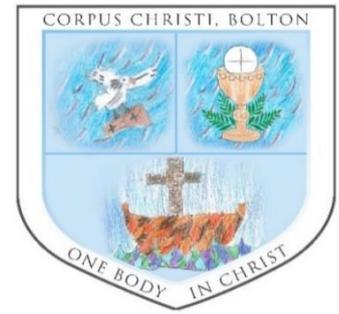


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

14 July 2024

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 3

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Sunday 14 July - Sea Sunday - With a Special collection for Stella Maris

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

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

Monday 15 July - St Bonaventure

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 16 July - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

10am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

Wednesday 17 July

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30 Mass (SJ)

Thursday 18 July

9.15am Yr6 Leavers Mass (SB)

10.30am Seeds & Gardeners Mass (SJ)

Friday 19 July

10am Full School Mass for St Columba's Children (SB)

Saturday 20 July

10.45am Adoration & Confession (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

2pm Baptism (SJ)

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

Sunday 21 July

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

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

2.30pm Fr Alf's 10th Anniversary Party - Dunscair Golf Club

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When I read today's passage from Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians I am given a tremendous sense of the intelligence, wisdom and faith of a man who can explain with such clarity the purpose of our God, our Father and Creator. As the letter reveals, God's purpose was to reach out to all humanity, to the Ephesians and, in our day, to ourselves, for the Good News of salvation is there for all. He begins in the beginning; his creation story is not based on seven days but on why we were created. We are born out of the love of God, chosen to be holy and spotless, and to live in love so that we can become his adopted sons and daughters. We are born free, so that we can choose to follow a Christ who died for us and becomes, through His adoption of us, our beloved brother. We live in a time chosen by God. His purpose is revealed slowly to us as, age by age, everything comes together in Christ. We hear and believe the message of the truth; the good news of salvation, and we are sealed by the Holy Spirit of the Promise. Paul enlightens our minds to the mystery of God.

Although we are free, our world is in chains. The suffering caused by human ambition and selfishness cries out to God for his help. Amos is the prophet of the poor, the downtrodden; in his day he speaks out about the injustice of his society and is told to "Go away ... we want no prophesying... in the royal sanctuary...the national temple". Today these same inequalities and dismissals still remain, and the successors of Amos are still fighting for the poor and downtrodden of society.

The apostles of Jesus were the prophets of their day; they were sent out into the world to bring the healing power of God into the lives of the people, taking with them, only what was needed on the journey. Because of their faith in Jesus, they were able to do much good work, healing the people in both body and spirit, and bringing them back to God. The challenge to us today is that we must go out into the world and show the people, by our love, that the mystery of God, as described by Paul, is being fulfilled in our time.

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: Pat Waring, Ralph Lawson, Lee Young, Edwin Coope, Marie Knowles, Guy Tienne, Kathleen Brabin

Anniversaries: James Coyne, James Crowther

Mass Intentions: In honour of the Rosa Mystica for special Intentions, Pat Waring, A sick person, Stan & Josie Doyle (Platinum Wedding Anniversary), James Coyne, Ralph Lawson, Lee Young, Edwin Coope, James Crowther, Marie Knowles & her family, Guy Tienne, Kathleen Brabin

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 Alannah May Dunne who was baptized on 29 June. We pray that both she and her family continue to grow in faith.

Sea Sunday: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Today is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. We will hold a special collection today and offer our prayers. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. Thank you.

Harbour Room Book Club Summer Lunch: Will take place on Wednesday 17 July at The Red Lion Hawkshaw at 12.30pm. Twenty-one places have been booked and confirmed. Please let me know if anyone cannot make it or if there are any problems. See you soon! *Madeleine*

Caritas Charity Evening Concert: Takes place on Saturday 20 July (7.30pm) with the Hoover Bolton Brass Band at Bolton Ukrainian Club. Tickets are £5. For more information, please see the posters at the back of each church.

Fr Alf: Will be attending the Ordination of Steven Leightell in Middlesborough this weekend. Let us keep Steven in our prayers and we thank and welcome Fr Paul Blackburn and Canon McBride who will celebrate our Masses.

SVP - Can you Help?

At our monthly Coffee Mornings we always hold a raffle. If you have any unwanted gifts that you would like to donate, we would be happy to use them at our raffles. Please leave at the back of each church. Thank you.

Also...one of our parishioners knits baby hats for the premature baby unit at the Royal Bolton Hospital. If you have any spare wool that you could donate, we can pass this on.

Thank you again for all your kind support.

Can You Help Please? - Parish Property & Safety

Volunteers: We are fortunate to have a few dedicated parishioners who look after parish property and safety matters and who ensure that all our buildings are safe and in good order. We invite new volunteers to consider offering to help. If you have a practical aptitude and / or experience in property and safety matters, then we would be pleased to hear from you. Key tasks include dealing with day-to-day property matters, updating risk assessments and facilitating repairs and service visits in co-operation with the parish priest and parish office. If think you could help, please have a word with Fr Alf or contact the parish office. Thank you.

Readers Rota: The new rota will be available next week and copies will be at the back of church. If you would prefer to have the rota emailed to you, please let us know at the parish office. If you would like to consider becoming a reader, please get in touch. Thank you.

Other News from Around the Diocese

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Readers for 20/21 July 2024		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
G Kearns	S Copley	C Owen
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 7 July		
V & A Rawlinson		