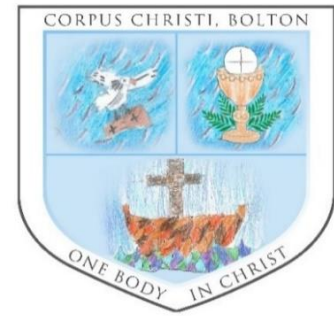


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

5 March 2023

The Second Sunday of Lent



Last week we encountered the Temptations in the wilderness as Jesus prepared Himself for His great missionary journey. Today that journey comes to a close, with a mountaintop vision of Christ shining like the sun, transfigured before the sight of Peter, James and John.

We each have a call from God, something He wants us to do. Many spend years unaware of this call and often fail to hear even when situations shout out to us to act. Our human nature is drawn towards the rewards of this world, and we do not always hear the cries of those less fortunate than ourselves. Lent is a time to open our ears, look around, and move towards His light which is always pointing to those who need our help. Lent is not about giving things up it is about taking up the call to act in love for our neighbour.

Abram heard the call; he charged round the desert and wild places of the middle east looking for the One who was calling to him. He found the land promised to him by God as a place for God's holy people. He was faithful, he believed in a God he could not see but he sensed His presence. We follow Abraham, we have faith in a God that we cannot see but something within calls us to faith.

Paul writes to Timothy; many years have passed since the death and resurrection of the Lord. Paul sees the hardships endured by the people of God and urges them not to give up. Jesus promised that the power of God would cloth them with a spirit of holiness. That His grace would sustain them through all that they must endure for His sake. That spirit of holiness, that grace of God, falls now upon our shoulders, we are Gods presence in our world and, if we ask Him, He will give us the strength to do His work in our world.

The Transfiguration was not an end, but a beginning. We encounter, now, a confident Jesus, prepared for all that may follow. He sets out for that final journey to Jerusalem, to His death and resurrection and, through the readings of Lent, He carries us with Him. *David Frank*

Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office Week 2
Roman Missal: p543*

Sunday 5 March

9.30am Mass (SJ)- With Children's Liturgy
11am Mass (SB)
12.15pm Baptism (SB)
3pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction (SB)

Monday 6 March

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 7 March

9.30am Confessions (SB)
10am Mass (SB)
7.30pm Christian Meditation - *Praying with Scripture* (SJ)

Wednesday 8 March

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

Thursday 9 March

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 10 March

No Mass today

Saturday 11 March

10.45am Adoration & Confessions
11.30am Mass
5pm Vigil Mass of 3rd Sunday in Lent (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

Sunday 12 March - 3rd Sunday in Lent

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy
11am Mass (SB)
3pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction (SJ)

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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, Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Wynn & Michael Latham, Irene Sheridan, Thomas Baker, Kathryn Browning, Rachel Edge, Fr Leo Heakin, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Mary Fitzgerald, Helen Fraser, Peter Reilly, Helene Draper, Terry Scott, Ken Goodwin, , Peter Wareing, Michael O'Connor

Lately Dead: Margaret Attwood, Roger Kershaw, Sheila Derbyshire, Antonio Popanes

Anniversaries: Dorothy Tudhope, Betty Carolan, John Carolan, David Greenhalgh, James Mathen

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: James Mathen, Antonio Popanes, Dorothy Tudhope, Betty Carolan, John Carolan, David Greenhalgh, Kathleen Banks, Harry Dawson (Birthday Remembrance), Roger Kershaw, Barbara Grimes (Birthday Remembrance)

During Lent, we pray for: Candidates for the Sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers.

Let us pray for all victims and those who have been affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. May families find strength and comfort in their suffering.

We continue to pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine

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*

Coffee Morning: Thank you to all who joined us at the coffee morning on Wednesday. The total amount raised was a fantastic £205! This will go to the SVP Prisoner Project.

Spring Flower Demonstration: Saturday 25 March at St John's Church (1pm-3pm). Proceeds will go to the SVP. Tickets are now on sale at £5 per person.

Destitution Project Lenten Donations: Thank you for your kind donations so far. The items in need are: tinned tomatoes, chick peas, red kidney beans. We are particularly short of bags of sugar, tins of sardines in oil, and bottles of vegetable oil.

Gift Aid Offertory: Thank you for all your contributions towards the running of the parish. For those who donate using envelopes or standing order (and not currently part of the gift aid scheme) Chris Molyneux will be available to chat about Gift Aiding your donation and answering any questions you may have after Masses on:- 4 March (SB), 5 March (SJ & SB).

Churches In Harwood: Lenten Course:

Starting at 7.30pm:

Tuesday 7 March - St Brendan's

Tuesday 14 March Harwood Methodist

Tuesday 21 March St Brendan's

Tuesday 28 March Christ's Church Harwood

200 Club Subscriptions: Are now due (£15 per number - the first increase in 30 years!). The 200 Club is a great way to support the Parish so any new members are greatly appreciated and made very welcome. It may be difficult for some parishioners to get their subscription to me, so here are a few options to help:

1. Post/deliver to the Parish Office

2. Leave at the front of either church in the basket provided

3. Contact me on 01204 30291/07528027295

For options 1 and 2 please place your subscription and your contact details in an envelope F.A.O Ann Gracie. All cheques made payable to **Corpus Christi**. Thank You. *Ann*

Fair Trade Stall: We are now in the middle of Fair-Trade Fortnight when many people try to raise awareness of the meaning and need for fair trade. Goods on sale at the 9.30am Mass at St John's on Sunday 12 March. Thank you.

Lenten School of Prayer: Fridays of Lent 10am - 12.30pm, Wardley Hall. This year we will be focusing on "*Praying with Laudato Si*" For more information, please [click here](#). Contact Sister Joan Kerley at: joankfmsj@gmail.com or 07934 816 796 to reserve a place.

Job Vacancy at Urban Outreach - Adult Services Support Worker: We currently have a job vacancy in our Adult Services Team to work in our Eve's Space Project. The position involves supporting women ex-offenders and those at risk of offending. If you would like to express interest in this position, please email Hannah Matthews, Team Leader Adult Services, hannah.matthews@urbanoutreach.co.uk, The closing date is 12noon, Friday 17 March 2023.

Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm (SB)
Good Friday - 10.30am Stations of the Cross (SB)

The Lord's Passion - 3pm (SJ)
Easter Vigil - 7.30pm (SB)
Easter Sunday - 9.30am (SJ); 11am Mass (SB)

Readers For 11/12 March 2023

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
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