

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

21 May 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Prayer is at the centre of today's readings. The Psalms are a great storehouse of prayer and were used, daily, by the Jewish people to ask for God's help, to thank him for his graciousness to them and to share their life burden with the Lord. Today's Psalm is both a prayer and a statement of faith; the psalmist calls on the Lord, "his light, and his help". He calls the Lord "his stronghold", his bulwark against fear. Then comes a plea "to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life"; just consider what is asked for here. This is a heartfelt call to the Lord to preserve the partitioner from sin, to keep him close to the Lord. The treasure contained in the Psalms is there for us, we only need to read and listen carefully and take them to heart.

When the apostles returned to the city, after the Ascension of the Lord, they took with them the promise of Jesus that an advocate would be given to them to carry on the work of building the kingdom of God. The Holy Spirit would come to them, to walk with them through the trials that were to come and be a source of inspiration to all who followed in the footsteps of Christ. In order to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit they responded in prayer. Whenever we need something, our recourse is to prayer; we follow the example of all those men and women gathered in the upper room. They believed and were justified; if we believe then we will receive an answer to our prayer.

In the passage from John, Jesus, raises His eyes to heaven and prays. His prayer begins with a heartfelt recognition that His time of suffering has arrived "the hour has come". He prays in words reminiscent of the prayer he gave us "The Our Father", as He asks that His name be glorified just as the Father's name is hallowed and that the promise to His followers be fulfilled, that they may be preserved from all evil and gain eternal life. Throughout His ministry he has brought glory to the Father through His work of teaching and healing, He has made the Father more fully known to those who have listened to His voice, followed His example. Now He prays for those who follow His way that they may continue to proclaim the Good News of the Father's love for all mankind
David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office Week 3
Roman Missal: p 793*

Sunday 21 May

9.30am Mass (SJ)- With Children's Liturgy
11am Mass (SB)

*A Special Collection for the Catholic
Communications Network*

Monday 22 May

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 23 May

9.15am Forward in Faith Mass (SB)
7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

Wednesday 24 May

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)
9.30am Mass (SJ)
1.15pm Funeral Service for Michael Leggatt
(Overdale)

Thursday 25 May - St Bede

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 26 May

No Mass Today

Saturday 27 May - St Augustine

10.45am Confession (SJ) - This week
11am Adoration
11.30am Mass (SJ)
5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy

Sunday 28 May - Pentecost

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Liturgy
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, Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, 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, Michael O'Connor, Daniel Cockton, Joyce Strickleton, Christine Gardner, Margaret Doreen Kay

Lately Dead: Michael Leggatt, Tom Roache, Helen Faulkner, James Jennings,

Anniversaries: John Fitzgerald, Agnes Maguire, Helga Healey, Lola Anne Cosgrave, John Carter

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: John Fitzgerald, Helga Healey, Gerard Dobson (Birthday Remembrance), Tom Roache, Margaret Quayle, Michael Leggatt, Lola Anne Cosgrave, John Carter, Agnes Maguire

During Easter, we pray for: New members of the Church, vocations, the right use of the media, the Church and human work

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

Within this deanery is situated the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Dormition (Assumption) of Mary, which belongs to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy (Diocese) of Great Britain. Let us then pray for the parishioners of the Ukrainian Catholic Church here in Manchester, together with Fr Andriy Tsaputa, their parish priest. May they know the peace of the Risen Lord.

We pray for all our students who are sitting exams in the next few weeks. May they be kept from anxiety and stress and grant them peace to do the best they can.

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 Arthur Samuel Martin who was baptised at St John's Church last weekend. Let us pray that both he and his family continue to grow in faith.

Congratulations: To the children who received the Sacrament of Communion this weekend. We pray for all who are taking this sacrament, and are hopeful they continue their faith journey.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 31 May at 1pm. The novel for discussion is *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. Also, we shall be voting for our next year's selection of books. All welcome.

**Parish of Corpus Christi
SVP Society Sponsored Walk**

On Sunday 11th June 2023 the SVP Society is holding a sponsored walk to raise funds to provide support for individuals and families in need at Christmas time.

If you would be able to help by sponsoring one of our SVP members, that would be great - or you may want to take part yourself. The walk follows a beautiful route around any combination of the Jumbles, Wayoh and Entwistle Reservoirs (3, 7 or 10 miles). You can pick up a sponsorship form from the back of church or by contacting any SVP member. Alternatively, please speak to Arthur Rawlinson Tel: Bolton 418204. Thank You.

Christian Meditation

Starting at 7.30pm, the next dates are as follows:

- 23rd May St Brendan's
- 30th May No Meditation - Half Term
- 6th June St Brendan's
- 13th June St John's
- 20th June St Brendan's
- 27th June St John's
- 4th July St Brendan's
- 11th July St John's
- 18th July St Brendan's

Thought for the Week...

"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship."

St Thomas Aquinas

Volunteers Needed

If you have time to spare to help with tea and coffee after 11am Mass on Sundays (St Brendan's), we would love to hear from you. Please contact the parish office.

Readers For 27/28 May 2023		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
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