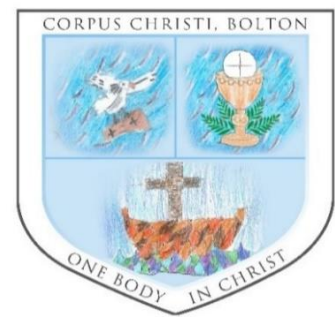


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

15 October 2023

Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time



Paul made a number of visits to the Church in Philippi, they were very supportive of him and helped him in his missionary work. Today we listen to the end of his letter to them. As he writes, he paints a picture of the children of God. They have lived with hardship but now they enjoy the benefits of their faithfulness to God. They have been hungry but now are fed, they were poor but now are rich for the love of God has been poured out on them. This is a vision of a people ready for the heavenly banquet that is waiting for them.

Today we have the third and final parable that Jesus uses to try and teach the leaders of the Jewish people that the love of God is for everyone who believes in Him. We begin with a passage from Isaiah and a description of a banquet that God prepares on His holy mountain. The reading is full of the promises of God; it is a vision of heaven where death is no more, and joy and happiness fill the banqueting hall. The celebration is for those who hoped in the Lord, those who stayed faithful to Him. The Jewish people have come through many hardships to reach the holy mountain, and this is their reward. However, they must prove themselves worthy of God's blessings.

The chief priest and elders were content to live in their palaces and lord it over the people. They cared for themselves only and treated the poor and the sinners with disdain. They refused to change their ways, the poor and the sinners came to the celebration in their place, but they too must understand that change is necessary if they are to enjoy the feast. The one who is thrown out of the feast is one who has not changed, he still wears the clothing of the sinner, he has not taken on the garment of salvation. The parable reminds us that in order for the love of God to enter our hearts we too must change and place the needs of others before ourselves, we must know what it means to be poor so that we are filled with the richness that comes from God.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1

Divine Office Week 4

Roman Missal: p 455

Sunday 15 October

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

Monday 16 October

6pm Mass (SJ)
Redecoration begins at St Brendan's this week.

Tuesday 17 October - *St Ignatius of Antioch*

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Wednesday 18 October - *St Luke*

9am Adoration & Exposition (SJ)
9.30am Mass (SJ) With Yr 2 Children

Thursday 19 October

9.30am Mass (SJ)
6.30pm Synod Big Listen (SJ)

Friday 20 October

12noon Requiem Mass for Kevin Kenny
(Pleasington Priory)

Saturday 21 October

10.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation,
Exposition & Adoration (SJ)
11.30am Mass (SJ)
5pm Vigil Mass (SJ) - *With Children's Liturgy*

Sunday 22 October

9.30am Mass (SJ) - *With Children's Liturgy*
11am Mass (SJ)
*A Special Collection for Missio at Masses
this weekend*

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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, Eileen Fitzgerald, Helen Fraser, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Ken Goodwin, Michael O'Connor, Joyce Strickleton, Christine Gardner, Margaret Doreen Kay, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Peter Carroll, Joan Turner

Lately Dead: Mary Clarke, Elizabeth Williams, Damian Rabbitt, Pat Hollingsworth, Bryan Foster, Thomas Mullins, Kevin Kenny, Jean Heyes

Anniversaries: Nicola Lamoury, Tommy Armstrong, John Durkin, Joan Pearce, Isabelle Owen, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Doreen Molyneux

Mass Intentions: Nicola Lamoury (10th Anniversary), Tommy Armstrong (1st Anniversary), John Durkin, A Special Intention, Joan Pearce, Isabelle Owen & the Owen family, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Pat Hollingsworth, Doreen Molyneux, Jean Heyes

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 and peace in the world, all victims of war, young people, prisoners and their families.

We Pray for all those affected by the devastating news in Israel and Gaza. Let us also pray for healing, a peaceful solution and restoration.

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

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Catherine of Siena, Disbury, and Fr John Hitchen, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, for the Barlow High School and for Francis House Children's Hospice. May they trust always in the strength of God.

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially.

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you

Harbour Room Book Club: Please note the next meeting will be in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is due to the work being done at St Brendan's. The book for discussion is *Notes from an Exhibition* by Patrick Gale. The meeting starts at 1pm on Wednesday 25 October. All welcome.

Children's Liturgy: We would like to start a Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass at St Brendan's. If anyone would be interested in helping out at this Mass, or even help with the other Children's Liturgies, please get in touch with Fr Alf or the Parish Office. Please note, volunteers are subject to DBS clearance.

Readers For 21/22 October 2023		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
S Mikolajewski	S Copley	M Day

Masses & Activities Twenty Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office Week 1 Roman Missal: p 465

Sunday 22 October 9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SJ)
Monday 23 October No Mass Today
Tuesday 24 October 9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)
Wednesday 25 October - Ss Chad & Ced 9am Adoration & Exposition (SJ) 9.30am Mass (SJ) Followed by SVP Coffee Morning 1pm Book Club (Patmos Room, SJ)
Thursday 26 October 9.30am Mass (SJ) 2pm Harvest Mass (SC School)
Friday 27 October - Ss Simon & Jude 10am Mass (SJ)
Saturday 28 October 10.45 Sacrament of Reconciliation, Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) 5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - <i>With Children's Liturgy</i>
Sunday 29 October 9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) 12.15pm Baptism (SB)

Diocesan Synod - Appeal for Big Listen Participants: The Diocese wants to hear from members of its parishes to better understand the Diocesan Church and its perceived status. This consultation is open to both practising and non-practising Catholics as well as non-Catholic parishioners. Our parish will be holding Big Listen events on the following dates:

Thursday 19 Oct 6.30pm (St John's)

Wednesday 15 November 6.30pm (St Brendan's)
The sessions will last one hour and your participation in one of these events would be greatly appreciated. Please invite any friends and family (living in our parish) who would be happy to attend (regular churchgoers or not). If you live in our parish, we want to hear from you! We would simply like you to give us your honest answers to a series of questions provided by the Diocese. For more information, please contact the parish office or speak to Julie Summerton and Guy Drabble.

World Mission Sunday: Takes place on 22 October when the whole Church unites through prayer for its missionary activity and collects funds to support Catholic communities across the world who are experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil.
Thank you for your support.

Readers For 28/29 October 2023		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
C Molyneux	G Drabble	K Denton