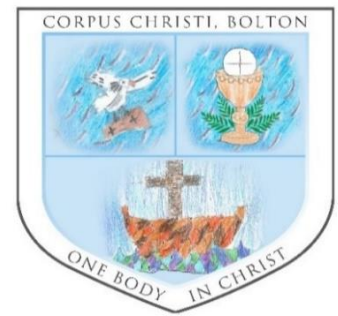


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

9 June 2024

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Out of the depths I cry unto you, O Lord.”

I first heard today's psalm when I was very young. It came in the form of a prayer, the De Profundis, and it is one of those prayers that often comes to mind when I feel that I have let myself and others down through my behaviour. It is a penitential prayer; a cry to God for forgiveness. It left a lasting impression on me because it was so personal. It is I who cries out to the Lord, asking Him to listen to me, to hear me, to forgive me. I believe in the God of Love who is always ready to forgive and, even when it is difficult to forgive myself, I know He is the one who is listening, and that gives me comfort. The psalm leads me to listen to Saint Paul when he speaks of the frailty of our earthly bodies. We are human and we face all the pressures that our humanity brings but we are also children of God and, though faith, we believe that we can face the troubles of this world. We can make our world a better place, a place where truth and harmony flourish by our efforts. This is the Christian life and one which we must try to embrace.

Today's Gospel contains what some believe is a serious criticism of Jesus. It is in two parts; the first part is an answer to the religious authorities about where His power over evil spirits comes from and the second part seems to condemn Jesus for his attitude to His family. The healing power of Jesus often speaks of “casting out devils”. The Jews believed that illness, in its many forms, was the result of sin and that it could be passed down through the family of the one who sins, that in healing people Jesus was using the power of Satan. Jesus rebukes their argument for, if Satan is casting out devils, then he is defeating himself and it will lead to the end of his power. God's forgiveness is for all and, through His healing ministry, Jesus brings that forgiveness to fruition in the human family. The family of Jesus are concerned for his health and the attention he is attracting from the authorities. They try to persuade him to come home. When Jesus calls his followers his brothers and sisters, he is showing them that they are part of the family of God and that each one of them is precious to Him.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 2

Roman Missal: p268; Readings: p271

Sunday 9 June

9.30am Mass (SJ)

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

Monday 10 June

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 11 June - *St Barnabus*

10am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

Wednesday 12 June

9.30 Mass (SJ) With Yrs 1, 3 & 5

Thursday 13 June - *St Anthony of Padua*

9.15am Yr3 Mass (St Columba' School)

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 14 June - *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 15 June - *The Dedication of the Cathedral*

10am First Communion Mass for St Columba's (SB Church)

3pm Red Box Mission Mass (Salford Cathedral)

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

Sunday 16 June - *Father's Day*

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

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: Mary Hustwit, Margaret Murphy, Bernard Rogers, Robert Grant, Astrid Higson

Anniversaries: Georgette Kosecki, John Crowley, Patrick O'Donnell, Denis O'Toole, Joseph Healey

Mass Intentions: Georgette Kosecki, John Crowley, Patrick O'Donnell, Denis O'Toole, For a special Intention, Joseph Healey

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

A Note of Thanks: To all parishioners for their Mass intentions, cards, prayers and sympathy passed on to us following the sudden death of my lovely wife, Teresa. The amazing numbers of you attending her Requiem Mass meant so much to myself and both families. Our sincere and grateful thanks go to Father Alf for all his pre-Mass organisation and the beautifully presented Requiem Mass. God Bless you all. Terry Smith.

Benediction & Afternoon Tea: at St John's Church, Sunday 30 June at 3pm. Anyone wishing to attend should add their name to the list at the back of each church.

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

Missio Mass: At the temporary Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist, Chapel Street, Salford M3 5LL (Diocese of Salford) on Saturday 15 June at 3pm. Mass with Fr Jan Klaver MHM and Salford Diocesan Director Rev Deacon Davie Nalikata, followed by refreshments.

Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 3

Roman Missal: p278; Readings: p281

Sunday 16 June - A Special Collection for Day

9.30am Mass (SJ) with Children's Liturgy *for Life*

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

Monday 17 June

10am Requiem Mass for Margaret Murphy (SB)

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 18 June

9.15am Full School Mass (SC school)

10am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

Wednesday 19 June

11.45am Requiem Mass for Mary Hustwit (SB)

Thursday 20 June

9.15am Forward in Faith Mass (SB)

Friday 21 June - St Aloysius Gonzaga

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 22 June - St John Fisher & St Thomas More

10.45am Confession & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

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

Sunday 23 June

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

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

Fr Alf's Tenth Anniversary of Ordination

Fr Alf was ordained on the 18th July 2014, he has been with us at Corpus Christi for five of those years.

To recognise his anniversary, we are planning a Parish get together to help him celebrate ten years of priesthood.

DATE - Sunday 21st July

VENUE- Dunscair Golf Club

TIME- TBC

In order to arrange catering, could I ask all who intend to come to complete their name and contact details on the form found at the entrance of each church.

Let's make this a memorable Parish event. Further information re cost/dietary requirements can be obtained from Peter Carolan 07791403492 (St Brendan's) and Ann Gracie 07528027295 (St John's)

Readers for 15/16 June 2024

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
C Molyneux	P Barnes	K Denton

Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 16 June

V & A Rawlinson

Readers for 22/23 June 2024

T Proctor	N Bunting	F Doloroso
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Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 23 June

M Speed & A Gracie

