

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**1 September 2024**

**Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**



In the early church the people looked to certain individuals for leadership and for their experiences and understanding of the words and actions of Our Blessed Lord. Over time and through discussion and argument certain insights emerged and resulted in the second readings we hear at mass. These readings include Pastoral Letters which were written to encourage and inspire the people of that time and, today, they continue to be a source of inspiration and example and so guide us on our way to God.

Over the last seven weeks we have listened to the words of Paul to the Ephesians in what is regarded as a very important pastoral letter, today, and for the next four weeks, we have the letter of James. There are two characters named James in the New Testament: James the Apostle, the brother of John, and James, the brother of Jesus. We understand that the writer of this letter is James the brother of Jesus who became the leader of the church in Jerusalem after the death and resurrection of Our Lord.

What interests me about the letter of James is how it speaks so clearly about our faith. There are many roads to faith as children the way begins through our parents and teachers who give us a childlike belief in God. As adults something inspires us, something from within, to seek God through His Son Jesus Christ. We come to belief in Christ through our hearing of the Word; our first adult encounter with the God of love. In today's passage James talks about this encounter; he tells us to accept and submit to the word we are given, the word that has been planted in each of us. James, however, warns us that the word is something that must be active within us and unless we follow the word with action, especially to our more unfortunate brothers and sisters, then we may deceive ourselves.

The Jews held that adherence to a strict code of conduct, the Law, covering almost all aspects of daily life would fulfil their obligations to God. Jesus, however, teaches us that love for God and for our neighbour is the true way of serving God and that the Jewish law has replaced the commandments of God with human regulations. Sin comes from within and not from outside the body and it is by fighting against the evil from within that we become real followers of Christ. **David Frank**

## Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2  
Divine Office Week 2  
Roman Missal: 391; Readings: p394*

### Sunday 1 September

9.30am Mass (SJ)  
11am Mass (SB)  
12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

### Monday 2 September

6pm Mass (SJ)

### Tuesday 3 September - St Gregory the Great

10am Mass (SB)

### Wednesday 4 September

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

### Thursday 5 September

10am Mass (SB)

### Friday 6 September

12noon Mass (SB)

### Saturday 7 September

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

### Sunday 8 September

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

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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:** John Tenoso, Michael Donnellan, Rinaldi Villa, Alan Morely, Hugh O'Garra  
**Anniversaries:** David Gracie, Bridget & Jack Day, Maisie Rebello  
**Mass Intentions:** Someone who is sick, John Tenoso, Michael Donnellan, With grateful thanks to The Holy Spirit, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady, St Anthony & St Jude, Hugh O'Garra, David Gracie, Bridget & Jack Day

**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

**SVP Coffee Morning:** Thank you to all who came along to our coffee morning on Wednesday. The total amount raised for all our Children's Liturgy groups (St John's and St Brendan's) was £232!

**Lourdes:** For those who are coming to Lourdes in October, this is a small reminder that the balance is now due for payment. The travel company will be in touch with you with final details. Thank you.

**Our Schools:** We keep all members of staff and children in our prayers as they embark on a new school year. May the year ahead be full of learning, blessings and friendship-Stay with us Lord on our journey!

**Diocesan Synod:** Please see the attached page for update on the "Big Listen" Report.

## Other News from Around the Diocese

**Season of Creation:** This September, our diocese joins Christians across the globe in celebrating Season of Creation - a month-long campaign inviting us to renew our relationship with God and His Creation. This year, we will be celebrating by sharing updates on key diocesan projects, as well as top tips to support your efforts at home. Follow our news pages at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news>

**Caritas Salford Sponsored Walk:** Caritas Salford is organising a sponsored walk around beautiful Whalley, Lancashire, on Saturday 14 September. The walk will cover a moderately challenging route of 14km, with a shorter option available for those who prefer. Every step you take will also help local people experiencing homelessness, poverty and discrimination. To sign up to join the walk, visit: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/lancswalk](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/lancswalk)

**Manchester-based charity seeks new trustees:** *Out There* - a Manchester-based charity founded by the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul - is looking for two new recruits for its board of trustees to help guide the charity's mission to offer support to families affected by the imprisonment of a family member. To find out more about the position or the charity, please visit [www.outtherecharity.org/volunteer/](http://www.outtherecharity.org/volunteer/)

**Catholic Association for Racial Justice 40th Anniversary:** To mark the important milestone of their 40th anniversary, the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) is holding a free conference in Oldham on Saturday 21st September. The 'Agenda for Change' conference will build on the experiences and learning of the past 40 years and put forward a strategy for bringing about greater equality and creating a racially-just Church and society. [Find out more at www.carj.org.uk](http://www.carj.org.uk)

**200 Club Winners August:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50 S McArdle  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £25 K Kershaw  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £15 F Smith

**A Thought for the week...**  
 "Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things but doing ordinary things with love."  
*Pope Francis*

Readers for 7/8 September 2024		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
T Proctor	L Fakanule	F Evans
<b>Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 8 Sept</b>		
<b>J Carroll &amp; S May</b>		

# Update on our Diocesan Synod

Following on from the first gathering of the diocesan journey, we are now able to share the 'Big Listen' Report. This report shares the responses and themes identified from the diocesan wide listening exercise. You can access the full report via the diocesan website and the QR code below.

The four principal themes that emerged from the Big Listen stage of the process, which took place between October 2023 and January 2024 are: Nurturing Faith in Tomorrow's World, Building Connections, Enabling Access, and Fostering Christ-like Care.

As well as the full report, four summary leaflets and other related resources will be made available in monthly stages on a theme-by-theme basis, starting in September with Theme One: Faith in tomorrow's world. You will be able to access these via the same links.

Please look out for more details on how you can get involved in the next stage of our parish's involvement in the Synod.

To find out more about the latest updates, what's next for our diocesan synod, or how you can get involved, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/>



We have arranged a series of four meetings each following one of the themes. The dates for the meetings are as follows:

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 6.45pm St John's - Nurturing Faith in Tomorrow's World**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 7pm St Brendan's - Building Connections**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2pm St John's - Enabling Access**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 12.30pm St Brendan's - Fostering Christ-Like-Care**

The leaflets accompanying these themes will be available at the back of church the week before each meeting. Alternatively, they are accessible via the links above.

If you would prefer a paper copy of the full report, please ask. We are only printing these off by request as they are quite lengthy, and we are trying to keep printing costs at a minimum.

If you are unable to attend any of the meetings you will still have an opportunity to take part in this important process. As each theme is introduced a response form will accompany the leaflet. Your responses can be placed in the Synod action box which will be placed at the back of both churches. These will be added to the responses from each meeting.