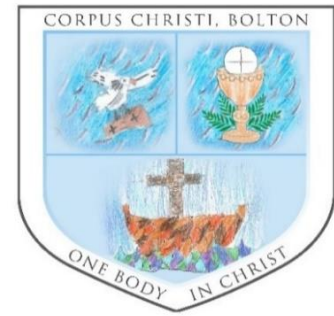


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**16 October 2022**

## Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time



Persistence in our prayer life is an important part of being a Christian. We believe that God hears our prayers and that He acts upon them. Sometimes He answers quickly, and we receive the graces we have requested, at other times He seems to act very slowly but eventually we begin to see His influence on events and although the outcome is not always what we sought we find the strength to understand.

The Old Testament readings are often difficult to understand but we must recognise that they are the story of a people who worshipped God. What we find in the Bible is a mixture of history, poetry, culture, prophesy, law, and faith. Israel was beset on all sides by other nations who fought for the same land. Today the Amalekites attack Israel and they come to battle at Rephidim. Moses prays to the Lord for victory and, as long as he kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage. When his prayer waned, Israel began to fail, but the persistence of Moses, helped by Aaron and Hur, saved the day and Israel triumphed over their aggressors.

Scripture too, is of great importance to our faith. Paul's letter to Timothy, which is proclaimed today, is filled with the special qualities that the Word brings into our lives. He tells us "*All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy*". Through the Word we gain the wisdom that leads us to salvation; its proclamation is a solemn duty, and the message that is contained within must be insisted upon no matter what the opposition we face.

The story of the unjust judge and the poor widow is used by Jesus to emphasise the importance of prayer. Because the widow would not be denied justice but prayed to God and persevered with her case the judge eventually found in her favour. When Jesus began his ministry, many people had grown weary of the injustices of life, they had lost faith and turned away from prayer. Jesus promises that we must keep faith in His Father, persevere in prayer and justice will come. Prayer comes from faith, the greater our faith the more we need to pray.

*David Frank*

### Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2*

*Divine Office Week 1*

*Roman Missal; Page 465 Readings: Page 471*

#### Sunday 16 October

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

#### Monday 17 October - *St Ignatius of Antioch*

9.30am Mass (Holy Infants)

#### Tuesday 18 October - *St Luke*

9.30am Mass (Holy Infants)

7pm Mass (St Osmund's)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

#### Wednesday 19 October

10am Requiem Mass for Maureen Woodward (SB)

#### Thursday 20 October

10am Requiem Mass for Mary Keighley (SJ)

#### Friday 21 October

No Mass Today

#### Saturday 22 October

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm First Mass of 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Yr C (SB) - with Children's Liturgy

*A Special Collection for*

#### Sunday 23 October (30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Yr C) *Missio*

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, 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:** Thomas Armstrong, Janice Green, Maureen Woodward, Mary Keighley, Nuala Bent, Kathleen Morris, Les Pearl, Norman Rawlinson, Harry Parkinson, Lynn Simon de Vera, Kevin Horrocks

**Anniversaries:** Isabelle Owen, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Eileen Gartland, Curt Vosper

*May They Rest in Peace*

**Mass Intentions:** Nuala Bent, Kathleen Morris, Les Pearl, Colin Markland, Curt Vosper, Ray McGloin, Eileen Gartland, Norman Rawlinson, In loving memory of John & Gladys Hall, Isabelle Owen and the intentions of the Owen family, Harry Parkinson, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, A special intention, Lynn Simon de Vera, Kevin Horrocks

**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*

**Hope In The Future** Let us pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady and St Patrick, for Fr Philip Sumner, and for their parish primary schools. In this month of the Holy Rosary may they come to imitate the lives of Jesus and Mary.

**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*

**200 Club (October Winners)**

£50 A Ginns (28)

£25 G Brooks (56)

£15 L Howarth (44)

Readers For 22/23 Oct 2022		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
T Proctor	M Parkinson	K Wilkinson

**Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday:** When the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. **If you use the donation envelopes to give by credit/debit card, please return the envelopes directly to Missio** - please do not put them in the Church collection. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible: [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk). Last year, our parish raised £1,107.88 (including direct giving) through the red box scheme - Thank-you for your support. If you have a red box you no longer use, please return to us for recycling. Thank you.

**Christian Meditation (7.30pm):** The dates for October, November & December are as follows:

18 October (St Brendan's)

25 October (St John's)

8 November (St Brendan's)

15 November (St John's)

22 November (St Brendan's)

29 November (St John's)

6 December (St Brendan's)

13 December (St John's)

**Meeting for Parish Trip to the Holy Land:** There will be a meeting for all those who are interested in the trip. This will be held on Wednesday 26 October at 7pm in the Patmos Room at St John's church. To register interest, please contact either the Parish Office or Ann Gracie (07528027295)

**Walmsley Flower Circle** Are you interested in flowers? We meet at St John's Church on Thursdays (1.30pm-3.30pm term time) for demonstrations and workshops. There's tea & coffee and a chat! For more information ring Margaret on 07806777269

**Women Saints and Spirituality:** 10am - 12.30pm Wardley Hall, Worsley, Manchester, M28 2ND Join us for a series of talks exploring the life and spirituality of women in the Church throughout history. Our next session takes place on Friday 21 October and has a special focus on St Teresa of Avila. To reserve a place Contact Sister Joan Kerley [joankfmsj@gmail.com](mailto:joankfmsj@gmail.com) or 07934 816796 .

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