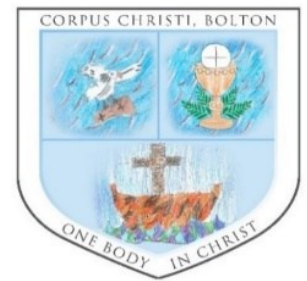


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

13 July 2025

Fifteenth Week of Ordinary Time



In our lives we are surrounded by God's love for us, if we truly want to follow Him and become His disciples, we must take that love and share it with our neighbour. In today's Gospel passage a lawyer asks Jesus "Who is my neighbour?". Each of us may answer this in different ways; we each have our own thoughts and opinions. Notice how Jesus calls the morality of His day, and our day, into question as he describes the man who has fallen among thieves and the attitude of those who come across him in his distress.

In the passage from Deuteronomy, Moses speaks to the people about the Law and the commandments of God. He stresses that these are not beyond human ability to follow; they do not require superhuman effort, they are the voice of God speaking in human hearts and residing in the depths of the human soul. As scripture says *"The Word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it"*.

Paul is our teacher and guide; he leads us to the way of the Lord. Today he writes to us a simple Creed; it comes in two parts; the first is a simple announcement of faith in Christ Jesus as the Son of God, the second part reminds us that we are His body, the Church, and speaks to us of resurrection, reconciliation and sacrifice. Each line of this prayer of faith is given to us that we may believe in Christ Jesus and is worthy of our deep reflection.

Whenever Jesus answers a question, He places His answer deep inside the Old Testament scriptures. In this way, he announces to those who listen, that He is the fulfilment of the Old Testament Covenant between God and His chosen people. He speaks of love for God arising from the very heart, soul and mind of each individual and teaches us that this love is for all we meet. The parable of the Good Samaritan questions us about our attitudes and our commitment to share God's love with everyone, no matter what their situation in life. At times it is hard to follow His teaching; perhaps if we were to put ourselves in the position of the man who was ill-treated, then we may begin to start to understand that everyone is our neighbour and all deserve our love. **David Frank**

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C

Sunday 13 July

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

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

A Special Collection for Stella Maris

Monday 14 July

10am Mass (SB)

Tuesday 15 July

10am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 16 July - Solemnity Our Lady of Mount Carmel Patron of the Diocese of Salford

10am Requiem Mass for Teresa Willcock (SB)

6pm Mass (SJ)

Thursday 17 July

9.15am Yr6 Leavers Mass (SB)

9.30am Yr6 Leavers Mass (SJ)

12noon Requiem Mass Rita O'Toole (SB)

Friday 18 July

10am St Columba's Yr6 Leavers Mass (SB Church)

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 19 July

10.45am Adoration & Confession (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 20 July

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.30pm Baptism (SB)

SVP Coffee Morning: Will be held after the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 23 July. All welcome.

Summer Camp: For Primary & Secondary aged children, Will be taking place at Thornleigh from 21st -25th July. Please see posters at the back of each church for more information.

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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 Rocke, Julie Hayes

Lately Dead: Joan Kelly, Rita O'Toole, Teresa Willcock

Anniversaries: James Coyne, Kathleen Brabin, Jeff Howarth

Mass Intentions: In thanksgiving, Joan Kelly, James Coyne, Rita O'Toole, Kathleen Brabin, Jeff Howarth

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

We pray for all the victims of the flooding in Texas

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 Cillian Michael Patrick Farrington who was baptised last weekend. We pray that he and his family continue to grow in faith.

Summer Holidays: Our schools will be finishing for the summer holidays at the end of the week. It is a time to thank all members of staff for all their professional dedication and hard work during the last academic year. We pray for all our Yr 6 pupils, Yr 11 pupils and our Sixth Form students who are moving on. We ask that they may be given guidance and encouragement as they continue their journeys. The Children's Liturgy, at St Brendan's and St John's, will also take a break over the summer and we must thank all those who volunteer to run the groups as they become increasingly popular!

Many of you will be setting off on holiday over the coming weeks. Whether you are staying in this country, or travelling overseas, we wish you a safe journey and we hope that the sun will continue to shine!

20 July 2025

Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C

Sunday 20 July

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.30pm Baptism (SB)

Monday 21 July

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 22 July - St Mary Magdalene

10am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

Wednesday 23 July - St Bridget

9.30am Mass (SJ) - Followed by SVP Coffee Morning

Thursday 24 July

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 25 July - St James

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 26 July - St Joachim & St Anne

No Mass Today

5pm Mass (SB) - *We welcome Fr John Boles from the Columban Missionaries*

Sunday 27 July - World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Elderly People

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Special Appeal from the Columban Missionaries:

The Columban Missionaries were founded in 1918 as the Irish (or "Maynooth") Mission to China. As the political situation in China worsened, culminating in the expulsion of all foreign missionaries from that country in 1952, they began doing parish work in other countries in Asia and around the rim of the Pacific, such as the Philippines, Korea, Burma (Myanmar), Pakistan, Fiji, Chile and Peru. John Boles was born and brought up in Stockport and worked as a Town Planning Officer before joining the Columbans. He has spent nearly all his missionary life in Latin America, most notably some 27 years in Lima, Peru, when he returned in July of last year. We welcome Fr Boles to our Masses on 26/27 July as we take up a special collection for all the missionary work that Columbans carry out.

Castlerigg Manor: Is a retreat centre in the Lake District. This summer they are open to families, individuals and other small groups for budget get-aways. Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk
Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/open/>

Readers for 20/21 July 2025

5pm Vigil (SB)

9.30am (SJ)

11am (SB)

L Lamoury

M Roe

A Moore

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 21 July

J Carroll & S May

Readers for 26/27 July 2025

5pm Vigil (SB)

9.30am (SJ)

11am (SB)

S Mikolajewski

J Summerton

C Owen

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 27 July

V & A Rawlinson