

NEWSLETTER FOR CORPUS CHRISTI, BOLTON

15TH OCTOBER 2017 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Church's year is drawing to a close: in a few weeks we will be thinking very clearly about the end of time - but here we have a preview. The parable of the banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the looking forward to the end times which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are baptised, we go to Church and we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith is that the Bridegroom will come again; let us be careful that the same parable is not addressed to us.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i> Sunday Missal: page 455; Preface at Priest's choice		Prayers Please
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SC) 5.30pm Reignite Mass for Young People (Salford Cathedral)	<p>Sick: Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Josephine Knowles, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, John Pryor, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Robert Morissey, Father Francis McCauley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 7), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, Canon Dorran, Christine Everitt, Mark O'Brien, Sheila Derbyshire, Margaret Gibson, Kathleen & Arnold Banks, Andrew Rostron, Rose Mellor, Michaela (Sick child) and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness</p> <p>Lately Dead: Rita Reid, Winifred Dunne, Vera Haynes, James Duggan, Frank Chianese, Catherine Madden, Vera Chapman, Fr. Michael Fleming</p> <p>Anniversaries: Mark Shorrocks, Eve Mary McArdle, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Danny McKenna, Francis Xavier Price</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Catherine Madden, Herbert Winstanley (Birthday Remembrance), Rita Reid, Mark Shorrocks, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Danny McKenna, In thanksgiving for blessings received, Winifred Dunne</p>
Monday (16 th)	No Mass Today 7pm-9pm Needles Sewing Group (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (17 th) <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	2pm-2.45pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15 SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (18 th) <i>St Luke</i>	9.15am School Harvest Mass (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ) 2pm-4pm Afternoon Tea (SJ)	
Thursday (19 th)	9.15am Mass (SB) 7pm CAFOD Group Meeting (Patmos Room, SJ)	
Friday (20 th)	9.30am St John's School Harvest Mass (SJ Church)	
Saturday (21 st)	11am Mass for Sick & Housebound (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) <i>A Special Collection will be taken</i>	
Sunday (22 nd) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for the Spread of the Gospel</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – With Children's Liturgy <i>for Missio</i> 11.15am Mass (SB) – With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	
<p>Collections & Donations: All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate. Mass Intentions: Cheques should be made payable to St John's Gift Aid: If you are a tax-payer, the parish can claim back the tax you have paid on any donations you make if you simply sign a Gift Aid form once. Please ask. Thanks</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families.</p>

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Congratulations: To Luke Thomas Balura who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family continue to grow in faith.

World Mission Day: Next Sunday the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of peace in South Sudan and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. Thank you.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018 - Volunteer Information Meetings

The 86th Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place between 27 July & 2 August 2018. It will be especially significant as 2018 marks the 160th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette. At the heart of our pilgrimage family are our sick pilgrims and we are seeking volunteers, both medical and non-medical, to assist them so that they may fully partake in our pilgrimage programme in this special year. We welcome volunteers of all ages and abilities. If you would like to find out more about volunteering with us please come along to one of our upcoming Volunteer Information Meetings, which will take place this Sunday (15 October 2017 2pm - 3pm), and Wednesday 22 November 2017 at 7.30pm - 8.30pm (both at the Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford St. Salford. M3 6DP). Why not bring a friend along with you too? We are a friendly and welcoming pilgrimage community and we look forward to seeing you.

Theatre Lovers: Please note that all tickets for *Jane Eyre* at the Octagon in January have either been collected or are in the post. Let me know if there are any problems. *Madeleine*

Rooted: The next *Rooted* is Thursday 19 October – it's the scavenger hunt social (a great one to come to for the first time to meet everyone). If you'd like to come message us on Facebook (RootedBolton) or email rooted@harwoodmethodist.org.uk for the details.

Patmos Room Afternoon Tea: We are holding an afternoon tea for parishioners on Wednesday 18 October (2pm-4pm) at St John's. As there is only limited space, we have forty-eight tickets at £3 per person. Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses at each church.

New Sewing Group: The first meeting of *Needles* took place last Monday. There was a great response. Many talented cross-stitchers, embroiderers and knitters came along as well as beginners. If anyone would still like to join us, they would be made most welcome (Monday evenings 7pm-9pm). For any further details, please contact Ursula Shorrock on 01204 392591.

Reformation 500! The Church Leaders of *Churches Together in Lancashire* invite you to gather as part of the whole Christian Community at Blackburn Cathedral, Cathedral Close, Blackburn, BB1 5AA on Thursday 19 October at 2pm. Speaking at this event will be the National Ecumenical Officer for the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales Fr John O'Toole who will be joined by other Church Leaders in Lancashire. Places may be booked by Eventbrite/ www.eventbrite.com/e/reformation-500-tickets-36683227521 Or by emailing the County Ecumenical officer: antonmuller@ctlancashire.org.uk.

SVP News

Annual Mass for the Sick and Housebound

This will be celebrated at St John's Church on Saturday 21 October at 11am. Everybody is welcome and refreshments will be available after the Mass. Please let any member of the SVP know if you require transport.

Annual Mass for the Deceased

This will be held on Saturday 25 November at 11am in St Brendan's Church, Harwood. Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

Various Caritas Vacancies

Caritas currently have a number of job vacancies which are advertised on our notice boards. For more information, please visit the Caritas website: www.caritassalford.org.uk or contact Rebecca Anderson on 0161 817 2264.

Embrace Liverpool 2017 – CALLED: This year's conference will take place on Saturday 25 November at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral (9.30am – 6pm). It is a day to celebrate the faith of young people and is aimed at 14-25 year olds but open to all ages. If you are interested in joining the youth team, please email Tracey Ward: tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. Visit www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk for more information.

Becoming Catholic: We have previously run a programme for any adult who has an interest in becoming Catholic or simply wants to know more about the Catholic Faith. The next group will begin at the end of October (at St John's Church) and will run until Easter for anyone in our parish. If you would like more information please contact our parish office on 301927 or office@sbsj.org.uk.

St John's 200 Club

The October winners are:

- £50 J Marshall (10)
- £25 A Holyroyd (118)



Marriage Matters

Add another stitch: God our Father invites us all to His great wedding feast in heaven! In living out our married life, we have been making our wedding garments! It is woven, sewn and stitched with all the little acts of loving kindness, long forgotten, the courtesies in every little action we show toward each other, our children, family and friends.

Think Vocation

We are all called to holiness; we are called to be saints. Every state in life must be focused on weaving the garment of grace necessary to enter the banquet of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Come and Join Us!

Tea and coffee are always served after Sunday Masses at St John's (9.15am) and St Brendan's (11.15am). All welcome!

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 21/22 October

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	M Maybury	P & F McDowell & E Clarke
9.15 (SJ)	A Grundy	J Carroll, M Russell, D Ramsden, A Rawlinson, A Grundy, A Gracie
11.15 (SB)	T Regan	P Carolan, J Murphy, K Wilkinson

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