

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**29 August 2021**

**Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time**



Many things happen in our lives that are difficult to explain. There seems to be a pattern; but it is only after an event that we begin to see how outside influences have affected the way in which we have acted. We can see the hand of God in many of

those events, yet we cannot comprehend how this may be. We struggle with our humanity and fail to see that spark of divinity that dwells within. We listen to the voice of scripture, it speaks to us, but we struggle to understand, to accept, to make sense of the word that is spoken

The people that Moses taught were headstrong, they received the word but did not want to be tied to a set of commandments. Moses was determined that they followed the laws and customs that came down from God. There was to be no debate, the commandments were to be taken into their hearts for they came from God and were filled, overflowing, with God's wisdom. The Law was to set them apart from other nations; they were chosen to be the People of God.

The Psalmist speaks of the nature of the one who lives by God's Law. They live in harmony with their neighbour, respect others, not taking advantage of their needs; and walk with faith, act with justice, and speak with truth from the heart. James echoes the voice of the psalmist with words of encouragement. The followers of Christ were to live good and perfect lives because they are children of God, sustained by His message of truth, listening and acting, bringing His word to life in their daily lives.

Jesus speaks to the pharisees, those who see their worship of God constrained by earthly rules. They have taken the humanity out of their worship, replaced love with regulations. Hiding mercy behind the Law of Moses. Jesus sees their attitude as hypocritical, using these laws to control the lives of the Jewish people. Jesus teaches that evil comes from within ourselves. We cannot blame others for what we do. If we live as children of God, then love will shine even in the deepest darkness and evil can only flourish if it comes from within us. The Christian life is not an easy path to follow but it leads us to our heavenly home. **David Frank**

## Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1*

*Divine Office Week 2*

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17-18,21-22,27;

Mark: 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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### Sunday 29 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.15pm Baptism (SB)

1pm Baptism (SB)

### Monday 30 August - Bank Holiday

12noon Mass (SJ)

### Tuesday 31 August

9.30am Mass (SB)

11am Requiem Mass for Mary Fitzgerald (SB)

### Wednesday 1 September - St Edmund Arrowsmith

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

### Thursday 2 September

9.30am Mass (SB)

### Friday 3 September - St Gregory the Great

No Mass Today

### Saturday 4 September

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

2pm Baptism (SB)

5pm Mass (SB)

### Sunday 5 September

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

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## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends: Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Anne Killeen, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Emily Martin, Terence Gillett, Pat Margiotta, Mary Bagg, Vernon Holt, Peter Riley, Frances Skemp, Kathleen Banks, Penelope Booth (poorly infant), Eileen Gartland, Colin Markland

**Lately Dead:** Christine Shovelton, Debra Hailwood, Mary Fitzgerald, Nancy Monk, Sharon Hart, Please remember, in your prayers, Regina Broadbent, the sister of Fr Heakin at St Osmund's, who passed away this week, Bernard Bullock

**Anniversaries:** Peter Gartside, David Gracie, Mary Marshall, Bridget & Jack Day, Hannah Doona  
*May They Rest in Peace*

**Mass Intentions:** A Special Intention, Peter Gartside, David Gracie, Mary Fitzgerald, Christine Shovelton, Debra Hailwood, Peter & Eileen Hosie (Golden Wedding Anniversary), Mary Marshall, Bridget & Jack Day, Hannah Doona

**Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6):** We pray especially for: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution; oppression and denial of human rights; Europe, seafarers, human life

**Hope in the Future:** Let us pray for the people of the parish of St John Fisher, Kearsley, for Fr Bryan Cunningham and the Schoenstatt Fathers, and for the work of the Schoenstatt Shrine. May they faithfully listen to God's saving Word and submit to it.

**Offertory:** We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. Donations can be made by posting through the presbytery letter box, by post or alternatively they can be made through Salford Diocese website, or by setting up a bank standing order. Thank you

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

**Prayer Resource -** For those at home the Liturgy Office has prepared "The Lord's Day at Home", to pray on your own or with your family The Mass sheet for Sunday 22nd August (Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time) is available [here](#).



**Congratulations:** To Emma Jay Guffogg who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that both she and her family continue to grow in faith.



**Wedding Congratulations:** To Mark and Helen Hustwit who were married at St Brendan's Church last Saturday. We wish them a long and happy marriage.



**Golden Wedding Congratulations:** To Peter and Eileen Hosie who will celebrate 50 years of marriage on 4 September. We wish them all the very best.

## Urgent Caritas Appeal - Help for those seeking sanctuary from Afghanistan

As the principal domestic social action agency of the diocese, Caritas Salford is playing a very active role in supporting Afghan nationals who have been evacuated to our diocese. In addition to its existing commitments to refugees and asylum seekers, the charity is working closely with Greater Manchester Combined Authority, and in collaboration with other local and national agencies, to do all it can to make the most difference. This includes collecting and providing emergency essentials, such as:

- Adult incontinence pads.
- NEW Underwear and socks for both adults and children.
- Personal hygiene products especially toothpaste, toothbrushes.
- Nappies, baby blankets, baby wipes and hygiene products for infants.
- Clothing, particularly for older children.
- Mobile phone adaptor sockets to enable refugees to charge their phones.
- Packs for new or expectant mothers including maternity clothes.
- Pushchairs.
- Scarves.
- Shoes including trainers (no football boots please).
- Outdoor toys especially balance bikes.
- Activity packs - including notepaper, pens, colouring sets.

As the project looks set to expand and evolve over time, Caritas is calling on people across the diocese to help in whatever way they can, by donating money or materials, volunteering their time, or even writing to their MP. To find out more about donating and other ways you can help, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/afghanistan-appeal-2021>

**Can You Help?** As part of geography A level course work, a parishioner (and student at Thornleigh) has to obtain some feedback from people who live/ work / study or visit the Bromley Cross and Halliwell areas of Bolton. If you would be able to help with this survey, please go to the following links: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQ\\_zy5gviAcha73Whz1FYjnupC6DR4q4Th7V1ysrC3Z411Rw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQ_zy5gviAcha73Whz1FYjnupC6DR4q4Th7V1ysrC3Z411Rw/viewform?usp=sf_link) Halliwell

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9coY41U0YtUvpQEb4YvGzYl7rfaJyZh3olr6lQpOR6bXWKQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9coY41U0YtUvpQEb4YvGzYl7rfaJyZh3olr6lQpOR6bXWKQ/viewform?usp=sf_link) Bromley Cross

## Caritas Diocese of Salford Vacancies:

### Housekeeper

**Appointment type:** 20-25 hours per week  
**Location:** Caritas House, Manchester, M4 4FA  
**Salary:** £18,328 per annum, pro rata for part-time

### Housekeeper

**Appointment type:** 22 hours per week  
**Location:** Morning Star Hostel, Manchester, M4 5DG  
**Salary:** £18,328 per annum, pro rata for part-time £10,897

For further information and other Caritas vacancies, please visit:

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

## Taking Liturgy Seriously - Online study course from the Society of Saint Gregory

As part of its commitment to promote and support the liturgy of the Catholic Church, the Society of Saint Gregory will be offering a new modular study course, aimed at developing liturgical understanding. The course, which will be run in partnership with the London Jesuit Centre, starts in September and will take place via Zoom. Held over the course of one year, each module will comprise three sessions and provide a theological and historical overview, which will form the background for a deeper study of how we celebrate the liturgy today. Modules include The Paschal Mystery, Healing and Forgiveness, Initiation, Commitment and Ways of Prayer. Within each theme we will look at how we apply general principles of liturgy, how music and space affect the way we celebrate, and, above all, how we are enabling people to pray together. The course is aimed at all who wish to widen their understanding of the liturgy. Further information, including details of the course leaders and online booking, can be found [here](#). Or visit <https://www.ssg.org.uk/>

## Caritas Cornerstone's Big Sleep Out 2021

The Big Sleep Out is returning this autumn with a special hybrid event, asking people to raise funds to support rough sleepers by sleeping outdoors overnight at Xaverian College, Manchester, from 7pm on Friday 17 September, or by "boycotting their bed" from their own home.

### How to get involved:

1. Click [here](#) or visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BigSleepOut2021> to set up your Just Giving page. This can be done whether you plan to be present on the night or at home boycotting your bed.
2. Click [here](#) or visit <https://cornerstonecds.org.uk/big-sleepout/> to register for the overnight event at Xaverian college. For further information, contact Rachel Taylor on 0161 817 2258, or email [fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk).



### Destitution Project: Thank you for all donations so far.

We have been asked to help with the following list of shortages: 1 litre cartons of orange or apple juice, cartons of WHOLE milk, Tins of sardines - preferably in oil, tins of fruit (they are almost out of these) - mango, pineapple and mandarin oranges are firm favourites but fruit cocktail also popular, packets of biscuits, boxes of tissues. Thank you, again, for all your kindness!

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### Readers For Next Weekend (4/5 September)

SB (5pm)	SJ (9.30am)	SB (11am)
L Lamoury	S Copley	F Evans

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B	R	O	N	Z	T	N	H	F	E	RESPECT	FOOD	HYPOCRITES	ELBOW
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# 5 September 2021

## Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time



What shows us the presence of God? In the Biblical world it was miracles - signs, which pointed towards the emergence of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come, and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish. Jesus, in both his preaching and his miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in his own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as he displays to the people of his own time, and to us, the nature of Gods Kingdom: in it all diseases and afflictions are abolished: so opening the man's ears and eyes tells us two things: first that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly that he calls us into a Kingdom where all is perfect.

### Church Volunteers

As we move back to some kind of normality, we are hoping to bring back our popular *after Mass coffee*. This would, of course, have to be in line with Covid guidance. If you are interested in helping to serve coffee, please contact the parish office. *Thank you*

### Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1  
Divine Office Week 3  
Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark: 7:31-37  
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<b>Sunday 5 September</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)
<b>Monday 6 September</b> 10.15am Funeral Service for Bernard Bullock (Overdale) 7pm Mass (SB)
<b>Tuesday 7 September</b> 9.30am Mass (SB) 6.30pm Confirmation Service (SJ)
<b>Wednesday 8 September - <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></b> 9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 9.30am Mass (SJ)
<b>Thursday 9 September</b> 9.30am Mass (SB)
<b>Friday 10 September - <i>St Ambrose Barlow</i></b> No Mass Today
<b>Saturday 11 September</b> 11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB) <i>A Special Collection for the Catholic</i>
<b>Sunday 12 September</b> <i>Education Service</i> 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)

### Readers For (11/12 September)

<b>SB (5pm)</b>	<b>SJ (9.30am)</b>	<b>SB (11am)</b>
C Molyneux	J Carroll	C Ezeogu