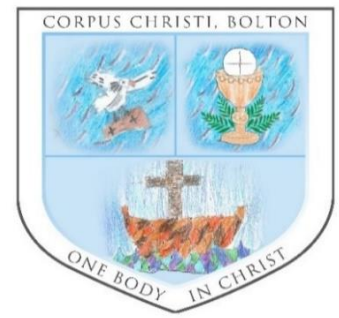


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**30 June 2024**

## Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles



### Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 1

Roman Missal: p899/903

#### Sunday 30 June

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy  
11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy  
3pm SVP Benediction & Afternoon Tea (SJ)

#### Monday 1 July

10am Mass (SJ)

#### Tuesday 2 July

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

#### Wednesday 3 July - St Thomas

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)  
9.30 Mass (SJ)

#### Thursday 4 July

10am Mass (SB)  
1pm Funeral Service for Michael O'Shea (Overdale)  
3pm Funeral Service for Kenneth Williams (Overdale)

#### Friday 5 July

12noon Mass (SB)

#### Saturday 6 July

10.45am Adoration & Confession (SJ)  
11.30am Mass (SJ)  
5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

#### Sunday 7 July

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy  
11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy  
SVP Sponsored Walk

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Peter and Paul are saints for our time. They are reminders to us of the gifts of the laity. Peter, appointed by Christ as head of the early church, is the one given the task of uniting two different cultures, Jew and Gentile. Paul is the missionary going out into the world, forming communities of believers in Asia and Europe. Two very different personalities, Peter is perceptive (*You are the Christ the Son of the living God*) and vulnerable ("I do not know the man" - the denial of Good Friday) and Paul the deep thinker, brave beyond courage, ready to suffer for the truth. These are the men who have the mantle of leadership thrust upon their shoulders.

The church at the time of this passage from Acts was under persecution in Jerusalem. The arrest of Peter was a move by Herod to show he was in charge of events. This passage was a reminder to the church that God was on their side, and of the power of prayer "*All the time Peter was under guard the church prayed to God for him unremittingly.*"

Paul, in the second letter to Timothy also speaks of the God who protects him from his enemies. He writes "*The Lord stood by me and gave me power so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear*". Paul is the evangeliser supreme; he goes out and preaches the Gospel of Christ, by his words many come to know and worship God. He not only builds communities in the places he visits but he sustains and teaches them through further visits and through his letters. Today, lay people are again being called to live out fully their lay ministries. Over the last fifty years we have seen the lay people's role in the church come to resemble more and more the experience of the early church. We are the Peters and Pauls for today. With the help of our Pastors, we need to show the spirit of leadership, the joy of evangelisation, the example of prayer and the faith in God so evident in the early church. We are the church, the rock upon which Christ builds the Kingdom of Heaven. There is plenty to be done and we can accomplish so much if we work together and love each other, and those who we meet. Then, when Jesus asks us "Who do people say I am" we can answer, with Peter, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God".

*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, 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:** Michael O'Shea, Kenneth Williams, Stanley Povall, Mark Anthony O'Brien  
**Anniversaries:** Gordon Cain  
**Mass Intentions:** Stanley Povall, Michael Altree, Joan & Denis Cowen (Diamond Wedding Anniversary), Gordan Cain, Mark Anthony O'Brien

**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

**Peter's Pence:** This weekend we will hold the Peter's Pence Collection, 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. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

**Pastoral Letter from Bishop John Arnold:** As promised, please find the details of resources for further reading from Bishop John's pastoral letter (last Sunday):  
 Caritas, Diocese of Salford  
<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/general-election-action/>  
 The Bishops Conference of England and Wales General Election Resource  
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>  
 Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice General Election Resources  
<https://ccstp.org.uk/articles/general-election-resources>  
 CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network) General Election Guidance  
<https://www.csan.org.uk/guidance/general-election-resources/>  
 CAFOD - A Guide for Catholic Voters  
<https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/uk-general-election-2024-a-guide-for-catholic-voters>

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2  
 Divine Office Week 2  
 Roman Missal: p307; Readings: p310

#### Sunday 7 July

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy  
 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

#### Monday 8 July

6pm Mass (SJ)

#### Tuesday 9 July

9.15am Yr2 Celebration Mass (SB)  
 7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

#### Wednesday 10 July

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)  
 9.30 Mass (SJ)

#### Thursday 11 July - St Benedict, Patron of Europe

10am Mass (SB)

#### Friday 12 July

12noon Mass (SB)

#### Saturday 13 July

12noon Mass (SB)  
 5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

#### Sunday 14 July

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy  
 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

### Fr Alf's Tenth Anniversary of Ordination

We are planning a Parish get together to help Fr Alf celebrate ten years of priesthood: 2.30pm on Sunday 21st July at Dunscair Golf Club  
 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.* Could we ask all who intend to come to add their name and contact details on the form in each church. Further information/dietary requirements can be obtained from Peter Carolan 07791403492 (St Brendan's) and Ann Gracie 07528027295 (St John's)

### 200 Club Winners June:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50 - K A Wood  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £25 A Hailwood  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £15 M Cropper

**Fair Trade Stall:** Will be on sale before and after the 9.30am Mass at St John's this Sunday. There will be some special glass tealight holders on sale made in Palestine: The glass is blown by Palestinian Muslims, painted by Palestinian Christians and transported and shipped by Israelis. A true community effort. They cost £25 each.

#### Readers for 6/7 July 2024

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
A Grundy	S Copley	L Lamoury

#### Readers for 13/14 July 2024

C Grundy	G Drabble	A Moore
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 7 July		
J Carroll & S May		