

**Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton**  
**20 October 2019**



**Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time**



Perhaps the hardest Olympic event is the marathon: not only does it demand strength and fitness, but it calls for immense perseverance and

endurance. Life in general and the Christian life in particular, is a marathon. We will face hills and mountains as well as valleys and gentle slopes in life: we will face obstacles and pressures which will make us want to say, as the prophet Elijah did, "Lord, it is enough!" Especially in our lifetime of prayer, there will be times when we say "Lord, I can go no further." Jesus himself understands the need for perseverance in prayer, and the temptation to lose heart, which is why he offers us this parable and teaching today. And remember the thought from the first reading: sometimes we may need to hold each other in our praying!

**Marriage Matters**

**Prayer is essential for a deeper loving:** Today, Jesus encourages us to pray often and never lose heart. Praying together is a time for thanking God for His presence with us and for the blessing of our love for each other. We ask God to help us to forgive hurts, to share ourselves more deeply and to listen better. In darkness, pain or joy, He is there.

**Think Vocation**

"Remember who your teachers were." Many of our teachers made a deep and lasting impression upon us and we will never forget them. Our teachers in our Catholic schools and colleges have a tremendous opportunity to influence the lives of the children and young people in their care. How often do we pray for those who work in our schools and colleges? In this Year of Faith, may we take a greater interest in our local Catholic schools and colleges and try to support their activities and initiatives whenever possible.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> Page 465; Readings page 471; <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 20 October</b> 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>World Mission Sunday - A Day of Special Prayer for the Spread of the Gospel</i> <i>A Special Collection will be taken for Missio this Weekend</i></p>
<p><b>Monday 21 October</b> 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 22 October</b> 6.30pm Exposition &amp; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 23 October</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p><b>Thursday 24 October</b> 9.30am Mass (SB) 2pm Funeral Service for James Hindle (Overdale)</p>
<p><b>Friday 25 October</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p><b>Saturday 26 October</b> 2pm Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy <i>Clocks go back one hour</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 27 October</b> 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 1.30pm Parish Trip to Wardley Hall</p>

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### Prayers Please

**We pray for all the sick and household in our parish, and other relatives and friends.** Bernard Holder, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Margaret Broadhead, Matthew Harvey, Margaret Russell, Sister Mary Doyle of the Sisters of Evron, Anne Hurst, Kenneth Martin

**Lately Dead:** Isabelle Owen, Maureen Hill, Curt Vosper, Paul Schofield, Vincent Wilson, James Hindle

**Anniversaries:** Nicola Lamoury, Doreen Molyneux, Mary Josephine Pearce, Danny McKenna, George Cowley

**Mass Intentions:** Nicola Lamoury, Doreen Molyneux, Mary Josephine Pearce, John Pearce, Danny McKenna, George Cowley, Margaret Gibson, A special Intention for a family, Barbara Grimes (In Remembrance), Bert Winstanley (Birthday Remembrance)

**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

For the people of the parish of St Oscar Romero, Blackburn, Fr Shaun Braiden, their parish priest, and Fr Francis Kochupaliath, for their parish primary schools and for St Bede's High School.

### Facts and Figures for 12/13 October

**Offertory Collection: £879.11**

**Standing Orders (11-17 Oct): £222**

**Mass Attendance**

**5pm-119; 9am-160; 11am-125; Total-404**

**Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you.**

**World Mission Sunday:** This Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all creation.- 'Together we are Mission'. You will be able to Gift Aid your donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. For more information, visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) Thank you.

**Congratulations:** To Jack James Edgar and Thea Elizabeth Winter Wall who were Baptised last weekend. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

**Baptism Preparation:** If you are seeking Baptism for your child, please contact the Parish Office Tel: 01204 301927 or email [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk)

### Parish Forum Meeting

Thank you to all those who came along to the Parish Forum Meeting on Wednesday. One particular item discussed was *How we could focus our parish life over the next 12-36 months?* In order to help us find out more about this, we are keen to ask you, our parishioners, for your input and we would be really grateful if you would complete a short survey. The purpose of this survey is to assist all the teams involved in parish life, especially the Parish Enabling Team (PET), to focus their efforts on ensuring any critical areas are addressed.

If you are able to complete this short questionnaire, please go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/56HQB3>

or complete a paper version (available at Masses today). Please return all responses, by 27 October. Thank you

The Forum also showcased the various teams involved in parish life. Displayed at the back of each church is a poster, with accompanying leaflets, detailing our current ministries. If you feel you would like to get involved, please speak to any of the contacts or get in touch with the parish office. It would be great to see more people involved in these varied and rich areas of our parish.

There will be a follow up meeting on Wednesday 13 November (7pm) at St Brendan's Church to discuss the feedback and outcomes of the survey. All welcome.

### Parish Social Events

**Parish Litter Pick:** There will be a parish litter pick (with pasties afterwards) around St Brendan's Church on Saturday 2 November at 10am. Please note, children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Parish Quiz:** Will be held on Friday 8 November at Dunscair Conservative Club. Tickets Cost £8 per person (including pastie supper). Teams should be a maximum of six people. **Tickets are now on sale.**

**Request from the Parish Social Committee:** Donations of bottles would be greatly appreciated over the coming weeks for the tombola at the *Family Bonanza* on Friday 22 November (further details and tickets available soon). Please deposit at the back of either church. Thank you!

**Harbour Room Book Club Reminders:** The Next meeting is Wednesday 30 October. Please bring a plain wrapped surprise book for the Lucky Dip in November! Meet the Author next event is 28 October at Bolton Library (1-2.30pm) with Tess Gerritsen, crime writer. All welcome

**CAFOD Fast Day Collection:** Thank you to everyone who donated to the Fast Day collection. We collected £1,431.53! Your generosity is much appreciated.

**Readers' Rota:** A new rota will be published in time for Advent. If you feel you would like to become a reader at weekend Masses, please do let us know, similarly, if you wish to be taken off the rota, please contact us at the parish office.

**Newman: A heart to heart (lecture):** At the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, BB7 9PT. Thursday 24 October 2019 at 7.30pm

An evening talk by Fr Laurence Gambella to celebrate the canonisation of John Henry Newman. The talk will give a thorough insight into the figure of this iconic and particularly relevant English saint. Fr Laurence will examine Newman's spirituality, his life and the lessons he offers us for today. Tickets: £5 at the door.

## Northern Philharmonic Orchestra at Salford Cathedral

7.30pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October

The concert will feature beautiful music by Debussy, Ravel, Daniel Hogan and Rimsky-Korsakov, performed by some of the UK's most promising young musicians. From Debussy's "Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune" to the enchanting Arabian nights of Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade", the orchestra will be led by British conductor Joshua Quinlan, leader James Warburton and violist Alinka Rowe.

Parishioners from the Diocese of Salford can receive £2 off their tickets by entering the code **DIOCESE** at the checkout

For tickets, visit

[www.Northern-Philharmonic.com](http://www.Northern-Philharmonic.com),

phone the box office on

+44 (0) 20 3627 6295

or email

[boxoffice@northern-philharmonic.com](mailto:boxoffice@northern-philharmonic.com).

**Holy Hour for Vocations:** (7pm-8pm). All are welcome. The next one is at Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich, M25 1AS. Tuesday 22 October.

**Visions of Education Event:** Sat, 26 October 2019, (2.30pm - 9pm) at Thornycroft Hall, Pexhill Road, Macclesfield, SK11 9JN.

Academics and teaching professionals will come together to explore what modern teaching can learn from the ideas of 19th century theologian and educator, Cardinal John Henry Newman.

Bookings for the event can be made on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/visions-of-education-tickets-71152235251>

**PINT Young Adult Event:** Monday 21 October 6.30pm - 9.30pm at the Old Pint Pot, M3 6NE All young adults are invited to this event run by Salford University Catholic Chaplaincy. There will be live music, food, drink and a guest speaker.

## Caritas Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies at Caritas Diocese of Salford.

### Modern Day Slavery Coordinator

*14.8 hours per week, Manchester based*

The purpose of the post is to develop and implement practical strategies to create a diocese free of modern-day slavery. The post holder will lay the foundations towards this goal set for 2025. Experience of public speaking, networking skills and the ability to liaise with other external agencies is essential.

**Closing date:** 10am 28 October 2019.

### Support Workers, Cornerstone Day Centre

*Full time or part time positions available, Manchester based.*

As a Support Worker you will assist in the smooth running of Cornerstone Day Centre and provide assessment, one to one and group support to clients, addressing identified needs in a manner reflective of their dignity and self-worth. This will encourage and assist clients to address their health and social problems. You will have experience of working with vulnerable, homeless people or disadvantaged groups in a similar setting. Additionally, you will have knowledge of the housing and benefits system.

**Closing date:** Friday 1 November, 9am

To apply, for any of the above or for more information, please visit our website: [www.caritassalford.org.uk](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk) for an application pack or contact Rebecca Anderson on 0161 817 2264

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**Recruitment of Magistrates:** There is currently a drive to recruit 200 new magistrates aged between 18-70 from across Greater Manchester. Full training is provided with travel and subsistence paid. If you can offer 14 or more days each year, visit [Gov.uk/become-magistrate](http://Gov.uk/become-magistrate)

**Retreat - Reflections on Christ's Teaching in the Gospel of Matthew:** At the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, BB7 9PT on Friday 1 November 2019 (5pm). A weekend retreat including four talks by Fr Mark Paver, prayer, Adoration and Mass. There is also the opportunity for spiritual direction. Cost: £150 full board and single room; £110 full board and shared room. To book or for more information please contact the Christian Heritage Centre by emailing: [bookings@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:bookings@christianheritagecentre.com)

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers 27/27 October 2019		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	A Grundy	TBA
9am (SJ)	A Hayes	M Cropper, P McArdle T Armstrong, F Smith A Rawlinson, S May
11am (SB)	T Proctor	T Proctor, T Smith, M Meagher

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