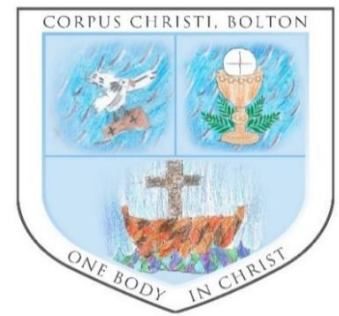


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

23 June 2024

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Storms come out of nowhere. Last Friday we went to lunchtime Mass, the sun was shining, some parishioners were working in the gardens surrounding the church, and all was calm. During the mass the church went dark and suddenly a tremendous downpour of rain cascaded on the church roof, almost drowning the priest's words as mass continued. Then it was gone, the light changed, and we emerged from Mass back into bright sunshine, the gardeners had fled the deluge and only the wet footpaths and dripping shrubbery bore evidence of what had happened.

Life can also be subject to sudden storms, usually coming out of nowhere, they have the power to change our lives. Sometimes we see the approaching dark clouds, often we tend to ignore them, but we do so at our peril. Job's comfortable life became a great trial, he lost everything, family, wealth, even his friends were full of despondent advice. But he held to his faith and "from the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer". We cannot understand the wisdom of God, but He will never allow the storms to overwhelm us, we must persevere, and His love will see us through.

This is the message of Paul. He experienced first-hand the storms of life through beatings, imprisonment and the scorn of his fellow Jews. He emerges from the chaos filled with his faith in the love of Christ. For Paul, all has changed, and he sees Jesus in a new light, He is the new creation, the old has passed away, like the rain fades after the storm, and the new creation is here, it is our task to help to fulfil it.

Mark lived through a terrible period of persecution. He, and his fellow Christians found the wrath of the Roman empire falling upon them and they were almost overwhelmed by the storm that broke upon them. His Gospel is the promise of sunshine and calm after the storm. He does not deny the troubles, but he holds to the love of God that will carry the people into the future.

On the lake the disciples encounter the storm, they are frightened while Jesus sleeps. They cannot see a future, the boat is sinking, only Jesus remains calm, with a word he subdues the tempest, and all is calm. He can do the same when storms threaten our lives, we need only to turn to him, listen to his voice and keep the faith.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 4

Roman Missal: p288; Readings: p291

Sunday 23 June

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

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

Monday 24 June - *The Nativity of St John the Baptist*

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 25 June

10am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

Wednesday 26 June

9.30 Mass (SJ) With Yrs2 & 4

Thursday 27 June

10.30am Funeral Service for Bryan Smith (SB)

12noon Mass (SB)

Friday 28 June - *St Iraneus*

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 29 June

10am Eucharistic Minister Training (SJ)

12noon Mass with re-commissioning for Eucharistic Ministers - All Welcome (SJ)

1pm Baptism (SJ)

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

Sunday 30 June - *Ss Peter & Paul Holy day of Obligation*

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

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

3pm SVP Benediction & Afternoon Tea (SJ)

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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, Pat Howarth

Lately Dead: Bryan Smith, Marie Knowles, Anthony McHale, Sandra Kattouche, Stephen Jerstice, Mary Hustwit, Michael O'Shea, Moira Entwistle

Anniversaries: Marie Corner, Ivan Susol, Monica Coop, Geoffrey Bradshaw, Winnie O'Brian, Joseph Gilmartin, Robert Christopher Scott

Mass Intentions: Sandra Kattouche, Monica Coop, Anthony McHale, Geoffrey Bradshaw, Stephen Jerstice, Mary Hustwit, Winnie O'Brian, Joseph Gilmartin, Robert Christopher Scott

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 Finley John Mulkeen who was Baptised on 8 June at St John's Church. We pray that both he and his family continue to grow in faith.

Confirmation: We congratulate all the young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on at Thornleigh last Thursday night. We pray that at this time in their life they are guided by the Holy Spirit as they continue on their faith journey.

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.

Peter's Pence: Next weekend we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit

www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

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- 2.30pm

Please Note: The cost of the buffet is £10 per person. We ask for cash (if possible). Please could all monies be handed in to Ann or Peter by weekend of 14 July, latest. Thank you.

We would also like to organise a gift for Fr Alf and any monetary contributions would be greatly appreciated. *Thank you.*

In order to arrange catering, could we 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/dietary requirements can be obtained from Peter Carolan 07791403492 (St Brendan's) and Ann Gracie 07528027295 (St John's)

Newsletter: Next week, the newsletter will be published on Wednesday 26 June. This Newsletter will also cover two weekends. If you have any items of news or any Mass Intentions, that fall over this period, please could they be handed in by Tuesday 25 June. Thank you.

Other News from Around the Diocese

Fancy a run? If you're looking for a new challenge, then join the Caritas Salford race team to help alleviate family poverty and homelessness in our diocese. Whether you're looking for a marathon, half marathon or a 10k place, Caritas would love to hear from you as they make charity plans for 2025. They also have limited places available for this October's Manchester Half Marathon. Read all about it and register for your place here: www.caritassalford.org.uk/take-part-in-a-caritas-fundraising-event-or-activity/

Diocesan Day Retreat: The Fire & The Well & The Cloak: Join us on Saturday 6 July at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella Catholic Church, Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall, PR5 5AA (11.30am-3pm). It will explore the spirituality of the wonderful Saint Brigid. The cost is £20. Find out more and register at:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-july-2024/>

Readers for 29/30 June 2024		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
G Drabble	J Carroll	C Ezeougu
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 30June		
P McArdle & M Cropper		