

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

26 November 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Lord Jesus

You are the King of Kings,
the Shepherd of our Souls,
Our Redeemer, Our Saviour, and Our Friend.

You hold us close to you.
Watching when we go astray,
seeking us out when we are lost,
when we are scattered in the mist and darkness.

You destroy our enemies,
even death cannot prevail against you.
You bring all your people to life in you,
So that God may be all and in all. *Amen*

There is something very fundamental about today's message from the Gospel; something well worth our consideration. Jesus is talking to his disciples about the last judgement. He lists some criteria which will be used to separate the sheep from the goats. There is no mention of how many times they have been to Mass or how well their prayer life has progressed. No, the main criteria listed in Matthews Gospel is how well they have loved.

Beth Nielson Chapman, the American Singer/Songwriter sums up the core of the message as she sings: *"Life has taught me this, every day is new and if anything is true. All that matters, when we're through, is how we loved"*.

Faithfulness brings its own reward but unless we make the love of others our main priority faith has no meaning. We cannot save ourselves; we can only do what we can for each other and hope that our efforts are sufficient to save us. Belonging to a church does not ensure salvation; we must follow Christ every day and act as He did to the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the lost and the sick. It is only by giving of ourselves that we find eternal life.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office Week 2 Roman Missal: p 514

Sunday 26 November

9.30am Mass (SJ) - *With Children's Liturgy*
11am Mass (SB)
12.15pm Baptism (SB)

Monday 27 November

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 28 November

10am Mass (SB) - With Yr 4
7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

Wednesday 29 November

9.30am Mass (SJ) with Yrs1,3 & 5 Children
10am SVP Coffee Morning (SJ) - All Welcome!

Thursday 30 November - *St Andrew*

10am Mass (SB)
2.15pm Funeral for Ken Manual (Overdale)

Friday 1 December

No Mass Today

Saturday 2 December (Please note Morning Mass at St Brendan's today)

10.45 Reconciliation, Exposition & Adoration (SB)
11.30am Mass (SB)
12.15pm Baptism (SB)
5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - *With Children's Liturgy*

Sunday 3 December - 1st Sunday of Advent

9.30am Mass (SJ) - *With Children's 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, 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, Joan Turner, Dr Allan Needham

Lately Dead: Edna Baker, Ken Manual, Mary Brookes, **Anniversaries:** Robert Healey, Graham Taylor, Ronald Hailwood, Frank McDowell, Gerard Dobson, Annie McGrath

Mass Intentions: Robert Healey, Denis O'Kane (Birthday Remembrance), Mary Brookes, Graham Taylor (27th Anniversary), Ronald Hailwood, A Special Intention, Frank McDowell (1st Anniversary), Gerard Dobson, Annie McGrath

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 healing, a peaceful solution and restoration to the conflict in Gaza and Israel. We continue to pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine.*

Let us pray this week for the people of the parish of St Cuthbert, Manchester, and for Fr Brendan Curley, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for the Christie Hospital. May they know the Lord as their Shepherd and King

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

Congratulation: To Maeve Lily Ruane who was baptised last weekend. We pray that both she and her family continue to grow in faith.

Walk With Me: The free booklets and calendars are available for you to take away this weekend.

Admission To Candidacy for Holy Orders: Let us congratulate Carmine Rea, who will be taking a step closer to Ordination as he is admitted as a candidate for Holy Orders. Please keep Carmine in your prayers.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday November 29 at 1pm. The novel to be discussed is *Exiles* by Jane Harper. All welcome. Please note the change in January's book choice. It is now *A Rising Man* by Abir Mukherjee.

3 December 2023 1st Sunday of Advent (Yr B)

Masses & Activities this Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1</i> <i>Divine Office Week 1 Roman Missal: p 93</i>	
Sunday 3 December	
9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB)	
Monday 4 December	
No Mass Today	
Tuesday 5 December	
12noon Mass (SB) 7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)	
Wednesday 6 December	
10am Requiem Mass for Edna Baker (SJ) 2pm St Columba's School Advent Mass	
Thursday 7 December	
9.15am Whole School Advent Mass (SB)	
Friday 8 December -The Immaculate Conception	
10am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday 9 December	
10.45am Reconciliation, Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) 1pm Christmas Flower Demonstration (SB) 5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - <i>With Children's Liturgy</i>	
Sunday 10 December - 2nd Sunday In Advent	
9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB)	

Fortalice Christmas Toy Collection: As in previous years, we have been asked if parishioners would kindly donate a newly purchased gift or voucher for children at Fortalice. These will be collected at Masses on 15/16 December. Thank you.

Christmas Flower Demonstration: 9 December at St Brendan's Church (1pm-3pm).

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia plant, in memory of a loved one, please take a request slip & envelope and place, with a donation (minimum £5), in the basket provided. The deadline for requests is Sunday 10 December.

Churches in Harwood (Christmas Dinner on Jesus): We are still quite a way from hitting our target of 200 jars of Cranberry Sauce (200g size). So, we have extended the final date for collection to Sunday 3 December. Thank you.

Readers For 3/4 December 2023		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
G Kearns	M Morrison	A Moore
Readers For 9/10 December 2023		
L Lamoury	J O'Connor	C Owen
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ)		
4 Dec	10 Dec	
P McArdle, M Cropper	J Carroll, A Gracie	