

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**10 November 2024**

**Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**



The world is full of ordinary people; the little ones who have no power; who live their lives as best they can and die remembered only by those whose lives have been touched by their goodness. Today's readings celebrate the little people, the unnoticed, those who are small by the world's standards but who are in fact giants in the eyes of God.

In the passage from Kings, we meet a poor widow and her son. They live in a land beset by famine and are slowly dying of hunger. Into their lives comes a prophet, Elijah, reduced by circumstances to a wandering beggar. He asks the widow for a share of whatever food and water she has and the woman, in her compassion, agrees to share what she has for herself and her son with him. This simple act of charity has its reward as God has plans for Elijah and ensures that the food they have will last until the famine is broken. The meal they share becomes the bread and wine of life to them and it stands as a reminder to us that the Eucharist, though a small piece of bread and a drop of wine, has the power to feed and sustain us in our time.

The Gospel from Mark also has, as its central character a poor widow. In a society based on strong family connections to become a widow was one of the worst things that could happen to anyone. Men were the breadwinners and a woman without a man, often with young children, was prey to all the abuses that society lays upon the weak and helpless. We are fortunate in this country to have a welfare state as a safety net for those left in this position but in many countries such women are left to beg in the streets for their daily bread. Her offering to the temple may have been tiny compared to the wealth of the scribes but it came from her poverty whereas they gave a little from a full purse. The size of the gift is not the true measure of a person's contribution to others, it is in the spirit of that giving which is really important and valued in the eyes of Our Lord. **David Frank**

## Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2*

*Divine Office Week 4*

*Roman Missal: p494; Readings: p497*

### 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.



### Monday 11 November - St Martin of Tours

9.30am Mass (SJ)

### Tuesday 12 November - St Josaphat

10am Mass (SB Church) with Yr 4

No Christian Meditation today

### Wednesday 13 November

9.30am Mass (SJ)

### Thursday 14 November

10am Mass (SB Harbour Room)

### Friday 15 November

12noon Mass (SB Harbour Room)

### Saturday 16 November

No Morning Mass

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

***We Welcome Fr Andrew Batare from the African Missions who will celebrate Masses this weekend***

### Sunday 17 November

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

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

1pm Baptism (SB)

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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:** Mary Mariner (Funeral 10am 25.11.24, SB)

**Anniversaries:** Robert Neil Potter, Mary Hodgins, Victor Gill

**Mass Intentions:** Baby Erin Eccleshare (in Salford NICU following surgery), Robert Neil Potter, In thanksgiving, Mary Mariner, For a return to health, Mary Hodgins, Victor Gill

**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.

*Let us continue to pray for those devastated by the recent floods in Spain.*

*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

**Thank you:** To all who came along to the SVP coffee morning last week. The total amount raised was £204 which will be sent to the Sudan baby feeding programme.

**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.

**We welcome Fr Andrew Batare:** Every year our Diocese adopts a mission appeal to support. This year it is the SMA Missionaries, we welcome Fr Andrew who will celebrate our Masses next weekend (16/17 November) - there will be a second collection to support their mission.

**Urban Outreach - Christmas Dinner On Jesus:** As in previous years, we have been asked to collect items for the *Christmas Dinner on Jesus* appeal. Like last year, we aim to collect 200 jars of Cranberry Sauce (200g size) by the first Sunday in December (1/12/24). Thank you, as always, for your support.

### New Translation of Scripture

From Advent, there will be a new translation of our Scripture Readings/Gospel and therefore our Missals will become obsolete. We will be reverting to using Missallettes from the start of the new church year in December.

Find out more at

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

### 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.

**CAFOD World Gifts:** The Christmas gift catalogue is available at the back of each Church. If you are stuck on ideas for Christmas presents, why not take one and have a look. Each ethical & sustainable gift can make a huge difference to families who face many challenges around the world.

### 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.

**Becoming Pilgrims of Hope: Advent Talks:** A series of talks exploring the theme of hope is set to begin this Advent as we embark on the 2025 Year of Jubilee. Join Sr Joan Kerley, FMSJ, and Maria Kidd as they unpick our Advent readings to explore some of the themes that are central to the concept of Jubilee. The talks will take place on 29 November, 6 and 13 December between 10am-12.30pm at Wardley Hall. Find out more and register <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/advent-hope-talk-1>

### Readers for 16/17 November 2024

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
T Proctor	P Barnes	F Doloroso
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 17 November J Carroll & S May		