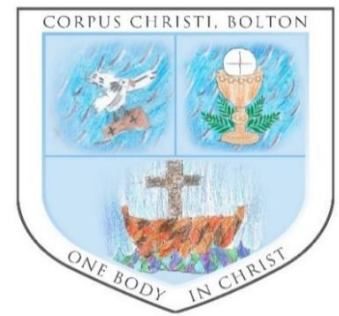


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

2 June 2024

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



Each week we leave our homes on a journey, we come to a blessed place, and we meet others on the same journey and in a wonderful way we become one people, united with one purpose, to give glory to God. We do this through the sacrifice of the Mass, a celebration of God's love for us and a reminder that, through the sacrifice of His son, Jesus, for our sins, we are forgiven, and we have the power to become the children of God.

When we hear the word "sacrifice" lots of scenarios come to mind, the heroic death on the battlefield, the mother putting food on the table for her children but eating very little herself, the carer who puts the needs of another before themselves; but when we think about the sacrifice of the Mass do we feel the same sense of unselfish love as we do when we think about other sacrifices. Are we becoming immune to the meaning of the one true sacrifice?

Today's readings are full of another type of sacrifice, in the first reading we listen to the sacrifice of bullocks, poor dumb animals. In Hebrews this blood sacrifice is replaced by the perfect sacrifice of Our Lord for our sins. Sacrifices were part of the Old Covenant but now, today, we have a New Covenant, one made perfect by the sacrifice not of poor dumb animals but of the Son of God. Can you truly understand what is happening here?

Mark tells us clearly that at the Last Supper Jesus took bread and wine and, through the power of God, changed those simple earthly things into His Body and Blood and gave them to the Apostles as a free gift of His Love. This sacrifice continues today when our priest, says the Act of Consecration over the bread and wine that we have brought to the altar and then, through our communion, we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The one true sacrifice made real by Jesus for us, and placed in our hands, given to us through His perfect love.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Week 1
Roman Missal: p826; Readings: p 832*

Sunday 2 June

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 3 June- *St Charles Lwanga & Companions*

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 4 June

10am Mass (SB)

No Christian Meditation this evening

Wednesday 5 June - *St Boniface*

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 6 June

10am Requiem Mass for Astrid Higson (SB)

Friday 7 June - *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 8 June - *The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

10.45am Confession & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

12.15pm Baptism (SJ)

5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9 June

9.30am Mass (SJ)

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

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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, John Marshall

Lately Dead: Fr Kevin O'Toole SVD, Robert Grant, Astrid Higson

Anniversaries: William Grimes, Harry Dawson

Mass Intentions: Billy Grimes (Birthday Remembrance), William Grimes Snr, Harry Dawson, Fr Kevin O'Toole, Robert Grant, Kathleen Banks (Birthday Remembrance), Family wellbeing

We are asked to pray for these intentions: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; Seafarers; Human Life

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 Amélie Rose Gracie Poundall who was baptised last Sunday. We pray that both she and her family continue to grow in faith.

Eucharistic Minister Training and Re-Commissioning: All Eucharistic Ministers are invited to attend a training session (led by Fr Paul Daly). This will take place on the morning of Saturday 29 June (we are just awaiting the start time). Mass will follow with re-commissioning. If you haven't already, please let the Parish Office know of your attendance. Thank you.

SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election: As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see www.cafod.org.uk/encounter www.svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

Thank you: We have had a note of thanks from CAFOD for all your generous donations to the Emergency appeal for Sudan. The amount raised was £1,169.10.

Newsletter: Next week there will be a two-week newsletter (covering Sunday 8 June and Sunday 16 June). Please could any items of news and any Mass Intentions (that fall over this period) be handed in by Wednesday 5 June. Thank you.

SVP News - Dates for your Diary

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

Annual Sponsored Walk: Sunday 7 July, Sponsor forms are now available at the back of each church and more information can be found on the notice boards in each church.

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

Library: We are setting up a small library of religious books that have been kindly donated to us. They will be available on the bookshelves in the Patmos Room at St John's. Please feel free to borrow and return.

Other News from Around the Diocese:

Still time to join our centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes! We still have a few places left for any pilgrims wishing to join our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in our centenary year. The pilgrimage, led by Bishop John, will take place between 26th July and 1st August. To find out more and to book your place, please visit www.salfordlourdes.co.uk

Job Vacancy - Diocese of Salford

Grant and Bid Writer (replacement role)

Appointment Type: Full-time, permanent

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

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

Salary: £36,338 - £40,289 per annum

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A Word for the Week...

“We know well that with Jesus, life becomes richer and that with him it is easier to find meaning in everything.”

Pope Francis

Readers for 8/9 June 2024

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
S Mikolajewski	J Summerton	M Day
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 9 June		
A Gracie & M Cropper		