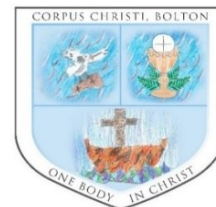


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

Sunday 18th October 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday



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, Pope Leo XIV. Fr Alf

Latently Dead: Delia Ariff, Margaret Reagan, Stacy Bailey, Gregory Nelson, Mary Regan, Odilia Maria Gonçalves Quintal, George Cartwright

Anniversaries: Isabelle Owen

Mass Intentions: Gregory Nelson (LD), Mary Regan (LD), a special intention, The intentions of the Owen family

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

World Mission Day 2026: Collection for Missio: This weekend there will be a retiring collection at all Masses. Pope Leo says, 'Your prayers and practical support, particularly on World Mission Sunday, will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need. Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion. I renew my heartfelt gratitude for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world.'

During the coming week we hold in prayer the people of the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gregory the Great, Farnworth, Father David Chinnery, their parish priest, their parish primary schools and Mount Saint Joseph's High School. We also pray for Fr Bob Hayes and the chaplaincy to the Royal Bolton Hospital.

Parish trip to Spain:

The coach will leave St John's church on Monday 19th October at **10.15am**. Cars can be left in the church car park (at owners own risk).

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses & Activities this week

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 143 of Mass Book

Sunday 18th October

9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy

11.00am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Monday 19th October

9.15am Mass (SJ) **Please note the time change**

Tuesday 20th October

10.00am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 21st October

No Mass

Thursday 22nd October

10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 23rd October

12.00 noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 24th October

5.00pm Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Readers 24th/25th October

5pm Vigil (SB)

9.30am (SJ)

11am (SB)

Susan

Pat Partington

Paul Brennan

Mikolajewski

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 25th October

Michael Kitchen/Pat Partington

A Reminder that next weekend 24th/25th October, the clocks go back one hour!

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SVP News:

Annual sponsored walk: Thank you to everyone who supported this event. If you have sponsored someone please hand any sponsorship money to a member of the SVP. Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

Coffee Morning: This will take place on Wednesday 28th October after 9.3am Mass.

Adoration/Benediction and afternoon tea for the elderly of the parish: This will take place on Sunday 8th November at 3pm at St John's.

St John the Evangelist Primary School Bulb Appeal

Our pupils are eager to brighten up our school grounds and support local bees and butterflies this coming spring! We are looking for donations of spring-flowering bulbs (daffodils, crocuses, tulips, snowdrops), bags of compost, or spare child-friendly gardening tools. If you have any leftovers from your autumn gardening that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the school office. Thank you for helping our school garden grow!

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

Call for research participants

Caritas Salford is carrying out new research into how the cost of living and financial difficulties impact people in, and connected to, our parishes and schools. The research will help to better understand people's experiences, and to inform and shape their campaigning work too. If anyone in your parish would be willing to be interviewed sensitively about their own experiences, please contact Annabeth Taylor at a.taylor@caritassalford.org.uk for more information. All information shared will be treated confidentially and used anonymously.

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



Cyrus was the King of Persia; to the Jews he was a pagan who followed pagan gods. Israel was a small nation caught between two powerful empires, Persia and Babylon. Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians, and the Israelites were sent into exile in Babylon. Many years were to pass in exile before Persia defeated Babylon and the exiles were free to return to their own lands. Isaiah sees the hand of God in this event; he recognises that God works through those who do not know His name. We are never in charge of our lives; we can be uprooted by events outside our control, but God is always there, watching over us.

When I read the letters of Paul I am struck by a sense of eavesdropping into private conversation. The Old Testament and the Gospels are "histories" or "Biographies" but Paul's writings are simply letters between people who know each other. To the historians they are fascinating because they record actual events in the same way that letters written in wartime give a unique sense of what ordinary people were doing, thinking and dreaming about at that time. There are three things mentioned by Paul which go to the very depth of our faith in Christ. He speaks of "remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ". The success or failure of every Christian community depends on how we light up our world through our faith in God, our hope for the future and our love for family, friends and neighbors. These are the marks by which our community will be judged by those around us.

Can you imagine living under a foreign power and being reminded of your slavery each time you looked at a coin. The face of Caesar was stamped on the money that was used in the Holy Land, a constant reminder of their plight to the people. The Pharisees use this hated coin in a plan to trap Jesus into an indiscreet comment. Jesus sees through their plot and turns it on its head. Money is important in society; it is needed so that we may purchase those things that are necessary in our life, but it is no more than a medium of exchange. Our true wealth is found in our faith in God. Sometimes we are tempted by money or by the assets of this world, but we must keep focused on Our Lord for that is where we will find everlasting happiness.

David Frank