



**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, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Jane Manuel, Rita Margiotta, Pauline Dobson, Winifred Goodwin

**Lately Dead:** Gerard Cambridge, Joan Cranshaw, Thomas Collins, Vera Holt, Richard Wilson, Sheena Gallie, Josie Reid, Doreen Kay

**Anniversaries:** Bridget Knowles, Eleanor Owen

**Mass Intentions:** Richard Wilson (LD), Vera Holt (LD), Sheena Gallie (LD), Joan Cranshaw x2 (LD), Gerard Cambridge x2 (LD), Bridget Knowles (A), Josephine Knowles Birthday remembrance, Edna Brooks Birthday remembrance, Joan Mary Morrison Birthday remembrance, for a successful operation, Thanksgiving St Jude, St Anthony, The Sacred Heart and the Holy Spirit, Deceased family and friends Owen family and Eleanor (A), Josie Reid (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

**Second collection:** There will be a second collection at Masses this weekend for the work of Caritas Salford.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** Welcome back to all our members to our 2026 programme. Our meeting is on Wednesday January 28 and begins at 1pm (snow permitting!) The novel is *The Siege* by Helen Dunmore.

Our Christmas Charity donation this year was to Bolton Hospice and we have given £100. Receipt received and on the noticeboard, thank you too all. New members welcome.

**Parish Social Event**

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

Dunscore 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)



There will now be paper tickets available for this event - these can be purchased at £10 each after our weekend masses.

**We are also still looking for kind donations towards raffle prizes for the night**

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



**Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton**

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

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**



In his Apostolic Exhortation "Evangelii Gaudium" – "The Joy of the Gospel" the late Pope Francis urges us to examine the scriptures in a prayerful way and so come to know the joys they contain. In effect he is echoing the words of today's first reading from Isaiah for the Gospels are a joy and a light for the people of God. Isaiah speaks to us of the effect on the people of the great light which will fill their world, a light which will banish the darkness and the deep shadows which cover their world. The light, that is Christ, will give us cause for gladness, joy and rejoicing for the great weight of sin that we carry will be lifted from our shoulders.

Corinth was a place of contrast; it was filled with many different classes of people and the house churches that Paul established had great difficulty working together. Paul calls for unity in today's passage from Corinthians. In the early church there were a number of missionaries who spoke about Jesus from their own perspective and this led to a sense of favouritism for one view against another. The early church depended on the testimony of those who had known Jesus or who had been taught by the Apostles. Paul, Peter and Apollos were good men, but their message came from their background and their understanding of the ministry of Jesus. Paul urges us to focus on Christ and follow his example; we are fortunate that we have the Gospels to light our way and the benefit of two thousand years of Christian writers and theologians; the people of the early church walked in darkness compared to our understanding today.

When Jesus began his ministry, he found that he could not work from his home in Nazareth and so he moved to Capernaum and, in this way fulfilled the words of Isaiah. It was at this time that he called the local fishermen; Peter, Andrew, James and John to be his apostles. John The Baptist had been arrested, Jesus had to leave his family home, fishermen were called from their work; each, in their own way, were uprooted and set new tasks. To follow Jesus, we too may be uprooted and given new work to do; it is all in God's hands and to be done with great joy.

**David Frank**

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Masses & Activities this week**

*Sunday Cycle A  
Readings: Page 127 of Mass Book*

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

9.30am Mass (SJ) - with Children's liturgy  
11am Mass (SB)

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

12 noon Mass (SJ)

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

10 am (SB)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

9.30am (SJ) St Thomas Aquinas

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

10 am Requiem Mass (SB) Thomas Collins

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

No Parish Mass

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

10.45am Confession and Adoration (SJ)

11.30 Mass (SJ) St John Bosco

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

On Wednesday we have the SVP coffee morning after Mass so Mass will revert to 930am.

Fr. Freddie will be away now until March, we wish him a safe journey home, consequently there will be no Friday lunchtime Masses until his return.

**Readers: 31 Jan/1 Feb 2026**

<b>5pm Vigil (SB)</b>	<b>9.30am (SJ)</b>	<b>11am (SB)</b>
Guy Drabble	Sheila Copley	Fely Doloroso

**Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Ann Gracie/Mary Cropper

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