



Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

11 February 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thankfully, we do not encounter leprosy in our culture. It can therefore be difficult to enter into the real depth of today's readings. We have to understand that leprosy meant exclusion, rejection and the end of "normal" life. For your leprosy to be cured would be like being given a second chance at life. What is the cause of exclusion and rejection in our society - or even in the Church? Who are those who must "live apart"? And how can we put into effect in our day those most touching of the words of Jesus, when asked if he wants to cure the leper: "Of course I want to!"? Contemplating exclusion and rejection in our world can be hard work: Saint Paul guides the way: the Christian path is not to work "for my own advantage, but for the advantage of everybody else".

Think Vocation: St Paul tells us to model ourselves on Christ. Jesus had time for those who were pushed away by society and the authorities. There are people in the Church today who strive to ensure that no one is excluded from the Lord's love. We pray for those who work with the homeless and marginalised to feed them, shelter them and show them the love of Christ.

Marriage Matters: Sometimes we have a sense of being at odds and separated from each other. The question, often unasked, is 'do you love me?' The answer is the same as Jesus gave to the outcast leper 'of course I do!' From being apart, we can be one again. How often do we say to each other 'I love you'?

<p style="text-align: center;">Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: Page 227; Readings: page 231 <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i></p>
<p>Sunday 11 February 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Day of Prayer for the Unemployed and for the Sick and those who care for them</i></p>
<p>Monday 12 February 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm-9pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 13 February 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 14 February – Ash Wednesday <i>A Day of Fasting & Abstinence</i> 9.15am Service of Ashes (SC School) 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Europe</i></p>
<p>Thursday 15 February 9.15am Mass (SB) 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)</p>
<p>Friday 16 February 8.15am Lenten Mass in St John's School 7.30pm CAFOD Ceilidh (Walmsley Church Hall)</p>
<p>Saturday 17 February 5pm Mass (SB)</p>
<p>Sunday 18 February First Sunday of Lent 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2.30pm Rite of Election (Salford Cathedral)</p>

Prayers Please

Sick: 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 Dorran, 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

Lately Dead: Karen Storrow, Joan Yarwood, Ethel Gallagher, Joe Flannigan, Bernard Benbow, Margaret Garsin, Margaret Gargan, Philip Ainscough, John Wright

Anniversaries: Jack Evans, Ian Walsh, Bob Bowes

Mass Intentions: Jack Evans, Karen Storrow, The O'Donnell Family, A Special Intention, Kathleen Kehoe (Surgery), Joan Yarwood, June & Frank, Stan Briggs (Improved health), Ian Walsh, Ethel Gallagher, Bob Bowes, John Wright & family

Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6): We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

5pm-140; 9am-181; 11am-163; **Total - 484**

Offertory Collection

3/4 February: £ 1062.84

Standing Orders (2 Feb-9 Feb) - £1,187,42

Cheques: Whilst we are in the process of establishing one new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to **St John's**. Thank you.

200 Club

All monies for the next year (£1 per month) will fall due at the beginning of March. It is a simple way to support the parish and perhaps win some money. There are some numbers available if you would like to join. See Frances Smith to join or to pay your subs.

Financial Summary for January 2018

Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	1582.76
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	2457.99
Standing Orders	1997.42
Piety Stalls & Votive Candles	263.62
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	530.00
Fundraising	81.59
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	170.00
Donations	83.00
Restricted Income (Specific Use)	
Mass Intentions	470.00
Money raised for CAFOD	110.23
Special Collection (Caritas)	976.07
Total Monthly Income	8722.68
Expenditure	
Church Expenses (both)	979.64
Presbytery Expenses (both)	1315.29
Clergy Allowances	1432.48
Fundraising/Social Expenses	75.00
Wages (2 months in 2017)	4189.56
Diocesan Levy (Quarterly)	5399.00
St Columba Expenses	540.96
Total Monthly Expenditure	13931.93
Balance of Income/Expenditure	-5209.25

So we have spent about £5200 more than we got in. If the Restricted Income had been paid out, which it will be in the coming month, this overspend would have been £6765

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults is at the heart of the Church's mission. There is no place in the Church, or indeed society, for abuse, which can affect people for their entire lives.

We recognise that with increased reporting and the ongoing national inquiry it has raised awareness of abuse and this may have led individuals to reflect on their own experiences.

The Diocese of Salford encourages all those who have any concerns of abuse past or present by any person connected to the Diocese to report such abuse to either Dawn Lundergan (Safeguarding Co-Ordinator) or Cath Taylor (Safeguarding Officer) via the contact details below:

Phone: 0161 817 2206. E-mail:

dawn.lundergan@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or catherine.taylor@dioceseofsalford.org.uk



Congratulations: To Annabelle Lucy Mason who was baptised at St Brendan's last Saturday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

Vacancy - Head Teacher

St John Vianney, Roman Catholic School

We are looking for an outstanding leader and proven educationalist who has the vision and ambition to take St John Vianney school through a period of exciting development. This hugely rewarding role will see you inspire our team to achieve the very best - for themselves and for every one of our students.

To request a pack or gain more information, please contact: St John Vianney Special School, Rye Bank Road, Firwood, Stretford, Manchester. M16 0EX.

Email: d.cooper@stjohnvianneyschool.co.uk.

Telephone: 0161-881 7843.

Further information is also available on the school website:

www.stjohnvianneyschool.co.uk



Save the Dates

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

Friday 11 May 2018 - Spring Concert

Christian Meditation: The dates for February are Tuesdays (13th, 20th & 27th) at 2pm and Thursday 15th at 7.15pm (and then 1st March).

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 17/18 Feb		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	A Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	V Holstead	J Carroll, M Russell, F Smith A Rawlinson, M Cropper, A Gracie
11am (SB)	T Proctor	J O'Connor, T Smith, T Proctor

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.

Walk With Me

The booklets & calendars for the Lenten period are available from this weekend (free of charge). Please take these to help with prayer and reflection at home.

School Lenten Masses

The early morning Masses will be taking place through Lent at 8.15am (Except in Half Term).
 Tuesdays (from 27 Feb) - (St Columba's School)
 Fridays (from 16 Feb) - (St John's School)
All welcome.

Churches In Harwood Lent 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
 (Tea and coffee provided)
 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
 3 March: Crucifixion

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 or Sister Joan Kerley, FMSJ; 0161 971 7842; Email: joankfmsj@gmail.com

Ash Wednesday at Wardley Hall: There will be an exhibition on the Shroud of Turin and a priest available to impart ashes from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Groups need to book (0161 794 2825)

YCW Action Campaign: Young Christian Workers are involved in a campaign about young people and mental health - MIND! The Gap - and have asked us to make as many young people as possible aware of this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycw-mental-health-survey>



Corpus Christi SVP

Our parish of Corpus Christi has an active SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul) with a total of 20 Members. Most of our work involves visiting elderly members of the parish, mainly those who live alone and therefore benefit from a chat with a friendly face - for a few, we might be the only person they've seen that week; most of these live in their own homes but we also visit Care Homes and, if required, parishioners who are in hospital.

At least twice a year we arrange a trip for such parishioners to other parishes for a talk, Benediction and afternoon tea. However, we also support families and individuals who are experiencing financial difficulties, paying for clothing, energy bills and short holidays, for example; at Christmas we supply food hampers and children's presents to families who would otherwise do without.

Beyond the parish boundary, in keeping with our role as a "missionary parish", we support the Destitution Project in Bolton through your donations to our appeals for food and clothing. We also provide a small amount of financial support to two SVP groups in Kerala, India, to help them provide for people in need in their parishes (aid that is very gratefully received).

We very much appreciate the financial support you give us through our church collections and we always look to spend that money wisely and efficiently.

Can you do more?

We always welcome new members. The commitment is a weekly meeting and a visit, both generally lasting 45-60 minutes but always subject to your own personal/family commitments.

Are **YOU** interested in joining us in this work, or would like more information on what is involved?

We meet at St John's Church on Monday's at 7.45 pm, St Brendan's Church on Tuesday's at 7.15pm. Hopefully one of these times will be suitable for you. Please feel free to attend either of these meetings without any obligation.

For more information you can contact Catherine Grundy at the Parish Office on 01204 301927 or Catherine Bridge (St Brendan's) on 01204 396749 or Arthur Rawlinson (St John's) on 07788 494075.

We should also appreciate knowing about anyone in the parish who would benefit from a visit or other support. If you know of such a person please ask if they would like an SVP visit before contacting one of the people mentioned above with details. All personal information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Please continue to support us and our work with your prayers, for which we are always grateful