

**Corpus Christi Parish Bolton**

Incorporating St John, the Evangelist, Bromley Cross, St Columba's Tonge Moor and St Brendan's Harwood

**Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

**21<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

**PRAYERS PLEASE**

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder, Christopher Scott, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Anne Hurst, Margaret Padfield, Anne Killeen, Fred Heywood, Emily Martin

**Lately Dead:** Robert Aston, Kerry Haydock, Florence Clarke, Susan Howard, Peter Hodgkinson, Michael McKeown, Irena Kornas, Alice Burns, Sister Barbara Sexton CP (former head teacher of Mount St Josephs 1973-1996)

**May they all rest in peace**

**Anniversary:** -Denis O'Toole

**Mass Intentions:** Special Intention, Robert Aston (LD), Susan Howard (LD), Irena Kornas(LD) x 3, Gerard Murphy(BR)Denis O'Toole(A), Alice Burns (LD)

We keep them all in our prayers.

Let us pray for the victims of this pandemic, their families and loved ones. Remembering also the key workers who are on the front-line during this current pandemic. We thank them for all they are doing and ask the Lord to keep them safe.

**Hope in the future**

Let us pray this week for the people of the parish of St. Catherine, Didsbury, for Fr. John Hitchen, their parish priest, and for Fr. Michael Deas. We pray for the parish primary school, the Barlow High School, the priests of Opus Dei, for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph and for Francis House

**Church Services Online:** There are many online resources available to help you

with your prayers at this time, including the daily live streaming of Holy Mass. For links regularly updated:

[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/covid-19-online-resources](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/covid-19-online-resources)

**[www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) or  
[www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv)**

If you have no internet-The Diocese of Middlesbrough are now offering Mass by phone. The number is 01642 130120

**Sunday Reflection gratitude to David Franks**

**Jerimiah 20: 10-13 Psalm 68 Romans 5: 12-15 Matthew 10; 26-33**

**Do not be afraid**

A phrase I hear frequently, especially when the word "ministry" is mentioned, is "I am not worthy". I would not belittle this response, it is something that occurs to me often, especially when I am asked to do something, whether it be a new thing or something I have done before. I often think "I am not worthy". A priest friend once said "Who is worthy; if I wanted someone worthy, I would never ask anyone, who judges, not I, I don't think I am worthy myself, just willing to take a chance on God". We are empty vessels, hoping that we are filled with God's love, who try, each in their own way, to do what we can and hope that our efforts are worthy of God's smile.

Jeremiah in our first reading is frightened, he has been elevated to a position in society, a prophet called to do God's work, yet he feels surrounded on all sides by those who wish to bring him down. Even his friends have turned away, lie waiting for his downfall. So, he

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calls on the Lord, his mighty hero, not for unstinting support, but for justice, and he does not call in vain. Grace is given so that we, despite our faults may call on the Lord when our sin seems to engulf us.

Paul writes to the Romans, he does not deny sin, he has no doubt that sin exists and leads us to death but he too knows that God is there for us, waiting with the abundant free gift of divine grace.

Jesus speaks to the apostles of how, what is now hidden will be revealed and made clear, and how, eventually, we may proclaim it from the rooftops. He holds

out to us a future free from the condemnation of those to whom this world belongs; he calls on us not to be afraid for our heavenly Father holds us in the palm of His hands. We should never be afraid when we are called to do some work for Him. Never believe that we are unworthy because God sees us with the eyes of love and knows what we are capable of. When we take up a ministry or begin some work for God then we are declaring that we stand with Jesus, that we are one of his sparrows, that we are prepared to take flight, in this insecure world, in God's name.

**David Frank**

**PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL PRAYER**

Selected Churches are now open for private prayer. The Bishop has indicated certain churches will open in the Diocese; locally they are St Osmund's Breighmet and St William of York.

**Opening times**

St Osmund, Breighmet

Monday 9.30am - 11.30am

Tuesday 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Thursday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Friday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Saturday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

**St William of York, Great Lever**

Monday 9.30am - 11.30am

Wednesday 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Saturday 10.30am - 12.30am

**Opening churches**

More churches are opening this coming week including **St Thomas of Canterbury** for private prayer, opening times are as follows...

Tuesday 2-3pm

Thursday 2-3pm

Sunday 2-3pm

**Thank you from Cafod**

This week we received a letter of thanks from Cafod for your kind donations over the year. They added: - *Support of parishes like ours is the reason why they can be there when emergency strikes and reach people in urgent need...*

**Caritas Beacon**

The latest Caritas Beacon has been published. Due to the pandemic, Caritas are unable to distribute a paper copy of the Beacon as they usually would you can view on the following link:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/newsletter/>

**Prayer Resource - Lord's Day at Home**

If you would like to say the prayers along with the livestream of Mass, the Lord's Day at

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Home resource can help you. You can find this week's Lord's Day at Home here-  
[https://mcusercontent.com/76e219dab8653b775ba8aac4c/files/a3f222a1-87c6-4122-af3e-105bad1c7c93/LDAH\\_Ordinary\\_12A.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/76e219dab8653b775ba8aac4c/files/a3f222a1-87c6-4122-af3e-105bad1c7c93/LDAH_Ordinary_12A.pdf)

The Diocese have asked us to publicise the following vacancies: -

Caritas Support Worker Vacancies

Caritas is delighted to have received a grant from the National Lottery's emergency Covid-19 Community Support Fund for a 6-month period for two new support workers at St Joseph's Welfare Service.

SUPPORT WORKERS (x2)

6-month Fixed Term Contract, Manchester

Roles:

1x 25.9 hours (3.5 days per week) - £19,171 per annum (£6,709 actual salary)

1x 22.2 hours (3 days per week) - £19,171 per annum (£5,751 actual salary)

Plus, Essential Car User Allowance

**Role Description:** The Support Workers will support isolated older people, who may be vulnerable, living at home in North Manchester. They will provide a highly valued visiting and support service for people with limited mobility, declining coping capacity and poor mental health.

This will include providing one to one support to clients, addressing identified needs in a manner reflective of their dignity and self-worth and to encourage and assist clients to address their health and social problems. Experience of working with the elderly or disadvantaged groups in a similar setting is essential.

To apply, 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 or by email [r.anderson@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:r.anderson@caritassalford.org.uk)

Closing date: Thursday, 25 June 2020 at 10:00am

Interview: Tuesday, 30 June 2020

Due to the pandemic interviews will be conducted via Zoom

We hope to open St Brendan's Church for individual prayer in the very near future. I have an appointment with the Diocese this week for a risk assessment. Can I thank all the kind volunteers who have made this possible, hopefully by next week we will have some good news.

It was good to hear that our schools have now successfully returned, albeit, in a very limited form. We keep them in our prayers in these testing circumstances.

Our Lord said: - Be not afraid in today's Gospel: a message Pope Saint John Paul II would often reiterate and one we need to hear ever more now. When the world around us seems to have changed so much, even to some become frightening, then we need to remember what we've been celebrating over the last few extraordinary Sundays of wonderful feasts has an impact on us in the ordinariness of our daily life, even and especially when that 'everyday' can be difficult. The God who sends us his Spirit, the God who is a Trinity of love, the God who nourishes us in the Eucharist is the God who loves us and cares for us each and every day.

May I also offer my commiserations to any Trotters' fans. This season was always going to be an uphill and difficult task; but remember, if you want quality, we would always make you welcome at Ewood Park in the future 😊

Praying that you are all safe and well and a Happy Fathers' Day!!

With every blessing *Fr Alf*

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