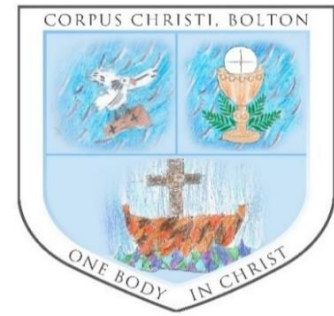


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

25 September 2022

Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time



Have you ever wondered what made the first disciples follow Our Lord? He was a carpenter, possessing nothing but a few tools and, perhaps, a workshop. They had good jobs, people will always need fish, their lives were comfortable enough, as long as the fish were biting. But, when they listened to Him speaking, something inside them changed and they gave up everything and followed Him. Others came too, rich and poor, tax collectors, and more than a few sinners, they stopped what they were doing and followed Him. From these beginnings came the faith that is passed down to us.

They listened to His preaching, perhaps He sometimes prayed Psalm 145, the psalm we have today, a prayer for help to those who society has failed, the poor, the sick, the marginalised, the blind, the stranger. When we hear the psalm do we feel uneasy? Is there something here that we should be concerned about or, as the prophet Amos asks are we lying on ivory beds or sprawling on our divans? Do we hear the cry of the poor, do we even listen?

Paul gives us a list of what we may attain to. He speaks of a people who are dedicated to God. Who are saintly, filled with faith and love, who act with patience and gentleness. Are we really that people? Do we share what we have with others less fortunate or do we keep our selves safe and warm in our ivory towers?

Who do we see when we read today's gospel? Are we the rich man or are we Lazarus? Jesus tells this parable to show the pharisees that their comfortable way of life, their ignorance of the poor, leads them to a terrible fate. That what they sow on earth they will reap either in heaven or in hell. The question we should ask ourselves is "Are we complacent, is coming to church each Sunday and putting a few coppers on the plate going to bring us everlasting life or do we need to change like those first disciples and give up our lifestyles and follow the Lord?" *David Frank*

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 2

Roman Missal; Page 433 Readings: Page 439

Sunday 25 September

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 26 September

9.45am Full School Mass (SJ)

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 27 September - *St Vincent de Paul*

10am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation Today (SJ)

Wednesday 28 September

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ) followed by Coffee Morning

Thursday 29 September - *Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*

10am Mass (SB)

5.30pm Confirmation Programme (Thornleigh)

Friday 30 September - *St Jerome*

No Mass Today

Saturday 1 October - *St Thérèse of the Child Jesus*

10.30am Burial of Ashes (No Exposition Today)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm First Mass of 27th Sunday Yr C (SB)

Sunday 2 October (27th 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, 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: Janice Green, Margaret Hogan, Nigel Groves, Herbert Faulkner, Hayley Warriner

Anniversaries: Joe Fitzgerald, Margaret Almond, Barbara Grimes,

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: In Loving memory of John & Gladys Hall, Vincent Rothwell, Magadalen Rothwell, Joe Fitzgerald (4th Anniversary), Margaret Almond, Margaret Quayle, Barbara Grimes, Geoffrey Bradshaw (Birthday Remembrance), Colin Spragg (Birthday Remembrance, Hayley Warriner

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

Today we celebrate International Daughters Day. We bring to mind all daughters currently developing in the womb. That they would be loved and protected at all costs, and that they would all be given the opportunity to experience life outside the womb.

Hope In The Future: This week we hold in prayer the people of the parish of the Nativity, Failsworth and Limeside, with Fr Michael Job and Fr John Adio, and for their parish primary schools. May they be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle.

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*

Congratulations: To Archie Malcom Brookes and Billie Rose Bridge who were baptised last weekend. We pray that both they and their families continue to grow in faith.

Confirmation course at Thornleigh: This was due to start on Thursday 22 September but has now been rearranged to this Thursday (29 September) at 5.30pm (not 3.30pm as stated in the last newsletter) at Thornleigh College. Please keep the children in your prayers as they complete their Catholic Initiation.

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)

Suggested Parish Trip to the Holy Land: The Itinerary is available at the back of each church. To register interest, please contact either the Parish Office or Ann Gracie (07528027295)

Harbour Room Book Club: The first meeting of the new season begins on Wednesday 28 September. The book under discussion is *Educated* by Tara Westover, a powerful autobiography. The meeting begins at 1pm and finishes about 2.45pm. All welcome!



**St Vincent
de Paul Society**

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

"The St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales) is part of an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need. Founded in Britain in 1844, we foster diverse and inclusive connections, as a Society that is welcoming of people of all faiths and none. We joyfully extend our hand in the care and personal service of individuals and families who need support. Our 10,000 members, motivated by faith, visit vulnerable or isolated people across England and Wales and offer them friendship and practical support. The essence of our work is person-to-person contact and spending time with people is our greatest gift".

Here at Corpus Christi, we are fortunate to have two very active SVP groups who volunteer their time to carry out the words stated above.

Our SVP Society has helped many over the years, and continues to do so, by visiting the elderly, raising money for local families at Christmas time (and other emergency projects), arranging for food deliveries to the Destitution Project, organising our monthly coffee mornings to help charities at home and overseas.

If you would like to be involved with the SVP, and can offer some time, please contact any member. For more information about the St Vincent De Paul Society visit

<https://www.svp.org.uk/about-us>

World Day of Migrants and Refugees
As we mark the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Caritas Salford continues its working supporting refugees fleeing Ukraine and other countries around the world via its Community Sponsorship programme. You can find out more here: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/community-sponsorship-of-refugees/>

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.

Diocesan Walk for Creation: On Sunday 2 October, we will be holding a special walk to reflect on the beauty of the earth and our call to be guardians of creation. The 5.3-mile circular walk will begin at the Laudato Si' Centre at Wardley Hall at 12.30pm and will stop at Roe Green, Worsley (approx 1.30pm) and St Charles RC Church, Swinton (approx 2.30pm) before returning to the Laudato Si' Centre.

All are welcome to attend and join us at any of our reflection points. Find out more at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocesan-walk-for-creation/>

Family is Sacred course: The Department of Formation for the Diocese of Salford is introducing the second course of 'Family is Sacred', where you are invited to join us on a course offered to families interested in enrichment in married and family life. The course can be attended via Zoom or in person at St John Fisher Parish, Manchester Road, Kearsley, Bolton, BL4 8QQ. Find out more by visiting <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/family-is-sacred-course/>

Caritas Diocese of Salford Harvest Festival: Many parishes are kind enough to remember Caritas Salford and the people who we work alongside in our services for Harvest Festival. If you are kindly considering supporting with donations this year, please visit the website for details of what service teams are most in need of for 2022

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/harvest-festival-2022/> Thank you for your support and kindness.

Newsletter: Next week there will be a newsletter to cover two weeks. If you have any items of news or Mass Intentions for the weekend of 8/9 October, please hand them in before Thursday 29 September. Thank you

SVP Coffee Morning

Wednesday 29 September after
9.30am Mass.

The proceeds will be sent to

The Destitution Project

You are more than welcome to come along for toasted tea-cakes, cakes and a good catch-up!

Thought for the Week...

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to the one who has nothing."

St Gregory Nazianzus

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Readers For 1/2 Oct 2022)		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
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What Streets do you Wander?

“What streets do you wander”? said the old man to the youth,
“Are they streets full of wonder or back lanes full of truth.
Do you search with the rich or with the poor of mankind,
What streets do you wander and what do you find?”

“I search on the highways”, the young man replied,
“Where the pavements are golden and the rich satisfied
Where wealth is a virtue, I seek to attain,
A place full of freedom with riches and fame”.

“And what do you find there”, the old man wanted to know,
“Is the wealth there shared freely does charity flow?”
“Charity is for losers”, the young man said,
“If you’re not one of the winners, you’re better off dead.”

So, the youth then departed to seek for his gold
And the old man went searching in the dark and the cold
To bring to the people a truth that he knew
that freedom is found, in hearts that are true.

For the price of success is too heavy to pay
If you build only on earth, then you’re building on clay.
Follow the master and keep to his way
And true wealth will be yours, in heaven, one day.