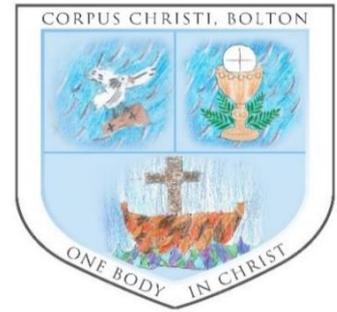


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**20 October 2024**

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time**



'Turning the world upside down' is a familiar phrase and it refers to a total upset of accepted rules and conditions. In a world which places rich important people at the top and the voiceless poor at the bottom it is a revolutionary idea that has far reaching effects on society. The idea that the powerful should be servants of the poor is treated as lunacy by the world in which we live but if we are to follow Christ then that is the reality we must face

Isaiah, in his suffering servant poems, speaks of a God who 'has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering'; this is a strange contrast with a God who is love, who is rich in forgiving, but we must accept that it is only through suffering that the mission of Christ can be accomplished for the values of the world will not accept his teaching on the worthiness of every human being. The reward for sacrifice is the promise that "through him the Lord's wishes will be done"; the crushed servant will 'see the light and be content'. We cannot expect fairness in our world; there are many who see riches and power as the only way of life; our ambition should be higher than this.

In Hebrews we are reminded that Jesus took on our human nature to show us that following him was possible even in our weakness and that even he was tempted by the world. We must rely on his grace and mercy to show us the way in which we may follow him.

The Gospel reminds us that even those closest to Jesus were troubled by the temptations of the world. James and John looked for places of power in the kingdom of heaven; they were human and spoke through human ambition. Jesus does not dismiss their request out of hand, but he uses the moment to teach them, and the other apostles, of the consequences of following him. Mark's Gospel was written to people who were suffering from the casual, ruthless violence of a Roman world where power was everything. The fate of many in Mark's community was to follow Christ to a painful death. The life of Our Lord really did turn the world upside down and it continues to do that for if we are to be true to Him then we too must change and become servants to the poor. **David Frank**

## Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2  
Divine Office Week 1  
Roman Missal: p465; Readings: p468*

### Sunday 20 October

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

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

*A Special Collection for Missio this Weekend*

### Monday 21 October

No Mass Today

### Tuesday 22 October - St John Paul II

10am Mass (SB Harbour Room)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

### Wednesday 23 October

10am Mass (SJ)

### Thursday 24 October

10am Mass (SB Harbour Room)

### Friday 25 October

12noon Mass (SB Harbour Room)

### Saturday 26 October - Ss Chad & Cedd

10.45am Confession and Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

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

### Sunday 27 October

*Clocks Go Back*

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, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, 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:** Brenda Lee, Philomena (Grace) Roberts, Gordon Allen

**Mass Intentions:** Brenda Lee, Fr Colin Wright

**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

**Missio:** This weekend 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. Thank you for your continued support.

## SVP Events

**Coffee Morning:** The next coffee morning will be held after the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 30 October. Funds will go towards South Sudan Appeal. 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

Let us wish Fr Alf and our parishioners who are setting off to Lourdes on Monday, a safe journey and a wonderful pilgrimage. Please feel free to hand in any petitions (prayers only) and Fr Alf will take with him to place in the Grotto.

## Other News from Around the Diocese

**Caritas Homelessness report:** Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, is running a campaign in the coming weeks and months to shine a spotlight on issues around the increasing number of individuals and families who are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. There are lots of simple ways you can get involved to help in your area - please take a look at their website and help if you can:

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/endhomelessness](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/endhomelessness)

**Remembering our loved ones - A Moment of Prayer:** The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is inviting people to remember loved ones in a special way this November. Names will be written down and hung in the Centre's willow dome, where visitors will be asked to pray for those people and their families during the month of November. They will also be remembered in a special prayer service on 29 November. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered in this way, or would like to join the prayer service, please email:

[laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk).

**Take Action to Oppose Assisted Suicide:** Catholics across England and Wales are being called to unite in prayer and compassionate action in opposition to a new Bill on assisted suicide. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has pulled together a range of resources with more information, a pastoral letter from Cardinal Nichols, and a link to an online tool to contact your MP to voice your opposition to the bill. Find out more at

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide>

### Thought for the week....

"Doing little things with a strong desire to please God, makes them great."

*St Frances de Sales*

### Readers for 26/27 October 2024

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
L Lamoury	P Partington	C Bridge

Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 27 October		
M Speed & P Partington		