

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

3 August 2025

Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time



I am often struck by the attitudes of those who seem to have more money than they can spend. When I read about billionaires and then look at the poor people in the world or even at our unemployed young people I cannot but feel anger at the inequality of it all. We often talk about winning the lottery and the good we could do if those euro millions came our way; it never occurs to us that wealth can be a bad thing, as Christians, we can only see the good that it can do.

Today's readings remind us that there have always been rich and poor in this world. The Old Testament reading calls upon the gathering of riches in this world as "Vanity of vanities". Why do we need money we cannot spend or status that we cannot sustain when all we need is to have sufficient and anything else is vanity? Saint Paul calls us to rise above the wealth of the world and set our eyes on heaven. This seems to be an ideal Christian way of life but to many the gathering of daily necessities, a home, food, a comfortable and peaceful lifestyle; these are the goals they set themselves and struggle to achieve. They cannot dwell on heavenly things when their earthly life lacks the basic family necessities.

In today's gospel the parable reminds us that we should be storing our wealth in heaven and not wasting our lives in accumulating wealth that we cannot take with us. It is so important to maintain a balance in these things. I am sure that Jesus did not want us to give everything away and become homeless poor. Jesus wants us to use our talents to build our communities not impoverish them. There is nothing gained if we do not use our God given talents for the benefit of our families and our communities. By doing so we are fulfilling the advice that Paul gives to the Colossians; the important thing is to follow Christ and use the wealth that our talent creates to build a fairer world. **David Frank**

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C

Sunday 3 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 4 August - St John Mary Vianney

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 5 August

10am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 6 August - The Transfiguration of the Lord

9am Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 7 August

10am Mass (SB)

2pm Wedding Service for Andrew Bottomly & Georgina McAuley (SB)

Friday 8 August

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 9 August - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

10.45am Adoration & Confession (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 10 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

1pm Baptism (SJ)

Readers for 9/10 August 2025

5pm Vigil (SB) | 9.30am (SJ) | 11am (SB)

G Drabble | N Bunting | P Brennan

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 10 August

A Gracie & M Cropper

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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, Phyllis Rocke, Julie Hayes

Lately Dead: Carol Hudson, Tony Batterton

Anniversaries: Jozef Szwedzinski, Mary Whitton, Mary Mathan

Mass Intentions: In Thanksgiving, A special intention, Jozef Szwedzinski, Mary Whitton, Mary Mathan

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.

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

A Note of Thanks: *Dear Fr Alf,*
Just a note to thank you once again for inviting the Columban's to do the mission appeal at your parish last weekend. I had a wonderful time. Congratulations on being able to count on such an efficient and active community. You'll be receiving an "official" letter of thanks in due course, but I wanted to get a personal note to you as soon as possible. Please thank all your parishioners for their kindness and generosity. Fr John Boles

SVP Date for your Diary: We will be holding our annual sponsored walk, this year, on Sunday 28 September. The walk takes place around our three local reservoirs (Jumbles, Wayoh and Entwistle) taking 3,7 or 10 miles. If you would like to be involved, or sponsor anyone who walks, please see the notices on our church noticeboards.

Fair Trade Stall: There will be fair trade items from Justicia on sale before and after 9.30am Mass at St John's this Sunday. Justicia will be closing for a month from mid-August for refurbishment, so your support is particularly welcome at this time!

Can you Help? If anyone has any broken /unwanted necklaces or bracelets (with beads) or broken Rosary Beads, please leave them in the baskets at the back of each church as they can be used to make new Rosaries, which will be sold to raise money for various religious items and statues of the Rosa Mystica. Thank you

Edgworth & District Horticultural Society Annual Show: Saturday 16 August 2025. If you're green-fingered, or not, there is plenty to see at this annual event with lots of stalls and of course exhibits from local growers. For more information, please see the posters at the back of each church with details of how to enter the classes.

Other News from Around the Diocese

Family Forest Fun Mornings: Held at the Diocese of Salford's 'Laudato Si' Centre between 10am-12.30pm over the first three Tuesdays of August. These sessions are packed with a range of activities that teach us more about the wonder of creation. Find out more and register at

<https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/family-forest-fun-mornings/>

Jubilee for Social Justice Event (with free transport offer): Takes place on Saturday 20 September from 12noon at Liverpool Met Cathedral and will include Mass with Most Rev. Malcolm McMahon, followed by light lunch, a social action exhibition, and reflections from leaders in Catholic Social Action. Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford is providing a free coach for those from our diocese who are interested in attending. Find out more or book a place by visiting their website:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/SocialJusticeJubilee

200 Club winners July:

1st Prize £50 A Killeen

2nd Prize £25 R Coffey

3rd Prize £15 H O'Donnell

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