

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

10 November 2019



## Thirty-Second Week of Ordinary Time



It is fortuitous that this passage of the Gospel is normally read near to the beginning of November, when we have celebrated the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, since it is a strong proclamation of the reality of life after death and the resurrection of the body. This

Sunday is not without its difficulties, however, since this message is framed in two very sensitive passages: we have a story of cruelty and martyrdom in the first reading, and a controversial (and possibly upsetting) question about marriage in the Gospel. Remember that the example that the Sadducees bring is ridiculous, legalistic and completely misses the point: Jesus' reply does not mean that we are not with our loved ones after death - quite the contrary; he proclaims that we will all become one with God and each other as children of God.

### Marriage Matters

**Rejoice, our reward is great in heaven:** Today we are asked to believe in God's untiring love. When we married, we said ... 'til death us do part'; this helps us live in sure and certain hope of eternal life as He promised. We seek to not be distracted by outside pressures, but to turn to each other in our difficulties and to listen with open hearts.

### Think Vocation

"May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ." When someone feels called to the priesthood or Consecrated Life, there are often a variety of emotions experienced: These can range from unworthiness through to fear. With our prayers and encouragement, the Lord can help those who are discerning to trust in the Spirit at work within them. He will strengthen them and enable them to respond with courage and love to Christ's call.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> Page 494; Readings page 500; <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 10 November - Remembrance Sunday</b> 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Remembrance Services at Dunsicar War Memorial and Victoria Square, Bolton 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Day of Special Prayer for all victims of War</i></p>
<p><b>Monday 11 November - St Martin of Tours</b> No Mass Today 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 12 November - St Josaphat</b> 6.30pm Adoration &amp; Reconciliation (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 13 November</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) 7pm PET Meeting (SJ Patmos Room)</p>
<p><b>Thursday 14 November</b> 9.30am Mass (SB)</p>
<p><b>Friday 15 November</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p><b>Saturday 16 November</b> 5pm Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy <i>A Special Collection will be held</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday 17 November held for Retired Clergy</b> 9am Mass (SJ)- With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>World Day of the Poor</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, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Matthew Harvey, Margaret Russell, Anne Hurst, Kenneth Martin, Vernon Holt

**Lately Dead:** Margaret Usher, Mary Lomax, Sister Mary Doyle, Isabelle Owen, Carlton Janson, Kathleen McPhillips

**Anniversaries:** John Lynch, John Meagher, Dorothy Hodget, Peter Houlihan, Florence & Louis Hodgkinson, Philip Marshall, Philip Hall, Herbert Winstanley, Thomas Rabbitt, Maureen Smyth Taylor, Fr Joe Mallon, Josephine Knowles

**Mass Intentions:** For a successful operation, Mary Lomax, Margaret Russell, Isabelle Owen & Family, John Lynch, John Meagher, Dorothy Hodget, For Holy Souls, A Special Intention, Peter Houlihan, Margaret Usher Kathleen McPhillips, Stephen McPhillips, Florence & Louis Hodgkinson, Philip Marshall, A Mass of Special thanks from the Owen family, Thomas Rabbitt, Maureen Smyth Taylor, Fr Joe Mallon, Philip Hall, Josephine Knowles

**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

We pray for the people of the parish of Corpus Christi, Bromley Cross, for Fr David Chinnery, their parish priest, and Fr Alfred Rebello, and for their parish primary schools.

### Facts and Figures for 2/3 November

Offertory Collection: £1,302.18

Standing Orders (1-7 November): £1,401.75

Mass Attendance

5pm-115; 9am-179; 11am-140; Total-434

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

### Remembrance Sunday



On this day we remember all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn.

O God, merciful and strong, who crush wars and cast down the proud, be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst and to wipe away all tears, so that we may all truly deserve to be called your children.

*Roman Missal*

**Annual Mass for the Deceased:** Will be held on Saturday 23 November at 11am in St Brendan's Church. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

**Thank you:** The Owen family wish to thank everybody for all their kind words of sympathy, Mass cards, prayers, charity, donations and support at the funeral of our much-loved Isabelle. A Mass will be said for your intentions.

**Holy Souls:** There are small cards available in each church for the names of your deceased loved ones. These can be placed in the basket on the altar. Masses will be offered for them.

**Fire Warden Training Event (SB):** To finalise fire safety arrangements at SB, as required by law and the Diocese, those parishioners who completed the initial training and any new volunteers are requested to attend one of the following events which have been arranged, hopefully conveniently, before weekend Masses on Saturday 23 November at 3.30pm and Sunday 24 November at 9.30am. Thank you. *Tony Proctor*

**Hymn books at St Johns:** It has been suggested that the supplementary sheet of hymns is left inside the hymn book at the end of Mass. The sheet will then be in the hymn book ready to be collected at the next service. Thank you

**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 Social Events

**Gaelic Coffee Morning:** Will be held at St John's on Sunday 17 November (after the 9am Mass). All Welcome

**Request from the Parish Social Committee:** Donations of bottles and chocolate would be greatly appreciated over the coming weeks for the tombola at the *Family Bonanza* in St Brendan's School Hall on Friday 22 November. Tickets are now available from either St Brendan's school or at either church. Thank you!

### Harwood Churches Together

**Christmas Dinner on Jesus:** This year, we have promised Urban Outreach 200 tubes of *Pringles* towards the Christmas meal for needy families. We will collect during November. Thank you.

**Christmas Choir:** Would you like to sing in the Churches in Harwood Choir at the Christmas Service on Sunday 22 December (6pm) at Ainsworth Methodist church (BL2 5SD)? Rehearsals will be on Monday and Thursday evenings starting on Monday 25 November (7pm) at the same venue. Come along and join an informal and friendly group of singers!

**Advent Series at Wardley Hall:** As we begin “*The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word*,” there will be Advent reflections held at Wardley Hall which will focus on praying with three voices: Isaiah, John the Baptist and Matthew in his Gospel account of the Christmas Story. Using Scripture, art, music, and poetry, the reflections will explore God’s message and its relevance for us today making time for prayer and discussion. Each event will run from 10.30am - 12.30pm at Wardley Hall.  
**29 November: The Voice of the Prophet Isaiah**  
**6 December: The Voice of John the Baptist**  
**13 December: The Voice of Matthew**  
 To book your place or for further information, please contact: Marie Sartini, Bishop's PA, 0161 794 2825, [marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

### ‘JINGLE BELL SING-A-LONG’

Add a touch of sparkle and cheer to your festive preparations with a treat for the whole family and join us for a magical concert of heart-warming yuletide favourites: come along and sing-a-long! Presented by inspirational Choir - Bolton Cancer Voices with special guests Besses Boys’ Band, whose talented members have qualified for the finals of the National Brass Band Championship of Great Britain (sections 1-4), four times in the last decade and successfully represented the North West of England in September: along with Bolton’s own Cottontown Chorus, who have been at the top of the British barbershop scene for the last 15 years, winning multiple gold medals and representing Britain in international competitions in the United States and elsewhere; their repertoire delivered with passion, performance and spine-tingling harmonies. And charged with keeping the whole evening running smoothly - Dr Kevin Jones - a Consultant Physician at the Royal Bolton Hospital, who’s been on the After-Dinner circuit for over 30 years and worked with celebrities like John Bishop, Stephen Fry and Michael McIntyre!

There’s no better way to embrace the spirit of Christmas!

The event takes place on Saturday 7 December, 6.45pm; at the Victoria Hall, Bolton BL1 2AS  
 Tickets priced £10-00 / £5-00 (under 19s) available from the Ticket Secretary - 01204 595562 / 07773 164235 / [www.trybooking.co.uk/7863](http://www.trybooking.co.uk/7863) / or the Victoria Hall Box Office

**Information Lecture Series:** Liturgical Formation led by Fr James Manock on Wednesday 13 November, 7.30pm at St Gabriel’s RC High School, Bridge Road, Bury, BL9 0TZ. Register at: [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events/)

**Diocesan Music Ministry Training Day**  
 Led by Stephen Dean, Maria Hall, Simon Passmore & Daniel Bath on Saturday 16th November 2019, St Mary’s RC Church, Eccles, M30 0LU. 9am -4.30pm  
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 email [hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or call 0161 817 2214

## Aid to the Church in Need Vacancy

**North West Manager Based in Lancaster**  
 ACN UK are seeking an experienced North West Manager to raise funds and awareness for their international projects. Heading up the NW team of office-based staff and the team of Area Secretaries (parish speakers), and through a wide range of fundraising and marketing techniques, the NW Manager will work to increase the significance of the North West’s contribution as a proportion of overall UK income and build a solid base of parish-based volunteers.

**Closing date** - Sunday 17 November 2019

**1<sup>st</sup> Interviews** - Wednesday 20 November 2019

**2<sup>nd</sup> Interviews** - Monday 25 November 2019

Those interested in applying should visit ACN’s website

here: <https://acnuk.org/about/jobs-and-volunteering/nw-manager/>.

## Parish Survey

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the Parish Survey. On a previous newsletter, the follow up meeting for this was scheduled on Wednesday 13 November. This date has now changed to Wednesday 27 November, 7pm at St Brendan’s. All are welcome to attend.

## Readers & Eucharistic Ministers For next weekend 16/17 November

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	M Maybury	TBA
9am (SJ)	M Morrison	T Armstrong, L Rule, A Grundy, P McArdle, M Cropper, A Rawlinson
11am (SB)	E Rankin	P Carolan, J Murphy, K Wilkinson

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## New Mass Times and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

From Sunday 1 December, the Sunday morning Mass time (at St John's) will change from the current time of 9am to the later time of **9.30am**. The other Sunday Masses and Vigil Mass will remain the same.

As Hope in the Future is now encouraging more frequent Eucharistic Adoration within our parishes, from the start of Advent we will be introducing a time before every weekday Mass for Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (the Tuesday evening Mass will still have Reconciliation beforehand). The only occasion when Adoration will not be held is if there is a School Mass or any other event.

Also, beginning in Advent, a new weekly morning Mass will start at 11.30am on Saturdays. This will be preceded by Adoration and Reconciliation. The venue will be announced weekly on the newsletter.

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