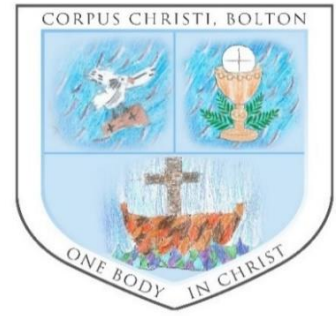


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**15 September 2024**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**



## Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2  
Divine Office Week 4  
Roman Missal: p411; Readings: p414*

### Sunday 15 September

9.30am Mass (SJ)  
11am Mass (SB)  
1pm Baptism (SJ)  
3pm Holy Hour for Adoramus (SJ)  
*A Special Collection for Home Missions*

### Monday 16 September - Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

6pm Mass (SJ)

### Tuesday 17 September

10am Mass (SB) - With Yr 6 School Children  
7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

### Wednesday 18 September

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

### Thursday 19 September

10am Mass (SB)

### Friday 20 September

12noon Mass (SB)

### Saturday 21 September - St Matthew

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

### Sunday 22 September -

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

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Faith is a freely given gift from God, it cannot be purchased, it is not a reward. It is a solemn duty, for those to whom the gift is given, to use it wisely and for the benefit of all. When we live faithful lives, we give an example to others, and they may seek to know what makes us different. There are many who seek faith, who feel empty, that something is missing in their lives. It is our calling to help those who are seeking God. Today's readings begin to explore the effect that faith has on our lives so that we may understand more clearly what God is asking of us.

Isaiah, in the first reading realises that faith has been given to him, that "The Lord has opened my ear". He cannot turn away, but he also realises that this gift will bring him into many situations where men will turn away from him and abuse him. He knows that the Lord is his help, his vindicator is here at hand. This gives him confidence that, whatever happens, he is safe in the shelter of the Lord. In our lives we must trust in the Lord when our faith comes under pressure from others. Faith is precious, look after it.

One of the tests of faith is our behaviour to others. James cautions us that faith without action is quite dead. We cannot hide our faith and act as if the problems of life are nothing to do with us. If we see someone in trouble, then our faith urges us to help. By our example others will follow and then, perhaps, there will be a real and active will to find a solution to the world's problems.

Have you ever had a moment in your life as an adult, when you realised that you truly believed that Jesus is the Lord. Many are taught as children to believe but, as adults, they turn away. What about you? There is understandable confusion among the disciples when Jesus asks them directly "Who do you say I am". Are you clear or is there a doubt? We always need to pray that our faith is strong because one day it may be tested, and we do not want to be found floundering. Take shelter in the prayer of the father in Mark 9:24 "Lord I believe - help my unbelief"

**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, Tony Edwards

**Lately Dead:** Patricia Griffin, Fr Colin Wright, Franco Villa, Rinaldi Villa

**Anniversaries:** Esther Thomas, Owen & Marie Kavanagh, Margaret Settle

**Mass Intentions:** Owen & Marie Kavanagh, A Special Intention, Franco Villa, Rinaldi Villa, Patricia Griffin, Margaret Settle, Fr Colin Wright, Tony Edwards, Esther Thomas, Margaret Gibson (Birthday Remembrance)

**We are asked to pray for these intentions:** Students & teachers, the spread of the Gospel, the harvest, the fruits of human work, the reverent use of creation, justice & peace in the world, all victims of war, young people, prisoners & their families.

*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

**Confirmation Course 2024/5:** Starts again on 3 October 2024 for students in Year 8. If your child attends a different high school than Thornleigh and wishes to be included in this year's programme, please contact the Parish Office as soon as you can.

**Christian Meditation:** Starts again on Tuesday, 17 September at St Brendan's Church (7.30pm). The dates will be published weekly on the Newsletter. All are welcome.

**Evangelii Gaudium/Home Missions Sunday:** Is celebrated in our parishes this weekend. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," the Lord commissions, as we hear in Matthew 28:19. Inspired by our ongoing Synodal process, Scripture, and Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, we have chosen the theme 'Growing as missionary disciples'. Let us pray for our parish communities, that they would become intentionally missionary in their life and witness. A second collection will also be taken to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Please hold this important work in your prayers.

## Update on our Diocesan Synod

Thank you to those who came along to the first meeting on Monday evening. If you did take an information sheet away with you last weekend, please, if you can, give some thought to the questions and return your responses in the box situated at each church. We would really like to get as much feedback as we can. You can also scan the QR code below or go online:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/>



**Please note the changes in times for October and November Meetings:**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2pm St Brendan's - Building Connections**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 7pm 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. **Thank you.**

## Other News from Around the Diocese

**Prayer and Action: A Camino Challenge:** Bolton priest, Fr Chris Gorton from St Thomas of Canterbury, is set to embark on an incredible 924km running pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago to raise funds for diocesan charity, Caritas Salford. Inviting each and every one of us to be part of his journey, Fr Chris has shared a range of tools and resources to help us join him in prayer and action over the coming weeks. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-camino-challenge/>

**Readers' Formation Morning:** In preparation prepare for the introduction of the new Lectionary this Advent, the diocese has organised a workshop to help readers, priests, and deacons across the diocese. The session will take place at St Patrick's church, Livesey St, Collyhurst, on Saturday 5 October from 10.30am until 1pm. There is no need to book a place but it would help if you email [gracielli.polaini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:gracielli.polaini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) so that we can have an approximate idea of number.

Readers for 21/22 September 2024		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
N Bunting	A Grundy	L Lamoury
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 22 Sept M Speed & P Partington		