

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**10 August 2025**

## Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time



Has it ever occurred to you that life without faith is no life at all? I have often suffered from doubt. Is there a God? Is this time on earth the only time we have? Do we just die and that's it? I believe because I have faith in one man, Jesus Christ, and that belief gives me hope and makes me the person I am. I cannot really imagine a life without that belief because that would destroy my hope and it is hope that drives me onwards.

The story of the Old Testament is a story of Faith and Hope; Abraham and Sarah were old people who never gave up hoping for children. Because of their faith in God, they left their native land and wandered the deserts of the Middle East searching for something they could not see, hoping for something, a child, which they could not conceive. God gave them the blessing of a child in old age and that proved to them that faith and hope are never in vain. We share that hope that someday, somehow, God's promises will be made manifest in each one of us.

But with faith comes responsibility; we cannot believe and keep that belief to ourselves. The gift is for all, and it is our task to show that faith in God can make a difference in the lives of everyone we meet. This is the faith that drives evangelisation; by telling our story we inspire others to want to know more about this God of ours. The Gospel passage reminds us of another aspect of this responsibility. Jesus tells the disciples a parable about the kingdom of heaven. He speaks of a welcoming God who has prepared a place for those who believe in Him. With this gift there is also a warning; we cannot expect to claim our place in heaven if our time on earth is wasted on things that cannot last. If we set our hearts on heaven, then we must live a life that will achieve our heart's desire.

**David Frank**

### Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle C*

#### Sunday 10 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

1pm Baptism (SJ)

#### Monday 11 August - St Clare

6pm Mass (SJ)

#### Tuesday 12 August

10am Mass (SB)

#### Wednesday 13 August

9am Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

#### Thursday 14 August - St Maximilian Kolbe

10am Mass (SB)

7pm Vigil Mass for the Assumption (SJ)

#### Friday 15 August - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Holy Day of Obligation

12noon Mass (SB)

#### Saturday 16 August

10.45am Adoration & Confession (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

#### Sunday 17 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Friday 15 August is a Holyday of Obligation, as we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God. Please note there will be a vigil Mass 7pm at St John's on 14<sup>th</sup> August and the usual noon Mass on Friday at St Brendan's.

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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

**Latently Dead:** Tim Grace, David Hall, Carol Hudson

**Anniversaries:** Andrew Hayes, Rinaldi Villa, Alan Rebello

**Mass Intentions:** Tim Grace, A special Intention, Andrew Hayes, Rinaldi Villa (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), The intercession of Rosa Mystica for a Special Intention.

**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

**Sunday Missals:** Currently, at our Masses each weekend, we use a weekly sheet. When we reach the end of the Liturgical year (December) we will revert to the Sunday Missal in "book form" which will cut down on waste for our parish. Our supplier has enough stock for us to start using Missals at St John's Church in the next couple of weeks. We will continue to use the Missallettes at St Brendan's until Advent.

**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.

**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.

#### Readers for 16/17 August 2025

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
A Grundy	J Carroll	C Bridge

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 17 August
P McArdle & J Summerton

## 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 next two 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/>

**Summer Organ Recital:** At St Patrick's church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester on Friday 22 August (7pm). Enjoy a wonderful evening of live music this summer. Organist Stephen Mann will perform a wonderful range of organ music from composers such as Bach, Boulnois, Lubeck, and more! The venue is fully accessible, and admission is free. There will be a retiring collection for the organ restoration fund.

**Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage:** Laudato Si' Centre, Wardley Hall Road, Wardley, M28 2ND on Thursday 25 September 11.30am. Our Laudato Si' Centre is delighted to announce a Jubilee pilgrimage in conjunction with the Columban Missionaries in Britain. This walking pilgrimage, from our Laudato Si' Centre to Salford Cathedral's temporary church, is in celebration of the Season of Creation in this Jubilee Year. The pilgrimage will begin with a short prayer service before the nine-mile walk with plenty of stops at parishes for prayer and reflection, as well as much-needed comfort breaks. Our pilgrimage will come to a close with the newly approved Mass for the Care of Creation at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church at 6pm, which is open to all. Register your interest via the link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeR8KExVSBvHcxuSnImeesdU26tnwN0w-0zOfJXG-SITZglkg/viewform>

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