

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**8 June 2025**

**Pentecost**



Pentecost day comes round every year; it is a milestone in our lives. We emerge from Lent and Easter often breathless and aware that once again Christ has paid the ultimate price for our behaviour, and we make the decision to change our ways; make a new resolution to come closer to Him and follow His way. Then the sunshine of summer enters our lives, and we say "Tomorrow Lord" and the summer days pass by until we are once again in autumn and nothing has really changed. How can we change these hearts of ours? How can we make them hearts of flesh and not stone? Pentecost Sunday is about being changed through an experience. In the first reading the Apostles are changed utterly by their experience of the Holy Spirit; they had listened to the promises of Jesus but could not grasp the reality of His word. Now it is here and happening; they are transformed, they are no longer the frightened crowd of the Good Friday church they are invigorated, encouraged and challenged by their encounter with the Holy Spirit and as they speak to the crowd all who see this transformation are amazed and astonished.

Today's Psalm speaks of how basic the Holy Spirit is to life itself. In our Creed, we call Him "*the Giver of Life*", the psalmist tells us "*You send forth your spirit, and they are created, and you renew the face of the earth*". The passage from Romans reminds us that our transformation is a spiritual experience. Paul tells us that, through the Spirit we become "*children of God*". We can overcome the flesh, which causes us to sin, by building spiritual lives that inspire us to cry "*Abba! Father!*".

John's Gospel reminds us of the words of Our Lord - *If you love me, you will keep my commandments*. This passage speaks of the promise of Jesus to all those who love Him and keep His word. Our Lord assures us that His word will not fail for the Holy Spirit, the helper sent by the Lord, will teach us and help us to remain true to Him. Today is special, both for those who have been faithful all their lives but also for new members of our church who have experienced a real transformation through the blessing of the Easter Vigil. This day was made by the Lord, may we allow the Spirit to enter our lives and transform us. **David Frank**

## Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle C*

### Sunday 8 June

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy  
11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy  
1pm Baptism (SJ)



### Monday 9 June

2pm Whole School Mass for St Columba's (SC School)  
6pm Mass (SJ)

### Tuesday 10 June

9.30am Whole School Mass (SJ Church)  
12noon Requiem Mass for Brian Pollitt (SB)  
7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

### Wednesday 11 June - St Barnabus

9am Adoration (SJ)  
9.30am Mass (SJ)  
12noon Requiem Mass for Margaret Roberts (SB)

### Thursday 12 June - Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest

10am Requiem Mass for Paul Gerrard (SB)

### Friday 13 June - St Antony of Padua

12noon Mass (SB)

### Saturday 14 June - Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist

10am First Communion Mass for St Columba's Children (SB)  
5pm Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

### Sunday 15 June - The Most Holy Trinity

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 Kay, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Dr Allan Needham, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Arnold Banks, Michael Kitching, Jane Manuel, Alice Leggett, Rita Margiotta

**Lately Dead:** Margaret Roberts, Terry Smith, Brian Pollitt, Paul Gerrard, Brian Moore, Rev William Sloan, Edward Roscoe

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Healey, Winnie, Bill & Timmy Leahy, John Crowley, Mary Hustwit

**Mass Intentions:** Joseph Healey, A Special Intention, Winnie, Bill & Timmy Leahy, Rev William Sloan, John Crowley, Edward Roscoe

**We are asked to pray for these intentions:** A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; seafarers; human life.

*We pray for healing, a peaceful solution and restoration in the Middle East and Ukraine.*

*We pray for all our students who are taking exams at this time. We pray they are given the Lord's guidance and support. Help them to stay calm and focused with their preparation and exams so they can perform to the best of their abilities.*

**Offertory:** We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your kind donation, the parish will benefit at no extra cost to yourselves.

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

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

**Day for Life:** Next weekend we will hold a special collection for Day for Life. The theme this year is 'Hope Does Not Disappoint: Finding Meaning in Suffering'. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's theme is inspired by Romans 5:5-6. St Paul invites us to see that Christian hope is not just naïve optimism but, rather, an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and even see beyond it. Suffering touches every person at some point in their lives. It is often associated with illness, grief, and loss. Christians are not immune to this mystery, and we often struggle to know how best to respond to it, and where we can find hope. Let us continue to pray for the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death and to send hope to all who are suffering.

**Confirmation 2025:** A polite reminder that the date for the Confirmation Service is Wednesday 25 June (6.15pm to 7.30pm) at Thornleigh. The other date to note is the Confirmation Retreat - Saturday 7th June 2025 (9.45am to 1pm) also at Thornleigh. The form (see link below) should have been sent out in readiness for the Confirmation date, if you have not already completed this form, please could you kindly do so as soon as possible. Thank you.  
<https://forms.gle/KC3cGG2xM25Ea6zz6>

**Mary's Meals Coin Collection:** Thank you for your amazing response so far! Mary's Meals currently works in 16 of the world's poorest countries, feeding over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. They are asking you to donate any left-over foreign currency or obsolete UK currency that you may have lying around. Please bring any foreign or old coins/notes to church throughout June, July & August and we will pass them on. The money raised from this initiative will help Mary's Meals bring hope to more desperately hungry children across the globe. Every 10p is enough to provide a hungry child with a nutritious meal in school. Mary's Meals would like to thank you for your continuous support & prayers. Baskets will be left at the back of each church. Thank you.

**200 Club May Winners:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£50) J French (74)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£25) S Whitton (72)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (£15) D Whyte (188)

We still have an outstanding second prize to claim from April. If P McManus would like to contact the parish office, we have your winnings!

**SVP Coffee Morning:** The next coffee morning will be held after 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 25 June. All most welcome.

**Other News from Around the Diocese**

**CAFOD:** Are joining with Missio, Aid to the Church in Need and Stella Maris in this Jubilee Year to pray the "Rosary of Hope" online on **Tuesday 10 June at 7pm**. You can [register here to get the Zoom link](#) all are welcome as we pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary together.

**Refugee Week:** This year's Refugee Week takes place 16 - 22 June and our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, has prepared lots of information and resources to help you find out more about how to support people in our communities. Find out more at [www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/refugees/](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/refugees/)

Readers for 14/15 June 2025		
<b>5pm Vigil (SB)</b>	<b>9.30am (SJ)</b>	<b>11am (SB)</b>
N Bunting	A Hayes	M Day
<b>Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 15 June</b>		
J Carroll & S May		