

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

16 December 2018

The Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday



This Sunday is called “Gaudete” Sunday – “Rejoice Sunday”. This comes from the readings we hear today, and it unders an important point. In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist telling different groups what to do - they must repent, and change their

lives. We might think of this as a rather joyless thing - something which is hard and unrewarding. The message of this Sunday is that repentance and changing our lives to welcome Jesus is something richly joyful. When we are planning to welcome anyone we love to our homes, we set about cleaning and preparing for their visit with enthusiasm - nothing is too much trouble for someone we care for greatly. Even scrubbing the bath or polishing the furniture can be a happy and joyful thing! The message of this Sunday is that preparing to welcome the Lord - even though it may involve hard work - is something utterly joyful, because of our love for Him, and His love for us

Marriage Matters

Rejoice in God’s gift: Today we are invited to ‘Rejoice’ and recognise ‘God is in our midst’. This theme of celebration is manifest in our love and acceptance of each other. Though our life will fade with the passing years, the love we have for each other will continue to grow. We are always God’s delight, His gift to His people.

Think Vocation

What must we do? Advent is a time for us to reflect about our lives. A regular examination of a well-informed conscience is essential for the committed Christian. By exposing ourselves regularly to such questioning in prayerful reflection, the Lord can guide us to take the steps in our lives that keep us on the way of peace.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: Page 110; Readings page 116 <i>Preface: page 34/35</i></p>
<p>Sunday 16 December 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i> 2pm Baptism (SJ)</p>
<p>Monday 17 December 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 18 December 8.15am Advent Mass (SJ School) 10.30am Requiem Mass for Patricia Charnock (SJ) 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 19 December 9.30am Mass (SJ) 6.30pm Churches in Harwood Carol Singing 7pm PET Meeting (Patmos Room, SJ)</p>
<p>Thursday 20 December 9.30am Christmas/Retirement Mass for Mrs Marie Aspinall (SJ) 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)</p>
<p>Friday 21 December 10am Mass for St Columba’s School in St Brendan’s Church</p>
<p>Saturday 22 December 5pm Mass (SB) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i></p>
<p>Sunday 23 December 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i> 11am Mass and presentation to Fr Frank Parkinson (SB) - <i>with Children’s Liturgy</i> 6pm Carol Service with Longsight Methodist (SB)</p> <p><i>Fr Parkinson will be concelebrating the 11am Mass today, please come along to have a coffee with him after the Mass at St Brendan’s.</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, Jack Donnelly
Lately Dead: Herbert Hustwit, Patricia Charnock, Christina Flynn, Miriam Idles, Roy Swift, Ron Guidi
Anniversaries: Jean (McGarry) Stones, May (McGarry Norris), Jack McGarry, Anna Mikolajewski, James & Annie McGrath
Mass Intentions: Herbert Hustwit, Roy Swift, Ron Guidi, Miriam Idles, Members of the Jordan, Foster & Hayhurst families, Jean (McGarry) Stones, May (McGarry Norris), Jack McGarry, Anna Mikolajewski, James & Annie McGrath
Cycle of Prayer Part 1 (of 6): We pray especially for: openness to the Word of God; migrants and refugees; expectant mothers.
Hope in the Future
We pray for the parish of St Mary, Horwich, with Mgr Daly and Fr Howard, and for the parish of St Patrick with St Mary, Oldham, with Fr Sumner, for the parish primary schools and for St Joseph's High School.
Facts and Figures
Mass Attendance 1/2 December 5pm-133; 9am-193; 11am -135 Total - 461
Offertory Collection 1/2 December: £939.40 Standing Orders (7-13 December) - £354
Cheques: We now have our new Corpus Christi parish account name. Please make all cheques payable to <i>Corpus Christi</i> . Thank you.

CAFOD
We have had an email from CAFOD thanking us for the consistent donations from our parish to CAFOD over recent years. Since digital records began, the churches of Corpus Christi (St John the Evangelist and St Brendan's) have donated a total of £133,319.64 and £48,434.86 respectively. A fantastic grand total of £181,754.50! Thank you to everyone!

Red Box Collection: The next gather-in of Red Boxes and donations will be after 9am Mass at St John's this Sunday (16 December).

Financial Summary for November 2018	
Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	1,902
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	2,316
Standing Orders	2,706
Piety Stalls, Votives & Almanacs	513
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	740
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	1,149
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	262
Restricted Income (Specific Use)	
CAFOD	96
Mass Intentions	485
Retired Clergy	582
Collection for Father Parkinson	680
Total Monthly Income	11,431
Expenditure	
Church Expenses (both)	2,534
Presbytery Expenses (both)	1,312
Clergy Allowances	625
Wages (Estimate for the month)	2,000
Diocesan Levy	1,388
Restricted Expenditure (Specific Use)	
CAFOD	1,864
Missio	540
Catholic Education Fund	547
Total Monthly Expenditure	10,810
Balance of Income/Expenditure	621

Standing Orders to St Brendan's: The new account for our parish of Corpus Christi has now been constituted utilising an existing account number. Whilst the Barclay's Current Account "Switch Service" has enabled all direct debits and standing order payments (on St Brendan's account) to be automatically paid from Corpus Christi (formerly St John's account), standing order payments inwards (Gift Aid & non Gift Aid) cannot be switched.

We are endeavouring to write to all parishioners affected. In the meantime, Standing Order Amendment forms can be obtained from the Parish Office or you can speak to any member of the Parish Finance Committee: Michael Cropper, John Howarth, Marie Meagher, Chris Molyneux, Greg French or Kathryn Wilkinson. Thank you.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 12 January 2019 (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is for parents from our parish who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please contact the parish office on 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk.

Advent

Early Morning Advent Masses: (8.15am). The last of our early Masses will be at St John's school on Tuesday 18 December (8.15am). All welcome.

Churches in Harwood Carol Singing: On Wednesday 19 December Churches in Harwood will be Singing Carols around the Harwood area. Meet at 6.30pm at Manor Gardens. All welcome

Carol Service: On Sunday 23 December (6pm) there will be a joint Carol Service for St Brendan's and Longsight Methodist Church. All are most welcome to come along to St Brendan's and join us.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

5pm St Brendan's, 7.30pm St John's

Christmas Day

9am St John's, 11am St Brendan's

CAFOD Talk: On Wednesday 6th February (7pm) Bishop John will be speaking about his most recent trip to Sierra Leone and Liberia, visiting CAFOD partners and finding out about their work. Come along to find out about how CAFOD is "listening to the cry of the Earth and of the poor". Meet CAFOD volunteers and staff from the diocese.

Venue; The Becket Suite at St Thomas of Canterbury Church in Heaton, Bolton. BL1 4PN
Doors open from 6.30pm. All welcome.

Christmas Window Displays (St Brendan's): If anyone would like to sponsor a poinsettia (in memory of a loved one) please fill in a form at the back of church. **It is the Last weekend for ordering** Thank you.

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all members who attended our Christmas Book Club and a special congratulations to all raffle winners! A big thank you to all who participated in the excellent discussion, hosted, chaired and dealt with the refreshments. Not forgetting those who helped to tidy up afterwards! Have a wonderful Christmas and we shall gather again on Wednesday 30 January to discuss *Small Island* by Andrea Levy.

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be served after the 9am Mass at St John's this Sunday.

CAFOD: The CAFOD Ceilidh will be held at St Osmond's (Long Lane) on 22nd February 2019 (7.30pm to 11pm). Tickets, as last year, are £10.00 - there is a licenced bar and a good car park. We are aiming to raise enough money for a specific project this year - A Community Water Supply which is £750.00. Tickets on sale soon.

Vacancy - Human Resources Manager

Appointment Type: Full time, permanent.

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Salary, pension and benefits: Competitive based on skills and experience

What we're looking for: The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit an exceptional individual to the newly created post of Human Resources Manager. This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced HR practitioner who thrives on driving change and promoting excellence. Reporting to the Director of Administration and Personnel, the post holder will act as the HR lead working closely with senior managers to support the development and implementation of effective HR solutions focused on the current and emerging needs of the Diocese.

Closing date for applications: Thursday 24th January 2019

More details can be found at: <http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

For further information on the job description and eligibility criteria or to request an application pack or for more information on this post please contact: The Director of Administration and Personnel Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP.0161-817-2203 or personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

NQT Primary Pool for 2019

We are now recruiting for our NQT Primary Pool for 2019.

The Primary Pool will identify and recommend high quality candidates who will gain QTS in the summer, for interview to Catholic schools with vacancies for 1st September 2019. All details and application forms available on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Completed application forms are to be returned by 12pm on Friday 25th January 2019 to Lauren Cumbo, Department for Education. Email

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Last Days of Advent

St Pope John Paul II, Dec. 18, 2002



Pope John Paul II in his address on December 18, 2002 said, "The liturgy of Advent...helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an 'advent,' a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously."

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 22/23 December		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Molyneux	TBA
9am (SJ)	L Rule	T Armstrong, A Grundy, E Rothwell, P McArdle, M Cropper, A Rawlinson
11am (SB)	F Doloroso	T Smith, J O'Connor, T Proctor,

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	S Mikolajewski	TBA
7.30pm (SJ)	TBA	TBA
9am (SJ)	M Russell	TBA
11am (SB)	M Durkan	TBA

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