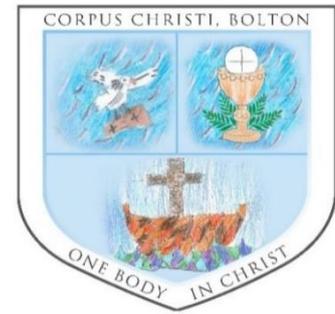


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**23 October 2022**

## Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time



Have you ever wondered where is God? We seek Him in so many ways in prayer, celebration, nature, music, art, literature; but struggle to find Him. Perhaps we spend too much time searching and not enough time just sitting and waiting for Him to reveal Himself.

The author of Ecclesiasticus gives us an insight into his idea of where God is to be found. The passage speaks to me of the prayers of petition in which we call to God for his help. We are told that God is a judge who does not consider our human ideas of place or station in life but looks deep into the heart of the petitioner and answers our prayer in a way that brings an outcome that we have the strength to accept. There is no one, who calls to Him, who will not be answered, the waiting time may be long, but the answer is given with love.

Today's Psalm and the Letter to Timothy should be read together for they appear to be in harmony; in the psalm the petitioner is confident that his prayer will be heard, and that God will save Him from all that surrounds him. Paul echoes the beautiful message of the psalm as he faces some great difficulty in his life. Paul too is confident that his prayer will be answered.

One phrase stands out in the Gospel; the Pharisee speaks "this prayer to himself"; contrast this with the tax collector who calls out in his pain "God, be merciful to me, a sinner". Now judge whose petition will be heard; Jesus, through the language and tone of the passage, leaves us in no doubt. God is to be found everywhere, but we need to be prepared to discern his presence even in those places and situations where he seems so far away. God is there, in the humblest of surroundings and among those who are the least in our society, perhaps He is there because we are not! So, when you pray, give yourself time to just sit and be still; then speak your petition with a pure heart, pray with humility, and wait, patiently, on God's time, for His answer. *David Frank*

### Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2*  
*Divine Office Week 2*  
*Roman Missal; Page 475 Readings: Page 480*

#### Sunday 23 October

9.30am Mass (SJ)  
11am Mass (SB)  
*A Special Collection for Missio*

#### Monday 24 October

6pm Mass (SJ)

#### Tuesday 25 October

10am Mass (SB)  
7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

#### Wednesday 26 October - Ss Chad & Cedd

12noon Requiem Mass for Thomas Armstrong (SJ)  
1pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)  
7pm Meeting for Holy Land Pilgrimage (SJ)

#### Thursday 27 October

10am Mass (SB)

#### Friday 28 October - Ss Simon & Jude

No Mass Today

#### Saturday 29 October

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)  
11.30am Mass (SJ)  
5pm First Mass of 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Yr C (SB) - with Children's Liturgy  
*Clocks go back one hour*

#### Sunday 30 October (31st Sunday Yr C)

9.30am Mass (SJ)  
11am Mass (SB)  
12.15pm Baptism (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, Peter Hayler

**Lately Dead:** Thomas Armstrong, Maureen Woodward, Mary Keighley, Janice Green, Michael Rigg, Mary O'Connor

**Anniversaries:** Nicola Lamoury, Winifrede O'Connor, Sister Mary Doyle, Mary Josephine Pearce, John Pearce

***May They Rest in Peace***

**Mass Intentions:** Thomas Armstrong, The Armstrong family, Winifrede O'Connor, Sister Mary Doyle, Nicola Lamoury, Margaret Attwood (90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration), Mary Josephine Pearce, John Pearce, Janice Green, Lillian Dawson (Birthday), Margaret Quayle, Michael Rigg, Mary O'Connor

**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 St Joseph, Mossley, and its primary school together with the parish of the Sacred Heart Uppermill (in the Diocese of Leeds), with Fr James Clarke. May they ever hear the cry of the poor.

**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*

**Today is World Mission Sunday:** 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. **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).

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting is on Wednesday 26 October at 1pm. The novel under discussion is *Abide With Me* by Elizabeth Strout (Pulitzer Prize Winner). Refreshments provided and all are welcome.

**SVP News**

**Save the Date**

Friday 2 December, 7.30pm

At St Brendan's Church

The Eden Singers will perform a Christmas Cantata

*The Light of the World*

This special evening will be in support of families (in need) around our parish.

Tickets £5

Please see the notices in our churches.

Further Details to follow

**SVP Coffee Morning:** Will be held after the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 2 November (St John's Church). All Welcome

**Would you like to volunteer at the Laudato Si Centre, Wardley Hall?** The [Laudato Si Centre](http://Laudato Si Centre) at Wardley Hall is looking for volunteers. The centre is a statement of environmental hope, rooted in the belief that we can all make a difference through the actions we take. We have opportunities to volunteer in our walled garden and woodland, including general gardening activities, maintenance and supporting school and community activities. We would love to hear from retired teachers who would be interested in developing material for our school visits. Please contact [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) to express an interest.

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

Readers For 29/30 October 2022		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
L Lamoury	P Barnes	P Brennan