

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

## 24 November 2024



“Who do people say I am?” This question about the identity of Jesus runs as an undercurrent throughout the Gospels. If the Gospel were a book of fiction, a “who done it”, you may have puzzled over the identity of Jesus throughout the book and, even at the climax, you would still be struggling for an answer. It is as if Jesus is challenging us every step of the way to try and identify him, to believe in him, to follow him.

“Are you the King of the Jews?” Pilate is struggling with the identity of Jesus. He senses there is more to this man than he has been told. His wife has begged him “Have nothing to do with this man” but Pilate is intrigued; he senses something about this man, but he cannot explain what. Pilate is a man of authority and power, yet he treats Jesus as an equal. Jesus is a Jew, condemned by his own people as a blasphemer and one who deserves to die; he is not a man to attract the attention of the leader of Roman rule in a small Middle East province, yet he stands before him and debates with him.

“Yes, I am a King”; Jesus reveals His identity; He is King, but not of this world. The Kingdom of Jesus is far greater than the Roman Empire; He is the King who reigns in human hearts, the King of Love. Jesus then reveals His purpose to Pilate. He has chosen death so that all might live. For this He was born of the Virgin Mary. He has come so that truth may be seen and all who believe in Him will be witnesses to the truth that He is the Son of God.

Today’s readings, on this the last Sunday of the Year, fill us with hope in the Risen Christ. He is the son of man described in the vision of Daniel, but He is also the Son of God from the Book of the Apocalypse, the one who, by His death and resurrection, has purchased for us eternal life. The answer to the question “Who do people say I am?” is answered in the Book of the Apocalypse.; “Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth; the one who loves us and who has washed away our sins with his blood and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father”  
*Amen David Frank*

### Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2  
Divine Office Week 3  
Roman Missal: p514; Readings: p518*

#### Sunday 24 November

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children’s Liturgy  
11am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy  
3pm Benediction & Afternoon Tea (SJ)

#### Monday 25 November

10am Requiem Mass for Mary Mariner (SB)

#### Tuesday 26 November

10am Mass (SB Church) With Yr 3  
7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

#### Wednesday 27 November

10.30am Requiem Mass for John Marshall (SJ)  
1pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)

#### Thursday 28 November

10am Mass (SB Harbour Room)

#### Friday 29 November

12noon Mass (SB Harbour Room)

#### Saturday 30 November - St Andrew

10.45am Confession & Adoration (SJ)  
11.30am Mass (SJ)  
5pm Vigil Mass for Sunday (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy

#### Sunday 1 December - *First Sunday of Advent*

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children’s Liturgy  
11am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy  
3.30pm Christmas Sing-along (Bill & Co, Harwood)

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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, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Arnold Banks, Terry Smith

**Lately Dead:** John Marshall, Mary Mariner, Peter Cole

**Anniversaries:** Florence & Louis Hodgkinson, Ronald Hailwood, Jack Gallagher, Alan Rebello

**Mass Intentions:** Florence & Louis Hodgkinson, John Marshall, Jack Gallagher, Ronald Hailwood, Denis O'Kane (Birthday Remembrance)

**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 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

**Walk With Me:** Booklets and Calendars are now available for you to take (free of charge).

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next two meetings are as follows.

Wednesday 27 November: *Excellent Women* by Barbara Pym.

Wednesday December 11: *Small Things like These* by Clare Keegan. All welcome.

**Christmas Poinsettia Memorials:** Thank you for all your requests so far. 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.

**Synod Meeting 4:** The meeting for stage 4 will be held at St Brendan's on Friday 13 December at 12.45pm. The summaries will be made available in due course.

# 1 December 2024

## The First Sunday of Advent

### Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle C*

#### Sunday 1 December

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy  
 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy  
 3.30pm Christmas Sing-along (Bill & Co, Harwood)



#### Monday 2 December

9.15am St Columba Whole School Mass (In School)  
 6pm Mass (SJ)

#### Tuesday 3 December

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

#### Wednesday 4 December

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)  
 9.30am Mass (SJ)

#### Thursday 5 December

9.15am School Advent Mass (SB Church)

#### Friday 6 December

12noon Mass (SB Harbour Room)

#### Saturday 7 December - St Andrew

10.45am Confession & Adoration (SJ)  
 11.30am Mass (SJ)  
 1pm Christmas Flower Demonstration (SJ)  
 5pm Vigil Mass for Sunday (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

#### Sunday 8 December - *Second Sunday of Advent*

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

**Urban Outreach - Christmas Dinner On Jesus:** We are continuing 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.

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

**Caritas Morning Star Men's Hostel:** Are appealing for toiletry items. If anyone would like to donate a toiletry item, socks or underwear (new) over the next couple of weeks, please leave them at the back of each church. They will be delivered before Christmas. *Thank you.*

#### Readers for 31 Nov /1 December 2024

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
S Mikolajewski	J Carroll	L Lamoury
<b>Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 1 December</b> M Speed & P Partington		

#### Readers for 7/8 December 2024

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
C Grundy	S Copley	A Moore
<b>Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 8 December</b> A Gracie & M Cropper		