

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

7 October 2018

Twenty-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time



Today we tackle the issue of marriage and divorce; Jesus is asked an awkward question about the legality of divorce. He lays down very clearly that what God intends for marriage is what is found in Genesis (where the “two become one” for all time) rather

than the dispensation granted through Moses (permitting a writ of divorce) which was an exception, not the rule. Here it is clear that Jesus abrogates this Old Testament procedure - a point emphasised when the disciples press him further on this issue on getting back home. While it is important for us to be sensitive and understanding towards those whose marriages have gone awry, we must be careful to let the teachings of the Lord speak for themselves.

Marriage Matters

Two in one flesh - God said: *“It is not good that the man should be alone.”* Do I value my husband, my wife? Do I really know you, my beloved and lifelong companion? When was the last time we were intimate or celebrated our sexuality; the essence of our being two in one flesh? How much of a priority are you in my life?

Think Vocation

During this month of the Holy Rosary, let us continue to model our lives on the faith of Our Blessed Lady. We can resolve to pray the Rosary more regularly during this month and throughout the year. Perhaps we can dedicate our Rosary, at least once a week for vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: Page 444; Readings page 448 Preface: At priest's choice</p>	
<p>Sunday 7 October 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 2pm Benediction & Afternoon Tea for Elderly & Housebound (SJ)</p>	
<p>Monday 8 October 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>	
<p>Tuesday 9 October 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>	
<p>Wednesday 10 October 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>	
<p>Thursday 11 October 9.15am Mass (SB) 6pm Open Evening for St John's School 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)</p>	
<p>Friday 12 October 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>	
<p>Saturday 13 October 11am Baptism (SJ) 2pm Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i></p>	
<p>Sunday 14 October <i>Prisoners' Sunday</i> 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i></p>	

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Prayers Please
We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder, Fr John Ashton (SB), Peter McGowan
Lately Dead: Margaret Almond, Edith Brooks
Anniversaries: Mary Hurst, Barbara Grimes
Mass Intentions: Mary Hurst, Barbara Grimes, Margaret Almond, A Special Intention, A sick person, Edith Brooks
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.
Hope in the Future
This week we are praying for the parishes of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Urmston, with Fr Mullarkey and Fr Quiligotti, and Holy Trinity, Worsley, with Mgr Canon Dale. We pray for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph and for the parish primary schools. May Our Lady of the Rosary bless, guide and protect us always.
Facts and Figures
Mass Attendance 29/30 September: 5pm-110; 9am-172; 11am -157 Total - 439
Offertory Collection 29/30 September £872.57 Standing Orders (28 Sept-3 Oct) - £451
Cheques: Whilst we are awaiting our new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to St John's. Thank you.

 **Congratulations:** To Trai Emmanuel Olufunwa, who was baptised at St John's last Saturday. And to Harlow Tawanda Kirkman who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 10 November (10.30am-12noon) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This is for parents from our parish who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please contact the parish office if you will be attending by phone 01204 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk.

Fr Parkinson: As Fr Frank is taking up his new role as Hospital Chaplain in Blackburn, we will be holding a collection for him in the coming weeks. He will be coming back to celebrate his final Mass with us (date to be confirmed), so we will make a presentation to him on that occasion. Envelopes are available at the back of each church. Please mark on the front that it is for Fr Frank's collection. Thank you.

Christian Meditation: The dates for October are Tuesday 23rd (2pm): Thursdays (7.15pm): 11th and 25th. We meet in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's and all are welcome.

Sacramental Programme 2018/2019: The first meeting for parents and the presentation of the children from all three schools, involved in the Sacramental Programme this year, will take place at 6pm on **Tuesday 6 November** in St Brendan's Church. If you have a child in Yr3 who does not attend one of our schools, or an older child who did not take part in the programme previously, and you would like them to take part this year, please have a word with Fr David.

Becoming Catholic You may, or may not be aware that at the parish of Corpus Christi (St John's Church) 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. This year we are looking to begin a new programme on Tuesday 6 November (7.30pm) which will run until Easter. If you would like more information and think this is something that you would be interested in, please contact our parish office at office@sbsj.org.uk (01204 301927) or alternatively, please see Fr David after Mass.

SVP News

Afternoon Tea and Benediction for the Elderly & Housebound: Will be held at St John's this Sunday (7 October at 2pm). Transport will be provided for those who need it. There is a list at the back of each church for those wishing to go and for those who can offer transport. **We have a shortage of drivers. If anyone could help, please could you add your name to the list.** Thank you

Morning Coffee Events: The first one will be at 10am after the Friday Mass on 2 November and 7 December and every first Friday of the month thereafter. Please come along and join us.

Thank You for All Your Continued Support

Christie Friends Afternoon Tea: Monday 22 October at Hoyster's, Holcome (2pm). Tickets are £20 per person and this includes a glass of prosecco. There will be a raffle also. This event is being organised by Holly Souter, a sixth form student, as part of her Duke of Edinburgh (Gold). Please come and support this good cause which helps raise money for the patients and their families. Tickets can be obtained through me, Kath Brown. *Many thanks*

Fair Trade Stall: The monthly Fair Trade stall will be held at both churches next weekend (13/14 October) giving you the option of buying fairly traded items while supporting Cafod.

Our Lady of Walsingham Tour to Salford Cathedral: The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will come to Salford Cathedral on the weekend of 18th-20th October. A full timetable of the events can be found with the poster at the back of each church

Parish Social Committee: Together with Bolton at Home and the local Harwood/Bromley Cross litter picking organisations, we will be litter picking around St Columba's and Tonge Moor on Saturday 13 October (10am - 11.30am) based at St Columba's school. All equipment will be provided by Bolton Council (tea & coffee will follow). Anyone who would like to join in should wear protective clothing. All children must be accompanied by an adult and only adults should work around the immediate church area (potential sharps). We look forward to a great morning where our parish can help the local community, so come along if you can! The Social Committee plan to run more events: gardening and crafts, a parish meal and a variety night over the coming months. For more information, contact Andrew Sainsbury or any member of the PET team.

Mass for Vocations: 7.30pm Thursday 18 October 2018 in St Catherine of Siena Parish, Didsbury, M20 6HS. An opportunity to gather to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Feast of the Blessed John Henry Newman: Tuesday 9 October with Solemn Mass and Veneration of his Relic at 5.30pm, St Chad's Church, Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester, M4 4EX

Celebration of St Oscar Romero: Please join us to celebrate the canonisation of Oscar Romero on Tuesday 23 October 2018. Mass will be held at 12.10pm with Bishop John Arnold in the Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE. Refreshments after Mass followed by short talk at 1.30pm on Romero's Legacy with Steve Atherton, Liverpool Archdiocese Justice and Peace Worker. To book your place, phone or email CAFOD/Caritas Salford. Tel: 0161 705 0605 Email: annwilson@cafod.org.uk Tel: 0161 817 2263 Email: info@caritassalford.org.uk

Entente Choral

A joint Choral Commemoration to mark the 100 years since the ending of World War I
Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE
Saturday 17 November 2018 at 7.45pm
 Tickets £15 (concessions £12)
 Available from: <http://www.wegottickets.com>
 email: tickets@salfordchoral.org.uk

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 13/14 October		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Molyneux	TBA
9am (SJ)	A Grundy	T Armstrong, A Grundy, E Rothwell, P McArdle, M Cropper, A Rawlinson
11am (SB)	L Lamoury	T Proctor, T Smith, J Murphy

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Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2019
Volunteer Information Meetings
Do something amazing next July - volunteer with us.

We are seeking volunteers of all ages and abilities, both medical & non-medical, to assist our sick pilgrims so that they can fully experience the joy of pilgrimage to Lourdes. There are many roles in which you can be involved. To find out more please come along to one of our volunteer information meetings: **Sunday 14th October, 2pm - 3pm & Wednesday 28th November, 7.30 - 8.30pm** at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford St. Salford. M3 6DP. We look forward to seeing you. All welcome.

Hope in the Future

As part of the Hope In the Future programme a number of formation days were held throughout 2018. The aim of the days was to provide an opportunity to meet together and reflect on what it is to be missionary and what we mean by discipleship.

The sessions were led by Fr Gerard Kelly and focused on providing a time of reflection where we can consider the part that the Holy Spirit plays in all that we are doing. Evangelisation must touch our hearts, becoming the engine that drives us forward in our mission, it is the Holy Spirit who gives us the courage to advance.

On the last of the planned formation days, the Hope In the Future programme arranged for the talks to be filmed in four slots of thirty minutes. These have now uploaded onto the diocesan youtube channel and DVDs are being produced for each parish. Ideally, we hope that we will be able to arrange for the recordings to be shown here in Corpus Christi to provide some time for a reflection as a parish community.

You can, however, choose to watch these videos in your own time, as they provide a grounding into the Hope In the Future programme.

The links to all the resources can be found on the diocesan website <http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/hope-in-the-future-formation-videos/>.

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