

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

10 February 2019

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



We hear the call of another prophet this week - Isaiah. This introduces the Gospel, where we see Jesus calling his first disciples to follow him. Notice that the initiative is Jesus'; there is no application process or interview procedure! Notice also the way that Jesus calls his disciples in this account - not with words, but with a miracle that is also a parable. It is, in a way, a miraculous "job description": if the disciple trusts completely in the one who calls, then the result will be truly amazing - a huge catch of men and women hungry for God. Simon's simple words "if you say so" give us an example of Christian discipleship: we should leave our own concerns behind, and simply follow the Lord with great trust.

Marriage Matters

Follow your dream: *'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'* Isaiah was sustained by his vision of God in glory; Paul by his vision of Jesus. On our wedding days we had a dream for our future together. The grace of God has sustained that vision through many struggles. Let's always seek to follow our dream.

Think Vocation

"From now on, it is men you will catch." Perhaps Jesus chose a number of fishermen as his disciples because fishermen need to be strong, trusting and courageous. Despite their weaknesses they all proved themselves to be up to the task eventually. The Lord continues to call men to be his priests today: they also need to be tough and resilient. In this Year of Mercy let us pray that the priests of our Diocese have the courage and strength they need to lead the Church and preach the Gospel.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: Page 217; Readings page 222 <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i></p>
<p>Sunday 10 February 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i></p>
<p>Monday 11 February - <i>World Day for the Sick and those who care for them</i> 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 12 February 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 6.30pm Reconciliation (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Becoming Catholic Course (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 13 February 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p>Thursday 14 February - <i>St Cyril & St Methodius patrons of Europe</i> 9.15am Mass (SB) 7pm-8.30pm CAFOD Family Fast Day Gathering (Patmos Room, St John's)</p>
<p>Friday 15 February 9.30am Mass (SB)</p>
<p>Saturday 16 February 5pm Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i></p>
<p>Sunday 17 February - <i>Racial Justice Sunday</i> 9am Mass (SJ) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass (SB) - <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 2pm Baptism (SJ)</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 (SDB), Jackie Harte, Jim Carney, Moya Fau-Goodwin

Lately Dead: Fr John Cummins, Dennis Corkill, Martin Feeney, Christine Brookfield, Bob Holmes, Margaret Gibson, Thomas Benbow, Jean Gorse, Jack Donnelly, Nellie Shechter

Anniversaries: Thomas Baker, Michelle Cullen, Jean Callery, Michael Hollingsworth, Linda Williamson, Bernard Coop, Andrew McGarry, Rose McGarry

Mass Intentions: Martin Feeney, Michelle Cullen, Jean Callery, Tom O'Grady, Michael Hollingsworth, Intentions for the Hollingsworth Family, Linda Williamson, Christine Brookfield, Jim Carney (sick), Margaret Gibson, Bernard Coop, Fr John Cummins, Dennis Corkill, Margaret Gibson, Andrew McGarry, Rose McGarry, Thomas Baker

Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6): We pray for: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick & Those who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed

Hope in the Future

We pray for the parish of the Sacred Heart and St Francis, Gorton, with Fr McCartney, and for the parish of St Francis of Assisi, Oldham, with Fr Woodhead. We pray for their primary schools, for the chaplaincy to the Royal Oldham Hospital and for the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of St Joseph.

Facts and Figures for 2/3 February

Offertory Collection: £968.18

Standing Orders (1-7 January): £1,415.75

Mass Attendance:

5pm-129; 9am-171; 11am-170; Total 470

Cheques: We now have our new Corpus Christi parish account name. Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you.



Congratulations: To Yara Elizabeth Kenna-Maegr's who was baptized at St John's last Saturday. We pray that she and her family continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 9 March (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 on 01204 301927 or email: office@sbsj.org.uk.

Reading Rota: A new rota will be published next week. If you would like to become a reader or, alternatively, you wish your name to be removed from the list, please contact the Parish Office on 301927 or email: office@sbsj.org.uk. Thank you.

SVP News

Destitution Project: The parish next collection of items for the Destitution Project will take place during March. A list of items can be found on the notice board in both our churches. Thank you for your continued support.

CAFOD: The CAFOD Ceilidh will be held at St Osmund's on 22 February (7.30pm to 11pm). Tickets, as last year, are £10 and are now on sale.

Lent Family Fast Day Gathering: At St John's Church (Patmos Room) on Thursday 14 February (7pm - 8.30pm). Sally Kitchener from CAFOD will be speaking about her recent trip to Bangladesh, visiting those at the focus of this year's Lent campaign. Everyone welcome! For more information contact: Email: salford@cafod.org.uk Tel 0161 705 0605

Racial Justice Sunday: Next weekend, 17 February, marks Racial Justice Sunday, which focuses on the experiences of ethnic communities in England and Wales. It is a day on which we all called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality in our country. The theme this year is *Dignity of Work*, looking at how all people must not be exploited or face discrimination and hatred in their work. For more information please visit <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2019>.

Faith in Politics: The Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme, which began in 2003, provides up to eight recently graduated Catholics with intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. Interns are placed with Christian MPs at Westminster and in public policy and social action roles at the Catholic Education Service (CES), CAFOD, and CSAN. All the internships also involve individually guided retreats and spiritual guidance throughout the year. Each intern will take part in the first year of a part-time Master's Degree in Catholic Social Teaching at St Mary's University, Twickenham, at the end of which they will gain a Postgraduate Certificate, with the option of completing the second year. Additionally, the interns explore the political landscape and the Church's involvement in social action through a series of events and trips abroad, including a week in Rome. The group will live at More House in Kensington, and at the end of the year will become part of a network of over 100 intern alumni. **Deadline for applications: Thursday 28 February 2019.** More details are available at <http://www.faithinpolitics.org.uk>

Lourdes 2019: The date of the 2019 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is 25-31 July. Application forms are now available and I will have spare copies if you would like to see them. Those who attended last year should have received their own copy from the Lourdes Office.

Last year our group stayed at The Hotel Roissy. The Hotel is very conveniently situated close to the Domain and on the flat. Accommodation is clean, bedrooms reasonably sized and the food is good and well presented. It is a little pricey but bear in mind that the price does include full board.

If you would like to know more about Lourdes I do have an informative book which you may borrow if you so wish.

Please contact me as required on 01204 305832 or speak to Peter Carolan at St Brendan's or Margaret Russell at St John's. God Bless. *Terry Smith*

Children's Liturgy: Some of our leaders are stepping down after years of volunteering. In order to ensure that we can continue to provide Children's Liturgy at all the weekend Masses we need more volunteers to join our friendly teams as either leaders or helpers. If you feel that you could join us or would like some more information to help you decide, please have a chat with one of us or contact either Joanne: joarob71@gmail.com Or Louise: loobyloo@mac.com. (In line with our safeguarding policy all volunteers will need to undergo a DBS check).

Newsletter: Please note that next weekend, the newsletter will be a "double" week issue covering 23/24 February and the week following. Thank you

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 16/17 February 2019		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	L Lamoury	TBA
9am (SJ)	H O'Donnell	M Cropper, F Smith T Armstrong, M Speed, A Gracie, M Russell,
11am (SB)	M Day	T Proctor, T Smith, M Meagher

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Mass for Our Young People: "Be Who God Created You to Be:" Tuesday 26 February, 2019, 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Rochdale. All are welcome at this Mass for Youth, especially the young but all others who wish to encourage and pray for our young people. Please contact Fr Kevin Murphy if you have any queries about the Mass: kevin.murphy@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

The National Pilgrim of the Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima: We are delighted to announce that The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will visit the Cathedral on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th February. A whole series of events and services are planned across the two days. Devotions are encouraged across the two days between services and all are welcome to celebrate this once in a lifetime visitation. Full details can be found on the diocesan website or via the poster at the back of Church.

Come and sing with Songs of Praise!

The longest running religious TV show in the world invites you to a special event in Bolton. You are warmly invited to a special Songs of Praise music recording of hymns and songs at Bolton's Victoria Hall this March featuring Shalom Chorale, winners of Songs of Praise Gospel Choir of the Year 2018 and some very special guests. All are welcome and we are especially keen for enthusiastic singers to join us and lead the viewers at home in the singing. We would love to see every seat filled, so please only apply if you are definitely able to come. Recording: Friday 8th March 6.30pm - 9.30pm Where: Bolton's Victoria Hall 37 Knowsley Street, Bolton, BL1 2AS To apply for free tickets, please send your name, address, contact phone number and number of tickets requested to SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv. Please include 'Songs of Praise Bolton' in your subject header. Alternatively, you can call us on 0161 873 7073 to book your tickets. Many thanks for your support; we look forward to hearing from you. Yours faithfully, Songs of Praise Team

Come and Join Us!

Tea & coffee are always served after the Sunday Masses 9am (St John's) and 11am (St Brendan's). Please come along for a chat with old friend and new.

***Extracts from the MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE XXVII WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2019***

"You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8). These are the words spoken by Jesus when sending forth his apostles to spread the Gospel, so that his Kingdom might grow through acts of gratuitous love.

On the XXVII World Day of the Sick, to be solemnly celebrated on 11 February 2019 in Calcutta, India, the Church - as a Mother to all her children, especially the infirm - reminds us that generous gestures like that of the Good Samaritan are the most credible means of evangelization. Caring for the sick requires professionalism, tenderness, straightforward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved.....

..... Each of us is poor, needy and destitute. When we are born, we require the care of our parents to survive, and at every stage of life we remain in some way dependent on the help of others. We will always be conscious of our limitations, as "creatures", before other individuals and situations. A frank acknowledgement of this truth keeps us humble and spurs us to practice solidarity as an essential virtue in life....

....In light of the solemn celebration in India, I would like to recall, with joy and admiration, the figure of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta - a model of charity who made visible God's love for the poor and sick. As I noted at her canonization, "Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defence of human life, of those unborn and those abandoned and discarded...

.....Saint Mother Teresa helps us understand that our only criterion of action must be selfless love for every human being, without distinction of language, culture, ethnicity or religion. Her example continues to guide us by opening up horizons of joy and hope for all those in need of understanding and tender love, and especially for those who suffer.....

.... A spirit of generosity ought especially to inspire Catholic healthcare institutions, whether in the more developed or the poorer areas of our world, since they carry out their activity in the light of the Gospel. Catholic facilities are called to give an example of self-giving, generosity and solidarity in response to the mentality of profit at any price, of giving for the sake of getting, and of exploitation over concern for people.....

I urge everyone, at every level, to promote the culture of generosity and of gift, which is indispensable for overcoming the culture of profit and waste. Catholic healthcare institutions must not fall into the trap of simply running a business; they must be concerned with personal care more than profit. We know that health is relational, dependent on interaction with others, and requiring trust, friendship and solidarity. It is a treasure that can be enjoyed fully only when it is shared. The joy of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian.

I entrust all of you to Mary, *Salus Infirmorum*. May she help us to share the gifts we have received in the spirit of dialogue and mutual acceptance, to live as brothers and sisters attentive to each other's needs, to give from a generous heart, and to learn the joy of selfless service to others. With great affection, I assure you of my closeness in prayer, and to all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

Vatican City, 25 November 2018