.

To register your child, please go to the online form: <https://forms.gle/61uqvfyDQ7v3m3C89>

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)

CAFOD Emergency Appeal for Pakistan: You will have seen the news about the devastating floods that have hit Pakistan. Families have lost their homes, their cattle, their lands, and their livelihoods, and are totally dependent on humanitarian assistance. We know our Catholic community will want to reach out to support our brothers and sisters in Pakistan. This weekend we will hold a special collection and your donation will help CAFOD's local partners support communities with clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please continue to pray for those affected.

St Bernadette Relic Tour (Salford) Mass of Welcome: 12.10pm, Tuesday 20 September at Salford Cathedral. The Mass will be in the same format as the Diocesan Chrism Mass and will be live streamed at <https://salfordcathedral.co.uk/> for people to pray along at home. There will be an opportunity for people to visit the relics outside Mass and service times. We do encourage people to book a time to visit the relics. Bookings can be made via:

<https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#salford-diocese>

Volunteers needed for Relics of St Bernadette Visit: If you have an enhanced DBS check and would like to be part of the visit, we would love to hear from you! Please email

lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

The Catholic Fellowship Annual Mass: *Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist, 2pm, Saturday 8 October celebrated by bishop John Arnold.* The Catholic Fellowship (for people with learning, physical and sensory disabilities, their families, carers and friends) will be holding a special Mass next month to celebrate the dignity of human life. The Mass will welcome a number of representatives from organisations such as HCPT, L'Arche, SJMDP, MENCAP, Stroke Association, Dementia Association, Age UK, Scope, and more.

Readers For 17/18 Sep 2022)		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
L Lamoury	L Howarth	G Kearns