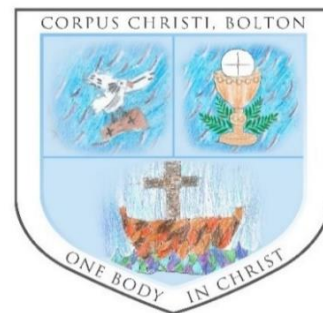


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**27 October 2024**

**Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**



*“No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God”*

The Book of Hebrews was written for Christians of the first century when those Jews who followed the teaching of Jesus were beginning to emerge from Judaism. The author is unknown; it is written from a Jewish perspective, but gives us, today, an insight into that religion and its touching points with our beliefs. We cannot completely associate our notion of priesthood with that of the high priest of Judaism; theirs was an inherited position, but the principles of priesthood as mentioned in today's passage help to link our priesthood with that of the order of Melchizedek, a link that goes back to the very beginning of humanities worship of the one true God.

All priests have responded to a call to vocation inspired by the Holy Spirit; this is not a call to be taken lightly, it is a very demanding call to sacrifice one's own needs for those of the community that one serves. Just consider that first line “taken out of mankind and appointed to act for men in their relations with God”. Priests are not supermen; they have the same hopes, dreams, fears and joys that we share. They devote their lives to serving others and this brings them into contact with all levels of society; we may turn away from certain situations, a priest cannot. He must face whatever his ministry leads him to; it is no small wonder that some hesitate, some turn away from this awesome duty. The Gospel passage reveals to us the power that enables a man to come to the priesthood; the story is of the blind man, Bartimaeus, and his faith in Jesus. This faith gives the man courage to ask for a cure for his blindness and that same faith gives him back his sight. The man who chooses to test his vocation by volunteering for the priesthood is like Bartimaeus, he cannot see where his vocation will take him, but he hopes that his faith will be sufficient to bring him through the years of training to ordination, and that same faith will stand by him through the long years that lie ahead. In our Baptism we are called to be priests; not as an ordained man but, all of us men and women, as servants to our families and neighbours. Let us pray that we too may have the courage to see our way to follow Christ down the road. **David Frank**

## Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2  
Divine Office Week 2  
Roman Missal: p475; Readings: p478

### Sunday 27 October

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

### Monday 28 October - Ss Simon & Jude

10am Requiem Mass for Gordon Allen (SB)  
6pm Mass (SJ)

### Tuesday 29 October

10am Mass (SB Harbour Room)  
No Meditation This Evening

### Wednesday 30 October

9am Adoration (SJ)  
9.30am Mass (SJ) Followed by SVP Coffee Morning

### Thursday 31 October

10am Mass (SB Harbour Room)  
6.30pm Vigil Mass for All Saints (SJ)

### Friday 1 November - All Saints Holy Day of Obligation

10am Mass (SJ)  
12noon Mass (SB Church)

### Saturday 2 November - All Souls

9.15am - 9.45am Confession and Adoration (SJ)  
10am Mass (SJ)  
5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

### Sunday 3 November

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, Elizabeth Gillard

**Anniversaries:** Nicola Lamoury, Peter Alfred Hodgins, Kathryn Hinks

**Mass Intentions:** For someone who is sick, Lillian Dawson (Birthday Remembrance), Peter Alfred Hodgins, In thanksgiving, A special Intention, Kathryn Hinks, Nicola Lamoury

**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. Our Parish only survives on your kind donations - but if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider gift-aiding your donation as we can claim 25p from the Government for every £1 that a taxpayer donates. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. *Thank you.*

**Dona:** We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.

**Cheques:** Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you

**CAFOD Fast Day Collection:** Thank you to all who supported the recent Fast Day Collection. The amount raised was £1,084.

**Harbour Room Book Club.** Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 30 October at 1pm. The book under discussion is *The Woman in the White Kimono* by Ana Johns. All welcome.

**200 Club October Winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£50) P Carolan

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£25) J Burton

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (£15) M Armstrong

**Thought for the week....**

“To have courage for whatever comes in life - everything lies in that.”

*St Teresa of Avila*

**November - The month of Holy Souls**



This is the time in the Church's liturgical calendar, when we remember, in a very special way, all those who have died. To that end, envelopes are available (at the back of each church) for anyone who wishes to have a Mass offered for their deceased relatives and friends during November. Please feel free to take an envelope, and paper slip, to insert your intention (and optional donation) and place in the baskets at each Altar. The names of all those will be prayed for during this time.

**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.

**Christmas Flower Demonstration:** Saturday 7 December (1pm-3pm) in St John's Patmos Room. Tickets will be on sale soon.

**Other News from Around the Diocese**

**Vocations Newsletter:** Our diocesan Office for Vocations is pleased to share with you its latest newsletter, featuring news and updates on vocations to the priesthood and permanent diaconate, as well as insights into different aspects of ministry. To read the latest copy, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/vocations-2>

**Northern Dioceses Environment Group - CAFOD LiveSimply Development Meeting:** The Northern Dioceses Environment Group invites you to join them for an online meeting to explore the latest developments to CAFOD's LiveSimply Programme. The meeting takes place at 5pm on Monday 28 October. To find out more and register, head to <https://tinyurl.com/NDEGMeeting>

**Readers for 2/3 November 2024**

<b>5pm Vigil (SB)</b>	<b>9.30am (SJ)</b>	<b>11am (SB)</b>
S Mikolajewski	M Roe	M Day
<b>Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 3 November</b>		
M Cropper & A Gracie		