

Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



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, 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, Shaun Smith, Stafford Sashoua, John Livesay, Martin Manning, Vera Broughton, Mary Hayler, Ivor Smith
Latently Dead: Fr Joe Kendall, Fr Paul Taylor, Eileen Bridge, Ann Loughran, Ivor Smith

Anniversaries: Gerard Lamoury, Barbara Polak, Barbara Stewart, Robert Henry Kirton, David Gracie

Mass Intentions: Gerard Lamoury (A), Jeff Howarth (Birthday Remembrance), Barbara Polak (A), Barbara Stewart (A), Robert Henry Kirton (A), Patricia Calvert (Birthday Remembrance), David Gracie (A)

Fr Alf: please keep Fr Alf in your prayers this week. He is having a small operation and has been advised to rest for two weeks, to recuperate. Please check the newsletter as Mass times may alter slightly during this time.

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

Education Sunday: Sunday 12th September is Education Sunday. There will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service after all Masses next weekend.

This week we pray for the parish of St Gabriel and the Angels and St. John the Baptist, Castleton and Rochdale, and for Father Michael Jonhonnott, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph.

Children's Liturgy:

As the Summer break draws to a close, Children's Liturgy will begin again next weekend at all Masses.

6th September 2026

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Masses & Activities this week

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 125 of Mass Book

Sunday 6th September

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11.00am Mass (SB)

1pm Baptism (SJ)

Monday 7th September

9.00am Whole School Mass at St Columba's

12 noon Requiem Mass for Ivor Smith (SB)

Tuesday 8th September – The Birthday Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 9th September

10.00am Mass (SJ) **Please note the time change**

Thursday 10th September – Saint Ambrose Barlow, Martyr

9.15am Whole School Mass (SB)

Friday 11th September

12.00 noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 12th September

No Morning Mass

5.00pm Mass (SB)

Readers 12/13 September 2026

5pm Vigil (SB)

9.30am (SJ)

11am (SB)

Nicola Bunting

Ann Gracie

Kathryn Wilkinson

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 13th September

Veronica Rawlinson/Arthur Rawlinson

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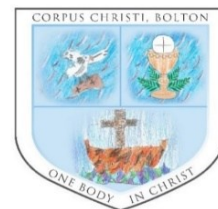
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Could you be called to serve the church as a Permanent Deacon?

If you are a Catholic man interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Salford, please come along to the next 'Come and See' event.

There will be opportunities to talk to some of our deacons and find out more about their journey and the ministry without committing to anything further.

For more information please email diaconate@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

200 club August Winners:

£50 Pat Howarth

£25 John Howarth

£15 Mary Settle

Caritas Conference: Tackling poverty and injustice in the Diocese of Salford

Caritas Salford invites you to join them for a free day of learning and reflection on the social teaching of Pope Leo XIV. This conference will be held on Saturday 10 October from 11AM to 3.30PM. Guest speakers will be present with a free lunch provided. For more information and to book your place please

visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/CaritasConference

SVP News:

Quiz Night: There are just a few tickets remaining for the Quiz night on Friday 18th September. If you have purchased tickets and wish to have vegan or vegetarian option, please could you let a member of the SVP know, or alternatively you can email the office.

We are also looking for donations for the raffle, anything you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated.

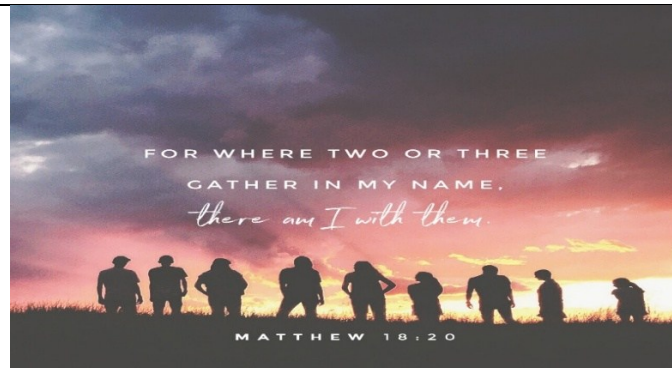
Coffee morning: Please note the date of the next coffee morning will be Wednesday 23rd September, proceeds will go to the SVP

Annual sponsored walk: this will take place on Sunday 11th October. Walkers can start from St John's Bromley Cross any time between 11.00am and 12.30pm. Route maps will be available at the church if required. The purpose of the walk is to raise funds to provide support for individuals and families in need at Christmas time.

Parish visit to Valladolid:

Transport to and from the airport has now been arranged for 19th October. Pick up is at 10.30am prompt. Cars can be left in the parish car park (at owners' risk). The cost per person is £25. Cheques to be made payable to Corpus Christi.

Many thanks Ann



The question behind today's readings goes to the very heart of the Christian message. How do we treat our neighbour? Do we go out of our way to help them; do we stand aside and ignore them or is our attitude somewhere in-between? Some years ago, the church issued a document called "The Common Good"; this document called upon us to care for all the members of our society no matter what their beliefs or social standing.

The first reading from the prophet Ezekiel speaks of the actions of a wicked man. It stresses our responsibility to speak to the wicked man and warn him of the danger he faces if he persists in his wickedness. If we do this then our responsibility comes to an end; if we fail to do this then his sin is also our sin. This seems harsh but God calls on us to love our neighbour as ourselves and we need to consider very carefully the meaning of this responsibility.

Paul cuts to the crux of the matter; he has this ability to find the words to express relationship at its deepest level. He tells us, "*Owe no one anything, except to love each other, For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law*". He goes on to speak of the commandments of love and the sins that we must avoid. We know in our deepest being that love is the one thing that cannot hurt our neighbour. Do we fail our neighbours if we do not condemn their sinful actions? The eighteenth chapter of Matthew's gospel is a discourse or reflection on the role of the church. In this chapter are the passages about who is the greatest, on leading others astray, on lost sheep, on brotherly correction and on Jesus' promise to be where two or three are gathered in His name. Today's passage is on brotherly love and reflects the Jewish law regarding disputes with others. One of the aspects of this teaching is that it is our responsibility to act with love in these disputes; we must always seek reconciliation before punishment. This goes to the very heart of the message of Jesus; "*love one another as I have loved you*". The final paragraph has been a source of great consolation to the church down the centuries; "*where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them*"

David Frank