

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**4 August 2024**

## **Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**



### **Masses & Activities this Week**

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2*

*Divine Office Week 2*

*Roman Missal: 349; Readings: p352*

#### **Sunday 4 August**

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.15pm Baptism (SB)

#### **Monday 5 August**

10am Mass (SJ)

#### **Tuesday 6 August - *The Transfiguration of the Lord***

10am Mass (SB)

#### **Wednesday 7 August**

10am Mass (SJ) - *Today only*

#### **Thursday 8 August - *St Dominic***

10am Mass (SB)

#### **Friday 9 August - *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross***

12noon Mass (SB)

#### **Saturday 10 August - *St Lawrence***

10.45am Adoration & Confession (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Vigil Mass (SB)

#### **Sunday 11 August**

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Today's readings bring together two passages from scripture and show how the New Testament fulfils the promise of the Old. In the passage from Exodus, we read about the escape of the Israelites from Egypt and their journey through the wilderness; every step of that journey is under the watchful eye of God; a God who guides and protects His people. The community, however, have reached a breaking point in their relationship with God; they are starving and seek to return to their captivity where they will, at least, have food to eat. God, in his compassion, sends manna, bread from heaven, to feed his people and bring them safely through their troubles. Manna becomes the source of life for them until they reach the Promised Land.

In our day we have received, from the hands of Our Saviour, the gift of the Eucharist, the source of our spiritual life. The Israelites received manna from God to sustain them, but we receive something more precious; in the Eucharist we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. This gift, freely given, gives us the strength and the will to become not just followers but brothers and sisters; we become the body of Christ. Paul speaks of a "spiritual revolution" through which we put away the old self and put on a new self; one that has been created in God's way.

In John's gospel the people are searching for Jesus; they have heard him speak, witnessed his healing power, and have been fed in the hills of Israel. They see Jesus as an answer to their prayers for a free and independent state; a king, ruling over a land of plenty where all will be fed. Jesus knows what they want but it is not what he will provide. He wants them to change, to hunger and thirst not for the things of earth but for the things of heaven. The Bread of Heaven is waiting for us in the Eucharist we receive today; a chance, an opportunity, to discover the depth of Christ's love for each of us; we only need to listen to him and believe.

*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:** Sheila Brierley

**Mass Intentions:** In memory of John & Gladys Hall

**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

**Fr Alf:** While Fr Alf has been away, he visited Fatima where he lit a candle in prayer for our parish at the Holy Shrine.

**Book Library:** A while ago, we mentioned that we had a donation of books which parishioners could read. These are now available on the bookshelf in the lady Chapel at St John's. Please feel free to borrow any of the books at your leisure.

E	L	E	A	S	E	S	E	O	M	BOATS	RABBI	BREAD
L	O	F	O	O	D	O	O	D	A	FOOD	ETERNAL	SEAL
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**Corpus Christi 200 Club Winners (July):**

1<sup>st</sup> prize: £50 E Mingay

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: £25 E Connolly

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: £15 J Marshall

**Other News from Around the Diocese**  
**Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage Centenary Window:**

Our Salford Lourdes Coordination Team is delighted to announce the commission of a beautiful stained-glass window, which will be installed in our newly restored cathedral, commemorating the centenary of this much-loved pilgrimage. You can be part of this wonderful legacy by donating in memory of a loved one, as a gift, or in your family name, with names being recorded in a special commemorative book. To find out more, visit:

<https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/centenary-window>.

**Diocesan Pilgrimages for 2025 Year of Jubilee:**

We are delighted to announce a number of pilgrimage opportunities in celebration of the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee. From Lourdes and Lindisfarne to Walsingham and Rome - and a wealth of opportunities on our very doorstep - there is something for everybody in this upcoming Year of Jubilee. Bookings for Rome will open on Monday 5th August with bookings for our other pilgrimages opening soon. Please stay tuned for further information on how to book or find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>

**Accessibility and Your Parish**

Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, supports people in our diocese to develop their understanding of accessibility, disability and inclusion of people with access needs. Being accessible is important to maximise positive experiences and so everyone has opportunities to participate in ways that suit them. Caritas is looking for people from our parishes to help advocate for positive accessibility with a view to encouraging positive solutions. If you are interested, please email [accessibility@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:accessibility@caritassalford.org.uk) or visit [www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer) to find out more.

Readers for 10/11 August 2024		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
A Grundy	N Bunting	C Bridge
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 11 August		
J Carroll & S May		

**A Thought for the week...**  
 "Do not stop asking, in prayer, for the Lord's help."  
*Pope Francis*