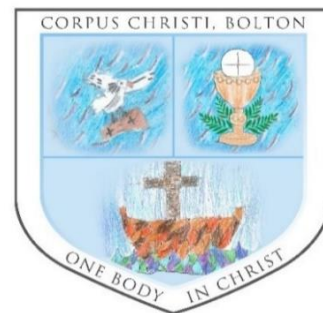


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**13 October 2024**

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**



## Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2*

*Divine Office Week 4*

*Roman Missal: p45; Readings: p458*

### Sunday 13 October

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

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

### Monday 14 October

6pm Mass (SJ)

### Tuesday 15 October

10am Mass (SB Harbour Room)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

### Wednesday 16 October

9am Exposition & Adoration

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Funeral Service for Philomena Roberts (SB)

### Thursday 17 October - St Ignatius of Antioch

10am Mass (SB Harbour Room)

### Friday 18 October - St Luke

12noon Mass (SB Harbour Room)

### Saturday 19 October

No Morning Mass Today

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

*A Special Collection for Missio*

### Sunday 20 October

*This Weekend*

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

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

Do you ever take time to sit and reflect upon what is most important to you; family, friends, wealth, fame, happiness, the list can go on and on but - what do you really want? If you think about it most things are fleeting, limited, at times they are important to you then later you have forgotten them. The only thing that truly lasts is love, and that has no limits.

Today's readings speak of that understanding which comes from a deep appreciation of what is possible, what is important, and what is needed, in order that you may live a truly human life. We begin with a very insightful passage about the gift of wisdom. Wisdom does not come naturally, each of us have some wisdom but few of us are truly wise. We must long for wisdom, we must pray for it and keep seeking it all our lives. The Psalm speaks of family, a great source of love in our lives, but sometimes of great sorrow. May each day begin with the psalmist prayer "In the morning, fill us with your love".

The passage from Hebrews speaks of the Word of God. Nothing can hide from the Word. It is the thought that comes to us in every action we make, we can ignore it but it pulls at us and, because of our human nature, we so often turn away from it, from the love it expresses. How important is the Word in your life? Only you can answer that question, and, at your ending, it may be the most important question the Lord asks of you.

The Gospel passage is both a real event and a parable that Our Lord uses to teach His followers. The real event is the request by the man "What must I do to inherit eternal life". The answer Jesus gives is to follow the commandments of God and Jesus is pleased that the man agrees with this, Jesus "looked steadily at him and loved him". However, belief must be followed by action. If the commandments are merely words and the man cannot live them then they are like leaves in the wind, they blow into corners and decay. There is a reward for those whose lives are filled with wisdom and love, eternal life, and we and the apostles, need to understand this, it is the most important lesson we can ever learn. **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, Bernard Earp, Arnold Banks

**Lately Dead:** Tony Edwards, Irene Clappison, Denis Glogon, Philomena (Grace) Roberts

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Gartland, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Emily Connolly, Isabelle Owen

**Mass Intentions:** Tony Edwards, Eileen Gartland, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Emily Connolly, For the intentions of the Owen family, Isabelle Owen

**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

**Congratulations:** To Ivy Elizabeth Pearson who was baptised last weekend. We pray that both she and her family continue to grow in faith.

**St Brendan's Weekday Masses:** Over the winter months, we will hold the St Brendan's Weekday Parish Mass in the Harbour Room. If there is a School Mass, this of course will be held in the Church. These will be published on the Newsletter each week.

## SVP Events

**Coffee Morning:** The next coffee morning will be held after the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 30 October. All welcome.

**Annual Mass for the Deceased:** Will be held at 10am on Saturday 9 November at St Brendan's Church. This is a special Mass for all who have lost someone dear within the last 12months.

**Benediction & Afternoon Tea:** For our elderly and housebound parishioners will be held on Sunday 24 November at 3pm. More details and a list for those wishing to attend will be made available.

## Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Parish pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place soon (21-25 October). Please feel free to hand in any petitions (prayers only) and Fr Alf will take with him to place in the Grotto.

**Transport:** I have arranged transport to the Airport for our forthcoming visit to Lourdes. The cost per person (return) is £14 (including a tip for the driver). 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 please 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. Should anyone not wish to be included in this arrangement, please could you inform the Parish Office. Northern Star Travel will send everyone information before we go. Should anyone like more detail, please contact me on 07528 027295. *Thank you, Ann*

**Missio:** Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world Mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the news of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. We will hold a special collection next weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

## Other News from Around the Diocese

**Caritas Mass of Remembrance:** On Wednesday 13 November at 4pm held at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Livesey Street Manchester M4 4FA. Everyone is Welcome, light refreshments will be served afterwards. Please see the poster on our noticeboards.

**National Prayer Week 12-20 October:** This week, Christians across the UK are invited to take part National Prayer Week - an ecumenical venture to unite people of all denominations, backgrounds, and communities in prayer. A full website of information and videos can be found at <https://nationalweekofprayer.uk>

### Thought for the week....

"Jesus is a teacher of truth who shows us the way to happiness."

*Pope Francis*

### Readers for 19/20 October 2024

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
C Grundy	H O'Donnell	P Brennan
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 20 October V & A Rawlinson		