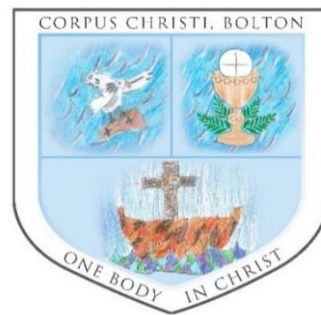


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

6 October 2024

Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary



Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 3

Roman Missal: p444; Readings: p448

Sunday 6 October

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

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

Special Collection for CAFOD at Masses this Weekend

Monday 7 October - Our Lady of the Rosary

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 8 October

10am Mass (SB) - With Yr 5

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

Wednesday 9 October - St John Henry Newman

9am Exposition & Adoration

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 10 October

10am Mass (SB)

2pm Synod Meeting (SB)

7pm Churches Together in Harwood Meeting (SB)

Friday 11 October

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 12 October

No Morning Mass Today

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

Sunday 13 October

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

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

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Today's readings are focused on marriage and family life. In Genesis we have a simple parable which tells the story of the creation of a woman from the rib of a man. The story reflects on the closeness of the relationship between husband and wife and how this relationship comes from God. The passage from Mark's Gospel tells us that the law concerning divorce in the Old Testament was given because the people were "unteachable" but that the basis of that relationship was, and always should be, that "They are no longer two but one body".

Our Psalm speaks to us about family life. Listen carefully to the words then take them to heart and cherish them with joy, for blessed indeed are those who love and follow the Lord, who work so that their families can live free from hunger and be happy and prosper. That happiness comes also to those of us that have grandchildren, we can speak joyfully the final prayer of the psalm "May you see your children's children".

In the early church the worshippers would meet in a family home and all the household, husbands, wives, children and servants would celebrate the Eucharist together as a family unit. This is the basis of the "domestic church" which is the phrase we use today to describe the role of the family and the importance of parents as the first teachers of their children. If parents are faithful to the church, then their children will see their example and, hopefully, seek to follow it. The prayer life of a family comes initially from within the family unit; it is we, as parents, who teach our children to pray and to act as children of God.

We tend to make everything complicated, but Jesus teaches us today about simplicity. He does this through the image of a child. Children have a way of taking things at face value; we do not need to teach them to love, for our love flows into them, and a loved child is a happy contented child. It is only when that love is restricted or missing that a child can lose their natural tendency to love. As adults we need to rediscover that simple child-like love for if we give our love freely to one another then we shall be loved in return. I remember reading a gravestone in a nearby churchyard. It read simply "Loving and Loved". What greater epitaph can we wish for.

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, 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, Bernard Earp

Lately Dead: Irene Clappison, John Kelly, Ann Handscombe, Gerard Jackson

Anniversaries: Eve McArdle, Mary Hurst, Curt Vosper, Margaret Almond, Maisie Rebello

Mass Intentions: Esther Thomas (Birthday Remembrance), Eve McArdle, Ron Villa, Mary Hurst, Irene Clappison, Margaret Jordan (100th Birthday), For a Golden Wedding Anniversary, Lilly Hilton, Curt Vosper, Bernard Earp, Margaret Almond

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

Churches Together in Harwood Meeting: We are hosting this meeting on Thursday 10 October at 7pm (St Brendan's Church). We will be discussing Advent and Christmas activities. Everyone is welcome, as we are low in numbers, we would welcome some support.

Parish Synod Meeting: The second of the summary meetings (*Building Connections*) will be held on Thursday 10 October at 2pm in the Harbour Room (St Brendan's). Summary leaflets are available. For more information, please use the QR code or visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/>



CAFOD Family Fast Day - Harvest Appeal: Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Please help CAFOD's work by using the envelope or by giving online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. Thank you

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes: I have arranged transport to Manchester Airport for our forthcoming visit to Lourdes on 21 October. The cost per person (return) is £14 (including a tip for the driver). The coach invoice will be made prior to departure, therefore please pass payment (cash or cheque) to Parish Office in an envelope marked **A Gracie Lourdes**, cheques can be made payable to Corpus Christi. Transport will leave St John's Church at 7am prompt therefore could I request everyone arrives ten minutes prior to departure. Cars may be left securely (but at owners' own risk) in the Church car park while we are away. Should anyone not wish to be included in this arrangement, please could you inform the Parish Office as soon as possible. Northern Star Travel will send everyone information a week before we go, but in the meantime, should anyone like more detail, please don't hesitate to contact me on 07528 027295. Thank you, Ann

Job Vacancy: School Meals Supervisory Assistant St John the Evangelist RC Primary School, Darwen Road, Bromley Cross, Bolton BL7 9HT Tel 01204 333440, e-mail:

office@st-johns-bromley-cross.bolton.sch.uk

6.25hrs per week Monday - Friday

Salary-Grade B Scp 3-4 £3211.46 - £3264.71

Permanent Contract Term Time only Required from Monday 4 November

The successful candidate must be paediatric first aid trained or be committed to obtaining the qualification. Previous experience of working with children is desirable. Subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. We welcome applications regardless age, gender, ethnicity or religion. Please download and complete the attached application form [School Meals Supervisory Assistant in Bolton | greater.jobs](#). Please email your completed form to office@st-johns-bromley-cross.bolton.sch.uk for the attention of Alison Timmons (Office Manager) Closing date is 12 noon on Monday 7 October 2024

Other News from Around the Diocese

Take Action on Two-Child Benefit Cap: The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is inviting you to join other Catholics in taking action on the government's two-child policy on Universal Credit payments for vulnerable, larger families. All you need to do is complete a short e-Action form that automatically contacts your MP to outline your opposition to the cap. Head to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/contact-mp-two-child-cap/> to find out more and complete the form.

Readers for 12/13 October 2024		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
C Molyneux	M Morrison	K Wilkinson
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 13 October J Carroll & S May		