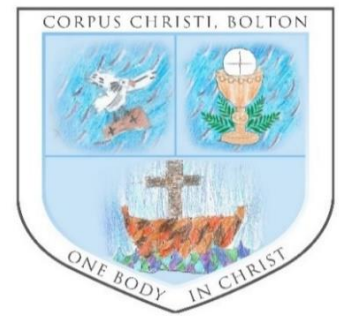


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

19th May 2024

Pentecost Sunday



Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 3

Roman Missal: p805; Readings: p 806

Sunday 19 May

9.30am Mass (SJ) -With

Children's Liturgy

11am Mass (SB) -With

Children's Liturgy

2pm Diamond Jubilee Celebration Mass for Fr Frank McCauley (SB)



Monday 20 May - Mary, Mother of the Church

6pm Mass (SJ)

6.30pm Needlework Group (Harbour Room, SB)

Tuesday 21 May

10am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

Wednesday 22 May

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ) - Followed by Coffee Morning

Thursday 23 May - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

9.30am Crowning Service (SJ)

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 24 May

11am Funeral Service for Christine Gardner (Overdale)

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 25 May - St Bede

10.45am Confession & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Vigil Mass (SB)

Sunday 26 May - The Most Holy Trinity

9.30am Mass (SJ)

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

Today is the birthday of the Church. It was born today in the upper room in scenes that are described in our first reading of rushing wind and tongues of fire. Although these events were almost two thousand years ago there is a sense that they are of today for every time there is a Baptism the events of Pentecost are recalled as the Holy Spirit descends on another child of God. In each generation we discover the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives through the living witness of the scriptures as Jesus, through the Gospels, and those early Apostles in their letters, continue to speak to us and inspire us across the centuries.

In our second reading Paul speaks to us of the fruits of the Spirit. To come to an understanding of these fruits; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, truthfulness, gentleness, and self-control, I read through them, slowly, deliberately pausing after each word, seeking a name, someone to whom all these attributes could apply. Someone who inspired those around them, who recognised the good in every individual but also saw their brokenness.

When we speak of love our thoughts turn to Jesus who loved us so much that he sacrificed his life for us. He radiated joy, but he also had an aura of peace about him, a peace which the world cannot replicate. He was certainly patient; look at how he accepted Peter's impulsiveness and how he understood the ambitions of the sons of thunder, and their mother! He was kindness and goodness personified; he touched lepers and made them clean, he gave sight to the blind, restored hearing and made the dumb speak, healed those crippled by illness, comforted those in distress and reconciled sinners. Jesus is someone we can trust because he speaks in truth and with authority; he is gentle, giving power and dignity to the children, and to the child within each of us, and always, even in his trial and death, in control of himself and the circumstances he found himself in.

Perhaps the lesson we take from today is that the fruits of the Holy Spirit can make us perfect and, if we do not possess them all, we should aspire to them, for, if we do, then the Kingdom is ours and we can take up the promise of Christ that we too may be consecrated in truth.

David Frank

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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, Irene Clappison, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Fr Leo Heakin, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Joyce Strickleton, Christine Gardner, Margaret Doreen Kay, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Dr Allan Needham, Margaret Roberts, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Peter McGawley

Lately Dead: John Hoare, Jean Crompton, Margaret Butler, Mary Moss, Veronica Baxter, Teresa Smith, Annie Gilpin, Christine Gardner, Ann Parkinson, Peter Bellew

Anniversaries: John Carter, Helga Healey, John Smith, David Badley,

Mass Intentions: Gerard Lamoury (Birthday Remembrance), John Carter, Fr Frank McCauley, Fr Bernard Charnock, Nuala Bent, Frank McDowell, Teresa Smith, Helga Healey, John Hoare, John Smith, David Badley, Annie Gilpin, Jean Crompton, Margaret Butler, A special intention

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions: new members of the Church, vocations, the right use of the media, the Church and human work

We pray for healing, a peaceful solution and restoration in the Middle East.

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

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

Dona: We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.

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

Congratulations: To Cameron James Young who was baptized last weekend. We pray that both he and his family continue to grow in faith.

First Communion: We pray for all who are taking part in this sacrament and are hopeful they continue their faith journey. Congratulations to the children who are celebrating this weekend.

Fr Frank McCauley Diamond Jubilee of Priesthood: On the 23 May, Fr Frank will celebrate 60 years of priesthood. Most of you know that Fr Frank was parish priest at St Columba's for 25 years before his retirement. There will be a Mass celebrated to mark this occasion at St Brendan's this Sunday (19 May) at 2pm. The Mass will be followed by refreshments at St Brendan's school. All welcome. Many thanks to Fr Frank for his years of service.

Thank You: The SVP would like to thank all who bought a hanging basket last weekend. It was a complete sell out!

SVP News - Dates for your Diary

Coffee Morning: The next coffee morning will be held after the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 22 May. All welcome.

Benediction & Afternoon Tea: Will be held on Sunday 30 June at 3pm. Further details soon.

Annual Sponsored Walk: Sunday 7 July, Sponsor forms will be available soon.

Craft Event: We will be holding this event on the afternoon of Thursday 1 August. More details to follow.

Other News from Around the Diocese:

Laudato Si' Week: This week (19-26 May), we mark Laudato Si' Week - an annual campaign celebrating the anniversary of Pope Francis' environmental encyclical. This year's theme is "Seeds of Hope", which calls us to be those seeds of hope in our lives and in our world, rooted in faith and love. To find out more about the campaign please visit <https://laudatosiweek.org>

Quarant'ore: At Salford Cathedral's temporary church (5th - 8th June 2024). During this Year of Prayer, in preparation for the Jubilee 2025, you are invited to join us at the Cathedral temporary church for a special time of prayer - 40 Hours of Adoration of Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We will pray for a special intention each day. The times of Holy Mass, Confessions and Exposition during Quarant'ore can be found at <https://salfordcathedral.co.uk/>. All are welcome to join us!

Job Vacancy Education Administrator - Diocese of Salford

Appointment Type: Full-time, permanent (Term time only will be considered)

Working Hours: 35 hours per week to be worked Monday to Friday

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Salary: £24,983 - £28,668 per annum

Find out more and apply at:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

A Word from Pope Francis.

"The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost is an event that continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants us to transform the world."

Readers for 25/26 May 2024

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
G Kearns	P Partington	P Brennan
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 26 May		
P McArdle & A Gracie		