



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, Josie Doyle, Delia Ariff, Gwen Monk, a sick friend, a sick baby, Shaun Smith, Stafford Sashoua, John Livesay, Martin Manning, Vera Broughton, Mary Hayler

Lately Dead: Bernard Neyland, Peter Murphy, Fr Michael O'Leary, Jim Hughes

Anniversaries: Ellen Day, Mary Mathen, Peg Crowley

Mass Intentions: Bernard Neyland (LD), James Coyne (A), Kathleen Brabin (A)

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are a 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

Stella Maris: We are very grateful for the donations made to Stella Maris, who support seafarers and fishers worldwide. The final total was £475.20 which will be sent this week.

This week we pray for the parish of St Peter and St. Thomas More, Middleton and for Father Boniface Ambe, MSSCC, and Father Sunday Ihueze, MSSCC. We pray for their parish primary schools.

Newsletter: Please note that next week's newsletter will be for two weeks. Any notices should be with the office by Thursday 30th July.

Children's liturgy: During the summer break we have activity sheets, linked to the gospel, these are available at the back of church each week and children are welcome to take these before Mass each week.

Piety Stall: We can now accept cashless payments for items from the Piety Stall via our contactless system. If you wish to pay cash, please use the box on the wall.

26th July 2026

**Seventeenth Week of Ordinary Time
Masses & Activities this week**

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 108 of Mass Book

Sunday 26th July

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11.00am Mass (SB)

Monday 27th July

12.00pm Mass (SJ) **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE**

Tuesday 28th July

10.00am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 29th July – Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

9.30am Mass (SJ) followed by SVP Coffee morning

Thursday 30th July

10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 31st July – Saint Ignatius Loyola

12.00pm Mass (SB)

Saturday 1st August – Saint Alphonsus Mary De'Liguori

10.45am Adoration and confessions (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5.00pm Mass (SB)

Readers 1/2 August 2026

5pm Vigil (SB)

9.30am (SJ)

11am (SB)

Alyson Grundy

Julie Summerton

Maria Day

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 2nd August

Pat McArdle/Julie Summerton

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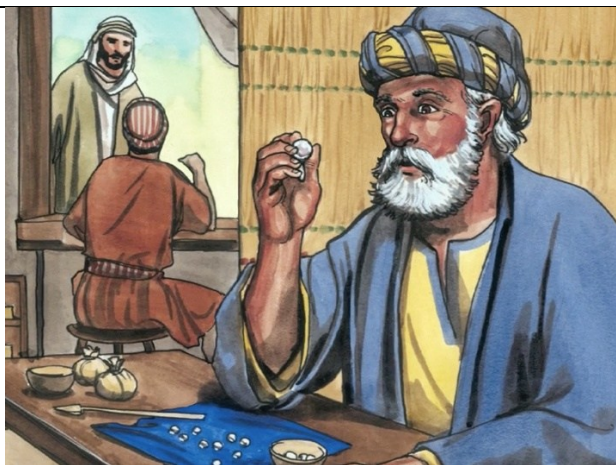
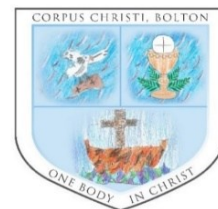
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Life is about making decisions; everything that happens to us, large or small, needs a decision to be made and we are judged by the decisions that we make. Each decision should be made after a thoughtful analysis of the problem; unfortunately, I tend to make decisions quickly, and then I have to live with the consequences. How I wish I had the Wisdom of Solomon; then all my decisions would be well thought out, and nothing would go wrong!

Today's readings however have given me pause for thought. Wisdom is not beyond my ability; actually, it is within my grasp, all I need to do is to realise that I should never make decisions without considering the effects on others. I should listen to what is within my heart and not just in my head and never leave my faith out of the equation. Mind this is easy to say but oh so difficult to do.

Solomon prayed for wisdom; perhaps he already had the gift but, by opening his heart to God, he came to realise how he could change and become wiser in his judgements. If Solomon can achieve this through prayer, then it is within the grasp of each of us. Paul reminds us "that for those who love God all things work together for good". We are "called according to His purpose" and we each have the ability to become like God's Son. We do this by turning everything to good. We need to consider each situation from God's perspective; (What would Jesus do?) and then try to apply the love of God to our solutions. In this way Paul assures us we can share the glory of God.

The Gospel contains three parables. The first two about the treasure hidden in a field and the pearl of great value are reminders to me that trying to apply the Wisdom of Solomon would be something to be treasured and lead to a better place, God's Kingdom. The treasure is not found easily. It is found through working in the field of life and unearthing this great gift. It is in the searching that we change as people and become wise. The third parable is perhaps a warning to us that if we do not follow the path to wisdom then we are in danger of being the fish which are rejected and are thrown into the furnace

David Frank

Parish Pilgrimage to Spain Mon19th- Sat 25th Oct 2026

Please could all those people who have shown an interest in the parish visit to Spain now complete booking forms to indicate your intention to join the group. Booking forms will be available in the Patmos room.

SVP:

Quiz Night: Tickets are now on sale for the Quiz night on Friday 18th September. They are available after each Mass or by emailing the Parish office.

Coffee Morning: This will take place after Mass on Wednesday 29th July.

Join the Catholic Medical Association

Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together.

For more information & upcoming events, visit:

<https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly: 26 July 2026

"The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family, and even those who have no-one to visit them." Pope Leo XIV.

As World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly approaches, take a look at a free resource from Caritas Salford, on celebrating and developing relationships with older family members and older people within our parish and wider communities:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/OlderPeopleResource

Free Catholic Social Teaching webinar

Catholic Social Teaching has been referred to as 'the Catholic Church's best kept secret' (Mark Shea). Many people are unaware of the depth of the Church's teaching on social justice, which applies the Gospel to current social issues impacting our communities. With the by-election for the Mayor of Greater Manchester set to take place on Thursday 30 July, the time is right to raise our awareness of Catholic Social Teaching and reflect on how it can help to inform the decisions and choices we make in life. Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, is running a free webinar to introduce you to the basic principles in an accessible way. Book your free place now:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/cst-webinar