

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

24 October 2021

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time



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Coming back from the brink of despair is a time of great joy in our lives. When someone we love is desperately ill, we are distraught, but when that illness is brought under control and our fears recede, we begin to feel as if life can begin again. Often, it is in times of despair that we question our faith, we fear that God is not listening to our

pleas and we feel abandoned. It is at these times we are closest to God: He is always present in our lives, He does not promise to answer our prayers in the way we want but He is there, with arms outstretched, to hold us and comfort us.

The Israelites were taken into exile in Babylon and their nation ceased to exist. During their time in exile, they prayed that freedom would come again to their people and, eventually, they were released to return to the promised land, and they began to rebuild their nation. God was with them throughout their exile, waiting for them to turn to Him again. The reading from Jeremiah is a song of gladness, the psalm an outpouring of thanksgiving for the Lord who had never forgotten them. This same God is always there for everyone who turns to Him.

The final healing miracle of Mark's Gospel is the curing of the blind man, Bartimaeus. The passage contains the words of Jesus "**What do you want me to do for you?**". Last week these words provoked James and John to ask for places at the side of Jesus in his glory. Today they are met with the simple request "**Master, let me see again**". Prayer is our response to those words of Our Lord. There is a huge difference between the brothers request and that of Bartimaeus, we can ask anything of Jesus, He wants us to approach Him: let us pray that our requests, made from the heart, give us the healing that we need. **David Frank**

Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office Week 2*

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

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Sunday 24 October

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.15pm Baptism (SB)

Special Collection for Missio this weekend

Monday 25 October

7pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 26 October

9.30am Mass (SB)

2pm Christian Meditation (SB)

Wednesday 27 October

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

1pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)

Thursday 28 October - Ss Simon & Jude

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 29 October

No Mass Today

Saturday 30 October

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

1pm Baptism (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

Clocks go back one hour

Sunday 31 October - All Saints Day

(Celebrated today, no Mass for All Saints on Monday 1st November)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

3pm-4pm Holy Hour of Prayer with Adoration and Benediction for the Climate Crisis (SB)

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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), Colin Markland, Joan & Edwin Rankin, Pat Howarth, Philip Anderson
Lately Dead: Eileen Gartland, Tony McGowan, Gerard Caldwell, Geraldine Plumtree
Anniversaries: Sister Mary Doyle, Winfrede O'Connor, Doreen Molyneux

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Ernie Peacock (Birthday Remembrance), Sister Mary Doyle, Tony McGowan, Winfrede O'Connor, The O'Connor family, The Groark family, Doreen Molyneux, A sick person

Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: students & teachers; 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: Let us pray for the parish of St Oscar Romero, Blackburn, its parishioners, together with Father Shaun Braiden, their parish priest, and for their parish primary schools. May they follow the Lord joyfully along the way.

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 [Click here](#) to download the Mass sheet for Sunday 24 October (Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)



Congratulations: To Joseph Paul Benson and Freddie James Lowe who were baptised last weekend. We pray that they and their families continue their journeys of faith.

World Mission Sunday: Today is World Mission Sunday and is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world. It supports missionaries who work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sister Veronica build peace in Nigera and share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: missio.org.uk

Red Mission Boxes: Missio are very grateful for all your contributions. As more people make donations online or electronically, if there are any boxes no longer in use, please return them via the Parish and Missio will recycle. Many Thanks.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 27 October at 1pm. The novel under discussion is an example of the popular "Scandie Noir" genre. *I'm Travelling Alone* by Samuel Bjork. All welcome!

Do you want to know more about becoming Catholic? In the past, we have run a course called "Becoming Catholic". This was aimed at those who might have thought about becoming a Catholic, or for anyone who simply wishes to know more about the Catholic Faith. We will be starting this course up again, in the near future, so if this is something that appeals to you, please contact the Parish Office on 01204 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk

Thanks To All Volunteer Stewards: The Safeguarding team, from the Diocese of Salford, would like to give their thanks to all those who came forward to be volunteer stewards in assisting with the safe operation and continuation of Mass (when allowed) during the pandemic.

**Holy Hour of Prayer
With Adoration & Benediction
3pm-4pm
Sunday 31 October
(All Saints Day)
St Brendan's Church**

Let us join together in prayer for a successful outcome of the COP26 meeting.

November, Month for The Faithful Departed and Holy Souls in Purgatory: The month of November is traditionally dedicated by the Church to offer suffrages for all the faithful departed and holy souls in purgatory. A suffrage is an intercessory prayer on behalf of someone, in this case, of our dear brothers and sisters who have gone before us.

A Mass for Our Dearly Departed

A Mass will be held on Saturday 20 November (11am) at St Brendan’s Church for those, in our parish, who died during the last 18 months and their families. There will be time to light candles for loved ones and coffee and tea will be served afterwards. If you would like to attend this Mass, kindly let the parish know so that we can arrange seating. Thank you.

November Mass for the Pandemic at Salford Cathedral

11am Sunday 7 November 2021

Throughout November Catholic Dioceses across the UK will commemorate and celebrate all those affected by the pandemic. This will take the form of Masses for the Pandemic in Catholic cathedrals around the country. On Sunday 7 November, the Diocese of Salford will remember the dead and draw attention to the Christian attitude towards care, exemplified by the compassion and commitment of our healthcare workers during this unprecedented time. Everyone is welcome to attend this Mass, but we’d like to extend a special invitation to healthcare professionals, those working in care homes and hospices to join us as we give thanks for their service. *(The Mass will also be livestreamed on churchservices.tv)*

A Light in this World: November is the month of remembrance when we celebrate the lives of the faithful departed. More than ever, we may find ourselves thinking about a loved one. This year, why not make a dedication to someone you love, someone you miss or someone who has no-one else to pray for them. Together, we can keep their light shining, whilst making a difference to the lives of those who need it most. Please visit

<https://caritassalford.dedicationpage.org/>

All dedications made by Monday 22 November will be remembered by name during the Caritas Mass of Remembrance on Friday 26 November at 7pm celebrated by Fr Ged Murphy, Vicar for Caritas, at St Anne’s RC Church, Stretford

Discovering Plainchant - A Workshop for Singers: *Saturday 20 November (10.30am - 4pm)* at *St Augustine’s Catholic Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester, M15 6BW*. This is the first of several workshops devoted to the repertoire of Catholic liturgical music organised by the St Philip Neri Singers. You will be introduced to chant repertoire, taught how to read chant notation, and learn to sing pieces, concentrating on music for Eucharistic Adoration and for Our Lady. For more information, please contact the choir director Dr Rosemarie Darby on stphilipnerisingers@yahoo.co.uk or by calling 07798858900.

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Training & Formation Events

‘Camino - Making the Journey’ Resource Launch - for Catechists leading Journey in Faith (RCIA). Wednesday 3 November 2021, 7.30pm - 9pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Lonsdale Road, Bolton, BL1 4PN (and via Zoom) **REGISTER HERE** Or go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/camino-making-the-journey-resource-launch-tickets-188401523027>

Genesis Mission Introduction Session: Cathedral Centre - Saturday 27th November 2021, 10am-1pm **REGISTER HERE** Or go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/genesis-mission-introduction-session-tickets-183519009297>

Fr Eamonn Mulcahy: Synods and the Church under Pope Francis - Wednesday 24 November 2021 **REGISTER HERE**

Bishop John Arnold: Local reality of the Church in Salford - Wednesday 9 February 2022 **REGISTER HERE**

**Diocese of Salford Vacancy
Choral Director**

Appointment type: Full-time, two-year fixed-term contract (35 hours per week. Flexible working will be required including evening and weekend work as required by the role).

Location: Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist (Salford Cathedral), 250 Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE

Salary: £24,000 - £26,000

Closing Date: 12noon, Friday 12 November 2021

**Readers For Next Weekend
(30/31 October)**

SB (5pm)	SJ (9.30am)	SB (11am)
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A Message from CAFOD:

Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. please continue to pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

A Prayer from CAFOD:

Loving God,

We praise your name with all you have created.

*You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.*

*We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
as stewards of your creation.*

*May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26
as they seek to embrace the changes needed
to foster a more sustainable society.*

*Instill in them the courage and gentleness
to implement fairer solutions*

*for the poorest and most vulnerable,
and commit their nations to the care
of Our Common Home.*

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

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