



## Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

28 January 2018

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Where does authority come from? Why is one man regarded as a prophet, and another as a lunatic, and a third as a hypocrite? Jesus startles the crowds with a 'new teaching' today, but

what amazes them so much is not the message but the authority behind it: they are convinced because what he does somehow adds credibility to what he says. It's the old situation that we are all familiar with - we look through words to see the actions, which show us the real message. The scribes did not heal or work miracles, but simply talked about God. Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, but also shows the people what it is - a Kingdom where all that damages human happiness is abolished. The other side to this is that we must listen to a prophet or teacher when they are backed by such authority; we may not "harden our hearts" and ignore the message when we have recognised that the messenger is sent by God. This is the hard part, because it demands that we too show, by our actions, that we have heard.

**Marriage Matters: Evangelization through our Sacrament** - St Paul infers a deeper spirituality is found among the unmarried, yet writing to the Ephesians (5:32), he speaks of 'the profound mystery' of marriage and compares it to the relationship between Christ and the Church. The Lord is at the heart of our love for one another, providing the grace for daily living and evangelization, through our Sacrament.

**Think Vocation:** St Paul speaks today of the responsibilities in marriage. Let us thank God for those who are married and ask his blessing upon them. Healthy marriage is the foundation for a family from which a spirit of vocation to build up the Kingdom of God can be nurtured. Let us also pray for those who live the single life that their contribution to the church may also be encouraged.

#### Liturgy & Activities This Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4  
Sunday Missal: Page 206; Readings: page 209  
Preface: At priest's choice*

#### Sunday 28 January

9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy  
11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy  
*Racial Justice Sunday & Caritas Sunday  
A Special Collection for Caritas (Diocese of Salford)*

#### Monday 29 January

9.30am Mass (SB)  
7pm-9pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)  
7.45pm SVP (SJ)

#### Tuesday 30 January

2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)  
6pm St Columba's School Reconciliation Service (SB)  
No Mass Today  
7.15pm SVP (SB)

#### Wednesday 31 January - St John Bosco

9.30am Mass (SJ)  
6pm St John's School Reconciliation Service (SJ)

#### Thursday 1 February

9.15am Mass (SB)  
6pm St Brendan's School Reconciliation Service (SB)

#### Friday 2 February - The Presentation of the Lord

9.30am Mass (SJ)

#### Saturday 3 February

11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ)  
2pm Baptism (SB)  
5pm Mass (SB)

#### Sunday 4 February

9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy  
11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

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<b>Prayers Please</b>
<b>Sick:</b> Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Father Francis McCauley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 8), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, Canon Dorrán, Christine Everitt, Mark O'Brien, Sheila Derbyshire, Margaret Gibson, Kathleen & Arnold Banks, Andrew Rostron, Michaela (Sick child), Linda Marsh, Ross Smith (young person), Vernon Holt and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness
<b>Lately Dead:</b> William Egan, Michael Avery, Noel O'Reilly, Bernard Benbow, Margaret Henderson, Joan Coles,
<b>Anniversaries:</b> Eleanor Owen, Bridget Knowles, James Connolly, Peter Walsh, Bernard Coop
<b>Mass Intentions:</b> Eleanor & Bill Owen, William Egan, Deceased members of Kacper's family, Josephine Knowles (Birthday Remembrance), Edna Brooks, Bridget Knowles, James Connolly, Peter Walsh, Michael Avery, Bernard Coop, Mary Dobbins (Birthday Remembrance), Noel O'Reilly, Joan Coles
<b>Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6):</b> We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed.
<b>Facts and Figures</b>
<b>Mass Attendance</b> 5pm-130; 9am-196; 11am-142; <b>Total - 468</b>
<b>Offertory Collection</b> <b>20/21 January: £892.05</b> <b>Standing Orders (19 -26 Jan) -£95</b>

## Our New Parish Logo

Thank you to everyone who entered a design for our new parish logo. The final design was created from two different entries. The top left section shows an eagle carrying a bible - the symbol of St John the Evangelist. The bottom section contains a boat to represent St Brendan and a Celtic cross to represent St Columba and the top right section shows a chalice and host - Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ) - the Eucharist which is at the heart of our parish life. "One body in Christ" reminds us of the unity of our parish and that each one of us is a member of that one body, each with our own part to play.

**Caritas Sunday:** Today is Caritas Sunday. We will have an opportunity to hear more about Caritas Diocese of Salford, our home charity of the diocese, from Julie Summerton our Caritas Representative. Caritas means something different to everyone we help. We will hold a second collection at Masses today and your donation will help people at the margins of society who are so often overlooked. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

### Churches In Harwood Lenten Course "Stormbreaker"

#### 7pm-9pm Monday Evenings

19 February - St Brendan's (Harbour Room)

26 February - Longsight Methodist

5 March - Christ's Church

12 March St Brendan's

19 March Longsight Methodist

All welcome to come along and join in these sessions. Refreshments available.

### A Lenten Retreat

Accompanying Jesus in the Events of Holy Week. Join us at Wardley Hall for our Lenten retreat every Friday 10.30am - 12.30pm.

16 February: Palm Sunday & Anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany

23 February: Last Supper - Institution of the Eucharist

2 March: Last Supper - Jesus washes the disciples' feet

9 March: Gethsemane and Arrest

16 March: Trial

23 March: Crucifixion

Using Scripture, poetry, art and/or music, we will pray with the events and people of Holy Week. Sessions will include presentations, individual prayer time and sharing. Suggestions for daily prayer will be provided.

Presenters: Sister Joan Kerley, FMSJ and Maria Kidd. To confirm your participation, please contact: Marie Sartini, Bishop's PA, Wardley Hall, Worsley M28 2ND; 0161 794 2825 email: [Marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:Marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or Sister Joan Kerley, FMSJ; 0161 971 7842 email: [joankfmsj@gmail.com](mailto:joankfmsj@gmail.com)

**Brixii Singers:** Present Donald McCullagh's *Holocaust Cantata* today (Sunday 28 January 2.30pm) at the Bolton Library Lecture Theatre. The performance consists of six readings based on interview transcripts, historical data and the story of Irene Augustynska Kafka interspersed with songs written by prisoners while incarcerated in Nazi Concentration camps and later found in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Archives.



## Save the Dates

Friday 16 February 2018 - Ceilidh  
**Tickets are now on sale!**

Friday 11 May 2018 - Spring Concert



## SVP News

If you know of anyone throughout our parish who needs help or a visit from the SVP, please get in touch with any member.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** Meets on Wednesday 31 January at 1pm-2.30pm. Please note the new earlier start and finishing times (to avoid traffic build up). The book for discussion is *The Snow Child* by Aeowyn Ivey. Refreshments and all welcome

**Christmas Draw:** We still have two prizes outstanding: **Pink Tickets 706 - 710** for a bottle of whisky, and **Pink Tickets 496 - 500** for a box of chocolates. If they are not collected, we will put them in a Raffle for CAFOD.

**Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage Gala Dinner:** At St Bernadette's Social Club, 9 Selby Ave, Whitefield, Manchester M45 8UT on Saturday 3 February (7.30pm - late). Join us for a fun filled night at our annual Gala Dinner in aid of the pilgrimage fund. Funds raised will go to support our sick pilgrims and medical team on pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. Tickets are only £35 and include a welcome drink, four course meal and live entertainment. There's also a luxury raffle. Please email Filippa Martin : [martin\\_filippa@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:martin_filippa@yahoo.co.uk) to reserve tickets.

## St Bakhita Mass

Pray for the Victims of human trafficking  
and modern-day slavery

Wednesday 7 February 2018

At St Mary of the Assumption  
Todmorden Road, Burnley, BB10 4AU  
7.30pm

With a presentation afterwards on modern  
day slavery in East Lancashire  
Refreshments provided

**Service of Blessing for Engaged Couples:**  
Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL, on Saturday 10 February at 2pm. Bishop John will be leading a special Service of Blessing for Engaged Couples at Salford Cathedral. This date has been chosen because it is the weekend closest to the feast of St Valentine. During the Celebration, God's particular Blessing will be asked upon all couples getting married this year as they enter this final stage of preparation for marriage. This celebration together will be an opportunity to express that joy and offer prayers that the wedding day is truly the beginning of something even more wonderful not just for the engaged couples but for their family and friends and indeed for wider society. We look forward to welcoming all the couples who will be celebrating their marriage in the Diocese this year.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 5th May 2018.

Led by Bishop John Arnold

If you are interested please contact the parish office on 01204 301927 or email [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

Coaches leave around 7am and return around 10pm.

Alternatively, contact 0161 817 2222 ext. 246

E: [john.griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:john.griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)  
Pilgrimage includes - Procession, Reconciliation and Holy Mass

*"When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England"*

## Receive - Pentecost Youth Celebration

Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street,  
Salford, M3 5LL  
Sunday 20th May 2018  
2pm- 6.30pm

*"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" Acts 1:8*  
Keynote Speaker - Fr Ged Kelly  
Led Holy Hour with Music  
Workshops

Birthday cake for the Church  
Mass at 5.30pm celebrated by  
Bishop John Arnold

For more information email:  
[Lorraine.Leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:Lorraine.Leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

### Hope in the Future Prayer

God our loving Father,  
we thank you for blessing our parish  
with all that we need  
to respond to our vocation to be a missionary  
community in our locality.

We thank you for all our parish members who, in  
response to your call, give of themselves so  
freely to enrich our parish life in the ways of  
love and service.

We ask you now to pour out afresh the gifts of  
your Spirit upon each one of us that we may be  
inspired to serve you in new and creative ways as  
missionary disciples, bringing your Light to the  
world.

We ask your blessing upon us as we journey  
together in hope, through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### Come and Join Us!

Tea and coffee is always served after the  
Sunday Masses at St John's (9am) and St  
Brendan's (11am). We always love to see  
new people or have a catch up.

### Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 3/4 February

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	J Carroll	M Russell, M Speed, A Rawlinson, T Armstrong, J Carroll, M Cropper
11am (SB)	F Evans	T Proctor, T Smith, J O'Connor

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### Readers' Rota

The new rota will be distributed in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to be added to the rota or you would like your name taken off, please contact the office (301927) or email: [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

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