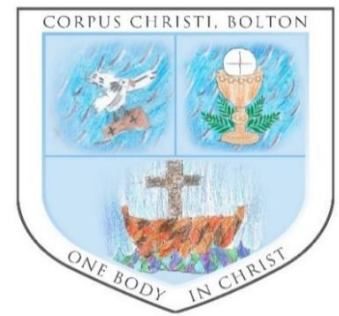


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

26th May 2024

The Most Holy Trinity



In the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, we encounter God. We find Him through our senses, in the majesty of creation, in the love and compassion of our parish community and in so many, many other ways. In the Bible we hear the stories of many communities as they try to come to some understanding of the mystery of God and it is through these stories that our image of the Trinity is created and transformed.

The Old Testament image of God is of a mighty power who only has to speak, and it happens. A God who has taken a nation from slavery and led it through many trials to a promised land. A God who has spoken to the people, gave them laws and commandments to live by, protected them with mighty hand and outstretched arm. The one God who is Lord of Heaven and Earth.

Paul speaks to the Romans about the Holy Spirit. Paul believes the Holy Spirit is present in our lives. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we become the Children of God. Paul explains that because we are children of God we are “co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings, so as to share his glory”. Because we are God’s children, we cry “Abba, Father”.

In Matthew’s Gospel we are reminded of the power and authority of Jesus. He gives us our mission, we are sent out into the world to make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Trinity. Jesus promises to be with us always to the end of time.

From these images of the Trinity, we gain an insight into the God who is three in one. It is impossible to capture the Trinity in mere words. Our experience of God is an individual experience. We see, in our lives, examples of his love and grace, the love we experience when we are in need and someone comes to help, in a community that unites around us in times of distress, and when joy and laughter flow in thanksgiving for one of His many gifts. His grace is often unseen, but it is a changing, transforming power that takes our poor unworthy bodies and creates in us a holy temple where God lives.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 4

Roman Missal: p816; Readings: p 819

Sunday 26 May

9.30am Mass (SJ)
11am Mass (SB)
12.30am Baptism (SJ)



Monday 27 May - St Augustine of Canterbury

10am Mass (SJ) - **Bank Holiday**

Tuesday 28 May

10am Mass (SB)
7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

Wednesday 29 May

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)
9.30am Mass (SJ)
1pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)

Thursday 30 May

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 31 May - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 1 June - St Justin

11am Requiem Mass for Jesus Espiritu (SB)
5pm Vigil Mass (SB)

Sunday 2 June - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

9.30am Mass (SJ)
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, 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, Margaret Doreen Kay, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Dr Allan Needham, Margaret Roberts, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Peter McGawley

Mass Intentions: Fr Frank McCauley (60 Years Anniversary of Ordination), For someone who is sick, Margaret Jordan, Robert Hall, Rose Hall, Deceased members of the Heyes family, A special intention. Margaret Gibson, Ellen Rothwell

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.

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

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

Christian Meditation: The next dates for June and July are below. The Meditation starts at 7.30pm and all are most welcome.

- June:**
 11th St John's
 18th St Brendan's
 25th St John's
July:
 2nd St Brendan's
 9th St John's
 16th St John's
 23rd St Brendan's

Harbour Room Book Club: The next two meetings are as follows: Wednesday 29 May - The book is *Small Pleasures* by Clare Chambers and Wednesday 26 June *My Father's House* by Joseph O'Connor. All welcome.

- 200 Club Winners for May:**
 1st Prize £50 - J Doyle
 2nd Prize £25 - M Roe
 3rd Prize £15 - D Whyte

SVP News - Dates for your Diary

Coffee Morning: Thank you to all who came along to our coffee morning. The amount raised was £255 for Prisoners and their families.

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:

Update on our Diocesan Synod: On Saturday 18 May, hundreds of Synod Members from across the diocese gathered for the latest update in our diocesan synod journey. The day focussed around the four principal themes that emerged from the Big Listen: Nurturing Faith in Tomorrow's World, Building Connections, Enabling Access, and Fostering Christ-like Care. To find out more about the latest updates, what's next for our diocesan synod, or how you can get involved, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synod-gathering-1/>

Get Social: Are you aged 18-35? Are you looking to celebrate your faith with other young Catholic adults across the diocese? Follow the Diocese of Salford Young Adults Ministry on Instagram! For the latest on upcoming events, opportunities to connect and get involved, as well as regular content and resources to nurture your faith, simply search @salfordyouth on Instagram.

Quarant'ore: At Salford Cathedral's temporary church (5th - 8th June 2024). You are invited to join us at the Cathedral temporary church for a special time of prayer. 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!

A Word for the Week...

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

St Thomas Aquinas

Readers for 1 / 2 June 2024

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
L Lamoury	M Roe	C Bridge
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 2 June		
J Carroll & S May		