

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

11 August 2024

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 3

Roman Missal: 359; Readings: p362

Sunday 11 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 12 August

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 13 August

10am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 14 August- *St Maximilian Kolbe*

9am Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 15 August - *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation*

10am Mass (SB)

6.30pm Mass (SJ)

Friday 16 August

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 17 August

10.45am Adoration & Confession (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Vigil Mass (SB)

Sunday 18 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.15pm Baptism (SB)

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Father, I became aware of your presence through the drip, drip, drip of understanding. Slowly my selfishness was washed away in the stream of your love, changing me from within. At times that stream dried up and I began to close myself away from you, then, the tide turns, and water began to flow again, and swept me onwards in the flood. I am like a leaf thrown into a stream, sometimes I bob along quietly, then, caught by a twig, I stand stagnant, while life blows by and around me. Then the flood comes again, and I am swept away in your love.

God is always with us. Gradually we come to know Him, within conversion grows, selfishness reduces, we change, and the water begins to flow again. Elijah was caught in that time of life when the water stops flowing and despondency sets in. Just like him, we know not which way to turn. Then, by a miracle of bread and wine, we find the strength to rise again and walk God's way to the destination He has always held out to us. Paul catches the Holy Spirit of God in a series of simple sentences which spell out the great gift of God's love. He speaks of the freedom of never holding grudges or losing your temper. He urges us to raise not our voices, nor call each other names, to not be spiteful, to be friends, to be kind, forgiving, and loving. In a week when our country has been torn apart by demonstrations and riots, in a week when we mourn the loss of the three little girls of Southport, the need, to hold God's Spirit in our heart and let it teach us how to live, is never more necessary. By our lives we must imitate Christ who sacrificed himself so that we may be called "children of God".

When Jesus tries to explain who He is and why He was sent by the Father he uses the simple language of the peasant families of Israel, He calls himself the Bread of Life. The poor people, for whom He had so much compassion, lived on the edge of famine and they knew that life could still be sustained through a simple meal of bread and water. Their ancestors experienced this in the desert and now, in the desert of their lives, the people are offered again the Bread of Life. Now, in our time, Jesus offers himself through the Sacrifice of the Mass so we too can be fed and be satisfied.

David Frank



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, For a very poorly parishioner, Fr Gerry O'Shaughnessy

Lately Dead: Alice, Elsie Dot, and BeBe

Anniversaries: Denis O'Kane, Ernest Peacock, Denis Coughlan

Mass Intentions: In thanksgiving, Denis O'Kane, Ernest Peacock, for the children Alice, Elsie Dot and BeBe, Denis Coughlan, A special Intention for the Banks family

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 Amber Joy Hannah Crawford, Jack McQuaid and Thomas Lee Prince who were baptised last weekend. We pray that these children and their families continue to grow in faith.

Adoramus: We are looking for two volunteers from our parish to attend Adoremus at Oscott College, Birmingham for the National Eucharistic Congress on Saturday 14 September. The event is free (apart from a small fee for coach travel) and is scheduled to coincide with the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress in Ecuador (8-15 September), enabling us to unite with the universal Catholic Church as we come before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please see Fr Alf if interested.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Next Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation when we should attend Mass; we have two Masses scheduled. It recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God. The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary points to the renewal of our bodies and minds, and our yearning for peace and union with God, who desires our friendship. Let us ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us as we continue to pray for peace in our own communities and throughout the world.

Other News from Around the Diocese

World Youth Day Rome 2025: Are you aged 16-35? Are you looking for an unforgettable opportunity to share your faith with other young Catholics? Pope Francis has announced a special World Youth Day in Rome next summer to celebrate the Church's Year of Jubilee and our diocesan Youth Ministry team invites you to be part of this once-in-a-25-year event! The pilgrimage will take place between 28 July and 3 August. For more information and to register your interest, please email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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 or visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer to find out more.

Cemetery Masses: Two Masses to remember our deceased loved ones will be taking place at the end of August. Canon Paul Daly will celebrate Mass at St Joseph's RC Cemetery, Moston, at 11am on Monday 26th August. A second Mass will take place on the same day at Wardley Cemetery, beginning at 12 noon. All are welcome to join.

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A Thought for the week...
 "We believe that there is another life because we have already begun to feel it here."
Pope Francis

Readers for 17/18 August 2024		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
G Kearns	J Carroll	M Day
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 11 August		
V & A Rawlinson		