

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

3 November 2024

Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time



We hear, from time to time, in the Gospels, Jesus reminding us that there is nothing complicated about our relationship with Him. Because we are fallible human beings, we tend to build around this relationship a great mystery and tension which leads us down many paths, often away from His great love to places where we do not need to go. He reminds us that “unless you become as a little child” or “do not be afraid” or “my love is enough for you” but do we take these words to heart or do we still feel unworthy. We must learn to accept His love for us and let that love shine out for others to see.

Listen

There is only one God to worship and to Him you must be true

For he has given you your life and he aches with love for you.

*And to repay that love so great, fill your heart with tender care,
look to find His beckoning light, for where light is,
He is there.*

*Every thought that springs afresh, carries you on,
down the way*

*And every action that you take will lead you to Him
and a bright new day*

Today's gospel message comprises two commandments which, if we follow them closely, will lead us to eternal life. What we need to remember is that if all our words, all our actions, are motivated by these two commandments then we will, truly, live our lives in His footsteps.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Week 3
Roman Missal: p484; Readings: p487*

Sunday 3 November

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

Monday 4 November - St Charles Borromeo

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 5 November

10am Mass (SB Harbour Room)
7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

Wednesday 6 November

9.30am Seeds & Gardeners Mass (SJ)

Thursday 7 November

10am Mass (SB Harbour Room)
5.45pm Confirmation Course (Thornleigh)
7pm Synod Meeting (SJ)

Friday 8 November

12noon Mass (SB Harbour Room)

Saturday 9 November - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10am Annual Mass for the Deceased (SB)
11.30pm Baptism (SB)
5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

Sunday 10 November

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



Please note, refreshments will not be available after the 9.30am Mass due to Remembrance Services at Dunscair War Memorial and Bolton Town Hall.

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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, Mary Mariner

Lately Dead: Gordon Allen, Patricia Van Breeman

Anniversaries: Dorothy Hodget, Fr Denis Sheahan

Mass Intentions: Dorothy Hodget, Fr Denis Sheahan, For deceased members of the Owen Family, A special Intention, George Brooks (Birthday Remembrance), Ernest Peacock (Birthday Remembrance), Deceased members of the Villa Family, deceased members of the Strange family, for all who need physical, mental & spiritual healing from the Rosa Mystica, Mary Mariner

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

Parish Synod Meeting: The third of the summary meetings (*Enabling Access*) will be held on Thursday 7 November (7pm) at St John's. Summary leaflets are now available. For more information, please visit:

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

CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal
The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. If you can, please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter:
cafod.org.uk/give.

Readers for 9/10 November 2024		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
C Molyneux	J Summerton	K Denton
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 10 November P McArdle & J Summerton		

New Translation of Scripture

From Advent, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have agreed to a new translation of our Scripture Readings/Gospel and therefore our Roman Missals will become obsolete. We will be reverting to Missalettes from the start of the new church year in December.

The Bishops' Conference has signposted us to some useful resources introducing the new edition, what changes have been made, and why.

"The new Lectionary gives us an opportunity to hear that word with fresh ears as we engage with a text which is intended for public proclamation and reflects up to date biblical scholarship."

"I hope that parishes and other communities will engage in preparation for the Lectionary so that all the faithful will hear the word of God with deepened faith and understanding."

Archbishop Emeritus George Stack of Cardiff, Chair of the Department for Christian Life and Worship

Find out more at

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/>

Harbour Room Book Club: Members have made the annual donation to Church Funds this year of £60. Thank you to all and the church for use of the room.

Fair Trade Stall: Before and after the 9.30am Mass at St John's this Sunday. We will have a small number of Advent Calendars available.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials: As in previous years, if you would like to sponsor a poinsettia plant, in memory of a loved one, please take a request slip, card & envelope and place, with a donation (minimum £5), in the basket provided. The deadline for your request is Sunday 8 December. Thank you.

SVP Events

Benediction & Afternoon Tea: Sunday 24 November, 3pm at St John's. A list for those wishing to attend is now available.

Christmas Flower Demonstration: Saturday 7 December (1pm-3pm) in St John's Patmos Room. Tickets (In aid of the SVP) are now on sale after weekend Masses at £5 per person.

Job Vacancy: Corpus Christi - Cleaner Required
Part-time, Permanent Working hours: 4 hours per week - work pattern to be agreed with Parish Priest
Location: St John's Presbytery, The Crescent, Bromley Cross, and St Brendan, Harwood. Please see notices on our church notice boards or visit:
<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/> for find further information including our Privacy Notice and an application pack.