



**Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton**

St Brendan's, Harwood, St Columba's, Tonge Moor and St John the Evangelist, Bromley Cross,  
**18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**



**We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends:**

Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, 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, Jane Manuel, Rita Margiotta, Pauline Dobson, Winifred Goodwin

**Lately Dead:** Doreen Kay, Doreen Boyce, George Coleman, Sarah Littrizza, Michael Kitching, Sheena Gallie

**Anniversaries:** Winifred Kenyon, George Brooks, Wendy Leah Keji and Sasa family, Alan Yates, William Hurst, Michael Axford

**Mass Intentions:** For a successful operation, For a special intention, Winifred Kenyon (A), George Brooks (A), Wendy Leah keji and Sasa family (A), Michael Axford (Birthday and anniversary), Jessie Carter (B), Alan Yates (A), William Hurst (A), Sarah Littrizza (LD), Sheena Gallie (LD)

**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.

**Donations:** We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.

**Cheques:** Please make all cheques payable to Corpus Christi. Thank you

**Caritas Salford**

There will be a second collection after next weekend's Masses for the work of Caritas Salford, the principal domestic charity of the Diocese of Salford supporting local people experiencing poverty, homelessness and displacement.

**Parish Social Event**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dunscar Conservative Club

The Flatcappers

Irish folk 8-piece band

Doors open at 7.00pm. Band on from 8.30pm

£10 per person -includes a pastie supper

Raffle on the night with fantastic prizes

Tickets are available by clicking on the QR code below. (If you have any problems, please contact the office)



**We are looking for donations for the raffle, if you can help we would be very grateful**

**Christian Meditation:** The next session will be held at St John's Church on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

**Relics of St Carlo Acutis to Visit Diocese of Salford - January 2026**

This month, the relics of St Carlo Acutis will be hosted at two of our churches over five days, during which time the Diocese will welcome schools, parishioners and people from all over for veneration.

Carlo is the first millennial saint, and is celebrated for his profound faith and his use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukaemia at the age of 15.

The relics will be presented at St Mary's Church, Burnley from 28-29 January 2026 before they travel to St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst from 30 January to 1 February 2026. For more information and to view the schedule for the visits, please

visit: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/relics-of-st-carlo-acutis-to-visit-diocesan-churches/>



Have you ever had the opportunity to rise early in the morning and watch the sunrise in a clear sky? The light finds all the dark corners and transforms them making them shine so that all is revealed. There is something mystical in the way light transforms the darkness.

In today's reading from Isaiah, we are called to be the light of the nations. The people of Israel believed they were chosen by God. This belief was founded on the good things that God has done for them; they were a small community living in a very violent age, but through God's help they survived and prospered. Now Isaiah is calling on them to fulfil the mission that God has given them. They must go out and speak of their God to all the nations of the world so that God's *"salvation may reach to the ends of the earth"*. Paul, in his time, is prepared through prayer and sacrifice to do his part in this calling. In the opening chapter of Corinthians, he sets out the task that lies before him. He sets the foundation of his mission in the prayer of the people. When we are called to speak of God's love for others, we too must place our trust in prayer.

The Gospel of John was written when the Apostle was in old age and looks back, with remarkably clear insight into the days of Jesus. John lived through the greatest century that mankind has ever known; through John, Jesus, the man, comes to life in a special way. Today we have an account of the baptism of Jesus. John the Baptist calls him *"the Lamb of God"*. This title has great significance for the Jews for the lamb is the one who takes on a nation's sins and leads them to repentance. In other translations He is also called *"the chosen one of God"*; in our time we too are chosen to make God known in our world; let us pray for the gift of the spirit to descend on us also so that we too may become *"a light for the nations"*.

**David Frank**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**The Baptism of the Lord  
Masses &Activities this week**

*Sunday Cycle A*

*Readings: Page 125 of Mass Book*

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

1.15pm Requiem Mass for Doreen Kay (SJ)

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

10 am (SB)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

9.30am Exposition/Benediction (SJ)

10 am Mass (SJ)

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

10 am Mass (SB)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

12 noon Mass (SB)

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

10.45am Confession and Adoration (SJ)

11.30 Mass (SJ) St Francis De Sales

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

**Readers 24/25 January 2026**

<b>5pm Vigil (SB)</b>	<b>9.30am (SJ)</b>	<b>11am (SB)</b>
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Nicola Bunting	John Carroll	Maria Day
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**Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 25<sup>th</sup> January**

Arthur Rawlinson/Pat Partington

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