

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

12 October 2025

Twenty-Eighth Week of Ordinary Time



The theme for today's Mass is Thanksgiving; it is an opportunity to thank God for His gifts of Faith and Healing. We begin with an unlikely source. Naaman the leper was not a Jew; in fact, he was the general of a foreign army threatening the very existence of Israel. Illness falls where it may, it is not choosy, it comes to good people as well as bad. Elisha, the prophet, saw the condition of Naaman and realised that God was calling him to do something for this leper. Through the power of God, Naaman was cured and was changed, not only in a physical sense, but in his heart, as he realised that the God of the people of Israel was the one true God and he began to worship him.

In Paul's letter he speaks of a saying; "If we have died with him, we will also live with him, if we endure, we will also reign with him" read this carefully for it contains a very great statement of faith. It speaks of Baptism, of Confirmation and how the path of faith will lead us to eternal glory. It reminds us that even if we walk away from Him, he will not abandon us. We give thanks for the God who loves each one of us despite our faults and we know that if we turn back to Him his arms are open to receive us.

Are we always grateful for the good news of Christ? Do we say thank you to God every day for his goodness to us? How often do we pray for something, our prayers are answered, but we forget to thank the one who responded to our prayer? We may criticize the nine, who were cured but did not give thanks, but would we have acted differently? The Gospel and the first reading passages concern two outsiders, one a pagan and the other an outcast, a Samaritan, who receive the gift of new life from God and give thanks to him. The truth is that we often fail to thank God for his generosity to us, often his help comes from another's hand, his voice from another's mouth, his love from another's heart but do we give thanks to both the giver and the creator? Faith and gratitude go hand in hand; in this year of hope let us give thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

David Franks

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C

Sunday 12 October

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 13 October

12noon Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 14 October With Yr 4 -

10am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 15 October - St Theresa of Ávila

10am Requiem Mass for Julie Nally (SJ)

Thursday 16 October

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 17 October - St Ignatius of Antioch

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 18 October - St Luke

10.45am Adoration & Confession (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

A Special Collection

Sunday 19 October

For Missio

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

3pm SVP Benediction & Afternoon Tea (SJ)

We welcome Canon McBride who will celebrate our Masses this weekend. Prior to Mass the noise levels are getting a little loud; please be considerate to those parishioners wanting some quiet prayer time preparing for Mass God bless Fr Alf

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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, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, 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, Ethel Connelly

Lately Dead: Julie Nally, Mary White, Kieran Moore, Dominic Newberry, Robert Heyes

Anniversaries: Eve McArdle, Esther Thomas, Eileen Gartland, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Robert Potter, Isobelle Owen

Mass Intentions: Eve McArdle, Mary White, Esther Thomas, Eileen Gartland, Kieran Moore, Robert Heyes, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Robert Potter, Isobelle Owen, Family Intention

We are asked to pray for these intentions: Students & teachers; the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work; the reverent use of creation; justice & peace in the world, all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families

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

Congratulations: To Connie Daisy Comac who was baptized on Sunday 28 September. We pray that both she and her family continue to grow in faith.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday: Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio - his charity for world mission - through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Readers for 25/26 October 2025

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
L Lamoury	P Partington	C Bridge
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 31 August P McArdle & J Summerton		

Readers for 18/19 October 2025

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
G Kearns	H O'Donnell	P Brennan
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 31 August A Gracie & M Cropper		

19 October 2025

29th Week of Ordinary Time

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C

Sunday 19 October - World Mission Sunday

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

3pm SVP Benediction & Afternoon Tea (SJ)

Monday 20 October

12noon Mass (SB)

Tuesday 21 October

10am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

Wednesday 22 October

10am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 23 October

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 24 October

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 25 October

10.45am Adoration & Confession (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 26 October

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.30pm Baptism (SB)

Celebration of Human Dignity - Free Event

Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford is holding a free event on Sunday 26 October from 10.30am to 3pm at Sacred Heart Church and Parish Centre, Gorton, Manchester, M18 7WJ. This is aligned with the memorial of St Pope John Paul II who championed human dignity and the value of human life in his many works, will include music, thought-provoking sessions and Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop John Arnold.

To find out more and book your free place at the event, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/humandignity/

Fr Alf will be in Lourdes the week commencing 20th October 2025, please feel free to send any petitions for the Grotto. (no money just prayers)

October the Month of the Holy Rosary

Rosary beads - handmade by one of our Parishioners will be for sale on Sundays at the back our Churches.

Treat yourself to a new rosary bead/ or buy one for a friend. Proceeds go to the Parish funds.

200 Club winners for September 2025

A.Scott £50

E.Owen £25

F. Doloroso £15