

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

29 June 2025

Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time



Peter and Paul may never have been close friends but the combination of the sincerity of Peter's faith and the eloquence of Paul's words, through the power of God's love, set in motion the greatest movement our world has ever known. We cannot imagine the experiences of the humble fisherman, Peter, during those three years of travelling with Jesus. What we read in the Gospels can only give us a flavour of those days and nights spent in the company of our Blessed Lord. Paul was the learned one, steeped in the faith of the Jewish people, practiced in the Law and the Commandments; Saul stood as a beacon for the people of Israel, yet he was utterly changed on the road to Damascus and became Paul, the missionary, the scribe of the letters and a light for the pagans.

They both suffered, thrown into prisons, flogged, beaten almost to death, chased and harried by those who refused to believe. Yet they held to their faith in the Risen Lord, even as their Jewish Faith became more and more compromised by their faith in Christ. We cannot imagine their mental turmoil as they began to understand that to be a Christian meant that their old world, the faith of their childhood, was changing into a new world, a world lit anew by the glory of God.

Each week we take from the readings various phrases that resonate with our own experience. Today we have an image from Acts of Peter thrown into prison while *"earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church"*; how many times have we besieged heaven with our prayers, and they have been answered. Jesus asks, *"Who do people say I am?"* This is the question that each of us must answer in our hearts as we try to make sense of our faith in Him. Paul tells us *"The Lord stood by me and strengthened me"*; we can each recall times when things have been difficult and our faith, and the love of those around us, have seen us to a brighter dawn. This is the power of the Word; it creates graces for us that help us to understand our world of chaos; each time we listen to the Word it speaks to us; listen carefully then, so that you may hear and believe in the love of God. **David Frank**

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C

Sunday 29 June - *SS Peter & Paul*

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

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

A Special Collection for Peter's Pence

Monday 30 June

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 1 July

10am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 2 July

9am Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 3 July - *St Thomas*

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 4 July

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 5 July

10.45am Adoration & Confession (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

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

Sunday 6 July

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, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Arnold Banks, Michael Kitching, Jane Manuel, Alice Leggett, Rita Margiotta, For someone on end of life care, Phyllis Locke

Lately Dead: Nigel Edmondson, Anthony Cunningham, Brian Moore

Anniversaries: Marie Corner, Ivan Susol, Mark O'Brien, Denis O'Toole

Mass Intentions: For someone sick, Mark O'Brien, Denis O'Toole, Brian Moore

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 the victims of the London-bound plane crash in India

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

Congratulations: To Marcelino Da Silva Maio and Evelyn Carmen Whittaker who were baptised last weekend. We pray that they and their families continue their faith journey.

Confirmation: We congratulate all the young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Thornleigh. We pray that, at this time in their lives, they are guided by the Holy Spirit as they continue their journey of faith.

Peter's Pence Collection: Will take place at our Masses this weekend. This collection provides financial support to the Holy Father for his charitable works, including aid to those affected by war, natural disasters, and oppression around the world. It also supports the Holy See and various Church needs. Please continue to pray for the Holy Father and all his work.

SVP Coffee Morning: Thank you to all who came along to our coffee morning on Wednesday. The proceeds (£165.10) will be used by the SVP.

Other News from Around the Diocese

Jubilee for Children and Families: This month, we join Catholics around the world in celebrating the Jubilee for Children and Families. As we come together in this Holy Year, we invite you to pray for all families in our diocese. May we look to the love of the Holy Family to guide us in our vocation to family life; praying for the grace to love with peace, gentleness, and hope in the face of all our challenges.

Summer Retreats at Boarbank Hall: The Canonesses of St Augustine, based at Boarbank Hall near Grange-over-Sands, have shared details of two retreats this summer. Join them from 26 July - 2 August for a retreat exploring more about the spirituality of our new Augustinian pope, Leo XIV, or perhaps join them between 18-22 August for an opportunity to read and reflect on the spiritual writings of St Augustine. To find out more about these retreats and other opportunities at Boarbank Hall, please visit <http://www.boarbankhall.org.uk>

Rosa Mystica: On Saturday 12 July, there will be a day of devotion in honour of Our Lady Roda Mystica at St Mary's, Standishgate, Wigan WN1 1XL. Holy Mass is at 12noon followed by devotions, a procession and Benediction at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

Caritas Salford: There are pamphlets available at the back of each church advertising a sponsored hike near Stonyhurst College in the Ribble Valley. Organised by Caritas Salford, this is a leisurely 7 mile walk for adults (18+) along the Tolkien Trail to raise money for local families with children and individuals experiencing poverty, homelessness and disadvantage. If you would like to join in this event, please contact Iona Baxter at Caritas Salford: 0161 817 2286 or email Iona at: i.baxter@caritassalford.org.uk. If you would like to download a pamphlet or any other challenge events, please visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/take-part-in-a-caritas-fundraising-event-or-activity/

Job Vacancy: Cathedral Site Officer

Appointment Type: Full-time, permanent

Working Hours: 35 hours per week, Tuesday - Saturday with some flexible working.

Salary: £26,232 - £32,246 per annum.

For full details, email:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

Readers for 5/6 July 2025		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
A Grundy	H O'Donnell	F Evans
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 6 July		
A Gracie & M Cropper		