

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in 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, Shaun Smith, Stafford Sashoua, John Livesay, Martin Manning, Vera Broughton, Mary Hayler, Teresa Hall, Anne Magee, Bernie Coughlin

Lately Dead: Delia Ariff, Margaret Reagan, Stacy Bailey,

Anniversaries: Ethel Connelly, Curt Vosper, Mary Cranshaw, Alfie Morrison, Eileen Gartland, David Coffey

Mass Intentions: Ethel Connelly (A), Margaret Reagan (LD), Curt Vosper (A), Stacy Bailey (LD), Mary Cranshaw (A), Alfie Morrison (A), Eileen Gartland (A), David Coffey (A), Delia Ariff (LD)

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

Missio: Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection at all Masses

CAFOD: Many thanks for your donations, we collected £635 which will be sent to CAFOD.

Let us pray, this week, for the parish of the Holy Infant, Astley Bridge, and for Fr. Kieran Anderson, SDB, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, for Thornleigh College, and for the Salesian community.

Christian meditation:

The next session will take place on Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm at St John's. All are welcome.

A ring has been found in church. If this belongs to you, please contact the office or see Fr Alf after Mass.

200 Club September winners:

£50 J Whittlestone

£25 L White

£15 E O'Donnell

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Masses & Activities this week

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 140 of Mass Book

Sunday 11th October

9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy

11.00am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Monday 12th October

12 noon Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 13th October

10.00am Mass (SB) Year 4 children attending

Christian meditation 7.30pm (SJ)

Wednesday 14th October

9.00am Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 15th October

10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 16th October

12.00 noon Mass (SB)

12.00 noon Funeral service for Delia Ariff (SJ)

Saturday 17th October

10.45 Confessions and Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5.00pm Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Readers 17th /18th October

5pm Vigil (SB)

9.30am (SJ)

11am (SB)

Lisa Lamoury

Mike Morrison

Frank Evans

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 18th October

Veronica Rawlinson/Arthur Rawlinson

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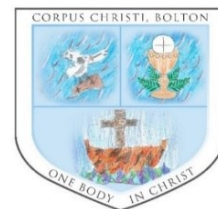
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SVP News:

Quiz night: Many thanks to everyone who came to the quiz night, it was an enjoyable evening and raised £1232 for the SVP. A fantastic result.

Annual sponsored walk: This will take place this Sunday 11th October. **A group of walkers will be setting off from St John's Bromley Cross at 12.30pm, you are welcome to join them.** 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.

Cause for the Beatification of Pedro Ballester

The Diocese of Salford has formally opened the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation of Pedro Ballester, a young man from Manchester who died in 2018 aged just 21.

Pedro was known for his warmth, generosity and strong faith. After being diagnosed with cancer while at university, he faced his illness with remarkable courage, offering his suffering in prayer and trusting deeply in God.

As part of this process, the Diocese is inviting anyone who knew Pedro, or who has memories, testimonies or writings relating to him, to come forward to help build a fuller picture of his life and character.

For more information or to contribute, please contact the Diocesan Tribunal:

Email: tribunal@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Post: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Homelessness - Write to your MP

As part of their latest campaign to support people in our diocese who are homeless, Caritas Salford - our diocesan charity - has put together information on how you can write to your MP to call for change. They are asking for help from people in our parishes and would like as many as possible to call for Local Housing Allowance rates to be unfrozen and uplifted in line with local rents. The current rates are a significant driver of homelessness, and a letter to your MP could help bring about change to support local families and adults at risk. Find out more and access the free template letter and more on the Caritas website at:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/EndHomelessness

Greater Manchester Churches Together Annual Assembly

GMCT invites you to their Annual Assembly on Wednesday 14 October 2026. Entitled "The Quiet Revival" there will be a presentation by the Bible Society and Q&A sessions on Engaging with Young People and Engaging with Children.

The event will be held at Salford Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP from 6.30PM to 9PM. Parking will be available on site.



It is good to celebrate; to bring together family and friends and create an atmosphere of love and peace.

Sometimes, when we celebrate, we make an announcement; a birth, an engagement, a wedding, a homecoming. In today's readings we see glimpses of some of these events and, what is more, we are invited to the feast.

In the first reading we are celebrating a homecoming and a promise. The homecoming is the return of the people of Israel from exile; after many years Jerusalem is once again their city, and they are full of joy. Isaiah however reminds them that all their blessings come from God and, if they are true to Him, then even greater blessings will be theirs. The passage speaks to me of the heavenly banquet that will be held for all who die in God's love. The message is clear, we are only visitors to this earthly place, and our true home is with him in heaven.

Paul's letter reminds us that life is not good for all of God's creation. We bear a heavy responsibility for our fellow human beings and for our planet and all the creatures that dwell upon it. The contrast between Isaiah's banquet and Paul's empty stomach should remind us of our obligations to build a better life for all. Paul knows how difficult this will be but urges us to put our faith in Christ as "*my God will supply every need of yours*"

The parable of the Wedding Feast is a reminder that, if we do not follow the teaching of Jesus to love God and each other, then we will miss out on the Kingdom of Heaven. We have been invited to the wedding but if, by our actions, we reject this invitation then the invite will go to others. The passage speaks of worthiness; do you think you are worthy of sitting at the table of the Lord? Are there ways in which you can change and become one of the invited? Jesus is speaking directly to the chief priests and elders but, in our day, he speaks to us.

In the parable those initially invited do not come to the table and their places are given to others. Some come to the celebration but, like the guest without the wedding garment, they are still proved unworthy. It is up to each of us today to take on the clothes of worthiness and book our place at the heavenly Feast.

David Frank