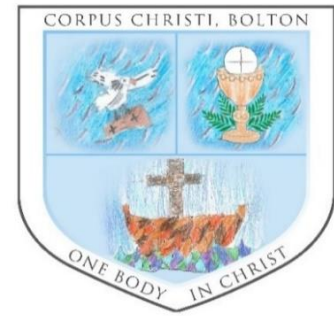


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

30 October 2022

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time



In today's first reading the writer takes the theme of the Mercy of God and weaves a wonderful song of praise for the love that God gives to all that He has created. In a world beset by the problems of Global warming and

the consequences of our mistreatment of the creatures that we are meant to safeguard, the reading is a sobering reminder that God cares for the whole of creation. It is we who have the power to change the attitude of the world in these matters, not to do so is a sin against the natural world and a mark of our disdain for the Lord "the lover of life".

Paul's letter to the Thessalonians comes at a time when believers are growing impatient for the second coming of Christ and certain factions are causing unrest by claiming that this event has already come to pass. Paul seeks to calm the followers of the way, he reminds them to continue living the sort of life that that makes them worthy of God's call and to keep the faith, through which, all will see the glory of God.

I always smile when the Gospel reading for today comes along because it reminds me that all life is reflected in the Gospels, even the funny stories that are so much part of the joys of life. Tax Collectors were important men in the community, they were often despised and feared but they had an authority which was respected. Zacchaeus had a problem, he was not very tall and he wanted to see Jesus, but when Jesus comes to Jericho the crowds are such that he cannot see him. So, he climbs a tree, his dignity is left in the dust of the roadside, and he sits high above the crowd, you can only imagine the comments from the crowd at this sight. Jesus sees him and understands the cost of his humiliation. He calls to Zacchaeus to come down and share a meal with him. Zacchaeus responds with generosity, he pledges his wealth to help the poor, it is often difficult for us to chance humiliation by helping those who are poor and despised, Jesus reminds us that those who do so are loved by the Father and will never be lost.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

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Sunday 30 October

9.30am Mass (SJ)
11am Mass (SB)
12.15pm Baptism (SB)

Monday 31 October

7pm First Mass for All Saints (SJ)

Tuesday 1 November - All Saints - Holy day of Obligation

9.15am Mass (SB) - With School
10.30am Mass (SJ) - With School
2pm Mass (St Columba's School)

Wednesday 2 November - All Souls

9am Exposition & Adoration
9.30am Mass (SJ) followed by Coffee Morning
6pm Mass (SB)

Thursday 3 November

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 4 November

No Mass Today

Saturday 5 November

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)
11.30am Mass (SJ)
5pm First Mass of 32nd Sunday Yr C (SB) - with Children's Liturgy

Sunday 6 November (32nd Sunday Yr C)

9.30am Mass (SJ)
11am Mass (SB)

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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, Norah Peyton, Shirley Douglas

Anniversaries: Michael Greenhalgh, Mary Healy, Mary Lomax, Kathryn Hinks

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Thomas Armstrong, Michael Greenhalgh, Mary Healy, Norah Peyton, Mary Lomax, Shirley Douglas, Kathryn Hinks

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: We pray for the people of the parishes of Ss Aidan and Oswald, Royton, and St Joseph's, Shaw, for Fr Stephen Doyle and for their parish primary schools. We pray for the chaplaincy to Dr Kershaw's Hospice. May the name of Christ be glorified in them.

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*

I hope everyone is keeping well, at the time of writing it is surprisingly mild for this time of the year.

November is a month of remembrance. We start off with the Feast of All Saints (A Holy day of Obligation), there will be a Vigil Mass at 7pm on Monday evening at St John's Church then there will be three School Masses on Tuesday to which everybody is welcome.

On Wednesday we have the Feast of All Souls - a day when Priests are allowed to celebrate more than one Mass, so there will be two Masses as we pray for the faithful departed.
God Bless Fr Alf

Fair Trade Stall: Goods will be on sale after Mass St John's on Sunday 6 of November. There will be chocolate advent calendars on sale with the Christian Christmas story and a small section of Christmas gifts.

November - Holy Souls



We have envelopes (with a card) and you are invited to place the names of your deceased relatives and friends and all for whom you wish to pray during the month of the Holy Souls (no donation required). Please return the envelope to either church or post through the presbytery

letterboxes. If you are unable to make it to church at this time, you may email your names to office@sbsj.org.uk All envelopes received will be placed on the sanctuary in the baskets marked Holy Souls. We will pray for the Faithful Departed at all the Holy Masses but particularly on the Feast of All Souls and Mass for the deceased on the 19th November. *May they rest in peace.*

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.

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

Churches In Harwood (Christmas Dinner on Jesus): This year Urban Outreach are asking us to collect savoury crackers. If you are able to help with this appeal, we need to collect 200 packets of the 200g-300g size. We aim to have all donations in by the last Sunday of November. Thank you for your continued support.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Thank you to everyone who came along to the meeting on Wednesday. To confirm your interest in this trip, please email Ann Gracie agracie@hotmail.co.uk

Readers Rota: The new rota will be available in the next couple of weeks. If you would be interested in becoming a reader at Sunday Masses, please contact the Office.

Readers For 5/6 November 2022

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
S Mikolajewski	M Roe	C Bridge