

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

18 September 2022

Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time



Something that always strikes me about the Sunday readings is how they seem to mirror life. In our second reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy, Paul calls on us to “offer prayers, petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving especially to kings and others in authority”. There is no doubt we should follow Paul’s advice as we recall the selfless devotion and example of our late Queen Elizabeth and we should also remember her son, King Charles, who seems to have taken on the mantle of kingship with great dignity and compassion. Over the coming days and years our prayers are needed to sustain and guide him, and all those in power and authority, through the current events that have so unsettled our turbulent world.

The pastoral letters from Paul to Timothy deserve our attention in so many ways. Timothy has been placed in authority over a group of communities. He is new to this demanding task and so his friend, Paul, writes to him, giving advice over the many problems which will need wisdom and sensitivity if he is to build the church of Christ among the people. His advice is wide ranging and many of the scenarios mentioned in this letter echo the problems and challenges of our present day. Nothing really changes, only times and seasons, human life still goes on.

The pursuit of wealth to the detriment of the poor in society is the theme picked up by the Old Testament and the Gospel readings. The prophet Amos is the voice for justice and peace in his world and echoes down the centuries to our own time. The poor are still with us, prices are rising at an alarming rate and speculators are still making insane profits. We are helpless in this situation and must rely, as always on Amos’s appeal to God for justice. The steward in today’s Gospel uses his position of authority to ensure that his comfortable world continues even if he loses his status. He does this by very devious methods but, instead of anger, he receives praise from his master. A salutary lesson in the way this world places the gathering of wealth far above the needs of the poor. We are reminded today that we cannot be the slave of two masters. It is how we share the gifts we are given that will be weighed in the scales of heaven, not the profits we have made. *David Frank*

Masses & Activities this Week
Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Week 1
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Sunday 18 September

9.30am Mass (SJ)
11am Mass (SB) *A Special Collection for*
12.30pm Baptism (SJ) *Home Missions*

Monday 19 September - A Bank Holiday for the State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 20 September

10am Mass (SB)
No Christian Meditation Today

Wednesday 21 September - St Matthew

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)
9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 22 September

10am Requiem Mass for Margaret Hogan (SJ)

Friday 23 September - St Pius of Pietrelcina

No Mass Today

Saturday 24 September - Our Lady of Walsingham

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)
11.30am Mass (SJ)
12.30pm Baptism (SJ)
5pm First Mass of 26th Sunday Yr C (SB)

Sunday 25 September (26th Sunday Yr C)

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

Lately Dead: HM Queen Elizabeth II, Margaret Hogan, Nigel Groves, Herbert Faulkner

Anniversaries: Esther Thomas

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Les Brown, Bernadette Gargan (Birthday Remembrance), Nigel Groves, Esther Thomas, Herbert Faulkner, HM Queen Elizabeth II, Margaret Gibson (Birthday Remembrance)

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.

We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings.

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*

HM Queen Elizabeth II Rest In Peace



*Almighty God,
You are the author and sustainer of all human life;
Grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,
Whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands
May be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life promised to all those born again
In the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, Forever and ever,
Amen*

King Charles III



*O God, to whom every human power is subject,
Grant to your servant His Majesty the King wisdom in the exercise of his high office,
So that, always revering to you and striving to please you,
he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from unity and peace.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, Forever and ever,
Amen*

Books of Condolence for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II: A Book of Condolence is available at the back of Salford Cathedral for anyone wishing to leave a tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Alternatively, Caritas Diocese of Salford has also opened books of condolence at their sites and services, so that people can share their thoughts, prayers, and reflections at this time.

Mid-week Mass Times (St Brendan's): Since the schools have now returned, it is noticeable that the traffic is heavier than usual (probably due to roadworks near Asda). It is taking an extremely long time to travel between our churches. In view of this, from next week Tuesday and Thursday Masses will be at 10am, although full School Masses will continue at 9.15am. Please note next Thursday there is a Requiem at St John's so no Mass at St Brendan's. *God Bless, Fr Alf.*

Confirmation course at Thornleigh: This was due to start on Thursday 22 September but has now been rearranged to Thursday 29 September, 3.30pm at Thornleigh College.

Christian Meditation (7.30pm): The dates for September and October are as follows:
 27 September (St John's)
 4 October (St John's)
 11 October (St Brendan's)
 18 October (St Brendan's)
 25 October (St John's)

The Relics of Saint Bernadette: Join us this week as we embark on a rare journey of faith as the relics of Saint Bernadette visit our cathedral. Please see below for a full schedule of open visits, Masses, and services. Further information and booking details can be found at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/saint-bernadette-relic-tour>. Anyone unable to book ahead is still more than welcome to join.

Tuesday 20th September

4-5pm - Open visits
 5.30pm - Mass of Vocation
 6.30 - 7.45pm - Open Visits
 8pm - Youth Vigil
 9pm - Torchlight Procession
 Until midnight - Rosary on the hour

Wednesday 21st September

8am - Mass
 9am - 11.30am - Open visits
 12.10pm - Mass of Anointing (celebrated by Bishop Brain)
 3pm - 5pm - Open Visits
 5.30pm - Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell Service (celebrated by Bishop John)

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham Mass: Saturday 24 September, 2.30pm at Our Lady of Grace Church, Prestwich. Join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham with a special Mass and reciting of the Rosary at Our Lady of Grace Church, Prestwich, on Saturday 24 September. Rosary and confessions will begin at 2.30pm and will be followed by a Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, at 3pm. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about next year's diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham and to register your interest.

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)


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 24/25 Sep 2022)		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
A Grundy	S May	A Moore

200 Club Winners (September)

£50 D Whyte (120)
 £25 R Coffey (93)
 £15 M Aspinall (164)

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Our Lady of Walsingham



Walsingham, for centuries, has been the cradle of Marian Devotion in England. Praying to the Mother of God is an integral part of our Catholic Faith. It is one of the first ways we learn to pray as children. We turn to Mary, the Mother of Jesus for we are all her sons and daughters. Jesus's last action on earth, in his dying breath, was to entrust all people, into his Mother's Maternal care, when he said "Mother this is your son, son this is your Mother" (John 19:26-27). We pray to Mary asking for her Maternal Intercession and her loving, motherly and protective gaze upon us. It is as natural as breathing that we turn to our Heavenly Mother in times of need, crisis, tears and temptation. Jesus always hears his Mother's pleas on our behalf.

The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham was established around 1061 when, according to the text of the Pynson Ballad (c 1485), Richeldis de Faverches prayed that she might undertake some special work in honour of Our Lady.

The Lady Richeldis was a holy woman with a great love of the Mother of God. She asked Our Lady for a way to honour her, and it was from this desire in her heart that the events of Walsingham unfolded. Richeldis was not a visionary like the children in Lourdes and Fatima. She was a woman of faith, she pondered, meditated and prayed. In answer to her prayer, the Virgin Mary led her in spirit to Nazareth, showed her the House of the Annunciation where the Angel greeted Mary, and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham as a perpetual memorial of the Annunciation.

This Holy House was built and a religious community took charge of the foundation. Although we have very little historical material from this period, we know that with papal approval the Augustinian Canons built a Priory (c 1150). Walsingham became one of the greatest Shrines in Medieval Christendom.

Walsingham is therefore a Marian Shrine of the Incarnation, a place of pilgrimage for all who would rejoice with Mary at "the great joy of the Annunciation."

Let us, like Mary, conceive Him in our heart, that we may bring Him forth into our world, rejoicing with His Mother. Let us find help in our need here at Mary's ancient Shrine where we rejoice with the Mother of God in the truth that "The Word became flesh and lived among us."

"When England goes back to Walsingham, Our Lady will come back to England".