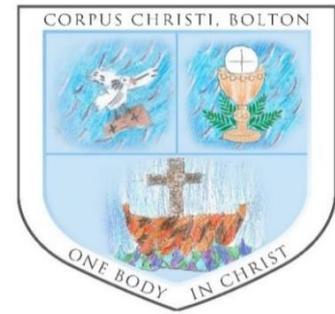


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

13 March 2022

Second Sunday of Lent



If you have very visited a real desert area you will understand the sight that Abram will have experienced when God said to him “Look up to heaven and count the stars”. The black night is alive with light shining like jewels in the heavens and it is impossible to count their numbers. The first time I truly gazed upon the stars of heaven I understood this line of scripture and was amazed when I realised that God, the Creator, and my Father, had made all this.

Paul’s letter to the Philippians also speaks to me of stars but these are the human variety; the stars who shine as role models for those who they touch. In a few weeks’ time; at the Easter Vigil service, we will be welcoming new members of the Church into our community. Standing by them will be their sponsors; men and woman who, by their example and their advice, are chosen to help the new members of the Church in their journey of faith. Last Sunday in our Cathedral a whole host of newcomers were welcomed, by our Bishop, Robert, in the Rite of Election. This ceremony reminds us that the church is still inviting people from all walks of life to “taste and see” what we, as the community of the Catholic Church, have to offer and that those who come along may find a home within the walls of our churches.

There is light shining in our Gospel passage today as, on Mount Tabor, Jesus is transfigured before his chosen apostles. This passage which is repeated in Mark and Matthew marks a watershed in the ministry of Jesus. For the Jewish converts it would have been an important message as it takes the giver of the law, Moses, and the greatest of the Prophets, Elijah, and portrays them walking and talking with Our Lord. For us today this may not be very significant but if we can see it as a point that unites the Old and New Testaments and that transforms the covenant with Abraham into the new covenant with Christ, then we begin to understand the significance of the occasion. Lent is moving slowly to the events of Holy Week and now, with the Old and the New Testaments brought together in Christ, we journey on. *David Frank*

Masses this Week

*Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Week 2*

Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18;
Philippians 3:17 -4:1; Luke 9: 28-36
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Sunday 13 March

9.30am Mass (SJ)
11am Mass (SB)
3pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction (SJ)

Monday 14 March

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 15 March

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 16 March

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)
9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 17 March - St Patrick

No Mass Today at Corpus Christi
9.30am Mass (Holy Infants)
7pm Mass St Teresa (Little Lever)
6pm-7pm Catechesis Confirmation Class (SJ Patmos Room)

Friday 18 March

No Mass Today

Saturday 19 March - St Joseph

11am -11.25am Exposition & Adoration with Confession (SJ)
11.30am Mass (SJ)
4.20pm-4.50pm Confession
5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 20 March

9.30am Mass (SJ)
11am Mass (SB)
12.30pm Baptisms for RCIC Children (SB)
3pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction (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, Frances Skemp, Kathleen Banks, Penelope Booth (poorly infant), Colin Markland, Joan & Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Frank & Pat McDowell, George Denton, Richard Crichton, Josephine Ward

Lately Dead: Peter Riley, Barry Kirby, Margaret Shanley, Kathleen Bowes, Barbara Owen, Margaret Ainscow

Anniversaries: John Carolan, David Greenhalgh, Teresa Wilson, Bernadette Gargan

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Barbara Grimes (Birthday Remembrance), John Carolan, David Greenhalgh, Margaret Ainscow, Ernest Peacock, For successful surgery, Peter Riley, Barry Kirby, Teresa Wilson

During Ordinary Time; we pray for: Candidates for the Sacraments; women; the needy & hungry of the world; penitents & wanderers.

At this present time, we pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine

Hope In The Future: In our Diocese we pray this week for the people of the parish of St Clare, Blackley, for Fr Dariusz and the Franciscan Friars. We pray for their parish primary school, for Our Lady's High School and for the Good Shepherd Sisters. May they know the Lord as their light and their help.

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 best resource for Sunday worship at home is through the **Universalis website** (<https://universalis.com/mass.htm>)



Congratulations: To Archie Thomas Hawkins who was baptised last Sunday. Let us pray that both he and his family continue to grow in faith

Comboni Mission Appeal: Sr Aurora Salgado will be visiting our Parish on 2/3 April to talk about the work of the Comboni Missionary Sisters who are (in particular) working in Africa. Sr Aurora will be staying in St Brendan's Presbytery for two weekends (26/27 March and 2/3 April). If anyone is able to help prepare any meals for her, (during her visit) please let the parish office know. Thank you

Financial Summary for January/February 2022

Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Offertory	6,974
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	5,194
Piety Stalls, Votives & Boxes	318
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	1,010
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	1,160
Room Rental and Other	201
Bank Interest	14
Total Income	15,427
Expenditure	
Church Expenses (both)	3,495
Presbytery Expenses (both)	2,446
Clergy Allowances/Vehicle	1,648
Wages (Estimate for the month)	2,042
Fundraising	75
Diocesan Levy	2,990
Total Expenditure	12,621
Balance of Income/Expenditure	2,806

We are now getting closer to being "back on track" after the COVID restrictions. Thank you for all your generosity. This really does help with the upkeep of our two church buildings and presbyteries as maintenance is always needed. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy (Yr2 and below): Several parishioners have asked if our very popular group will be returning. Fr Alf has been keen to bring this back but we are lacking volunteers. We are only able to re-commence children's Liturgy if we have enough volunteers to lead. If you feel this is something you would like to help with, please contact the Parish Office. Please note, all volunteers will be asked to complete a DBS check.

Racial Justice Sunday: Thank you for your donations to the recent appeal. The amount raised was £225.75.

Coffee Morning: Thank you to all parishioners who came along to our recent Coffee Morning on Wednesday 25th February, it was a great turn out! The amount raised for the SVP was £105. The next one will be held after morning Mass on Wednesday 30 March. All Welcome.

The Destitution Project: We have had a message of thanks from the Destitution Project for all the food items that have been recently delivered. Thank you to everyone who has donated.

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Activities in Lent

Christian Meditation: Beginning at 7.30pm
 15th March - St Brendan's
 22nd March - St John's
 29th March - St Brendan's
 5th April - St John's

Reconciliation: Fr Alf is always available for Reconciliation.

Environment Resources for Lent: The diocese has created a pack with key environmental resources from across the Catholic community, in addition to stories and ideas from our parishes around the diocese. Please visit

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lent-environment-resources-parishes/>

CAFOD Walk against Hunger: Two parishioners are taking part in this Lenten Challenge. Sponsor forms are available at each church. Thank you

200 Club Subscriptions: There are still a few subscriptions due in (£12 per number). You can: Post/deliver to the Parish Office, leave at the front of either church in the basket provided, or Contact Ann Gracie on 01204 302912 /07528027295. All cheques made payable to **Corpus Christi**. Thank You. *Ann*.

March 200 Club Winners:

1st Prize £50 J McLoughlin; 2nd prize £25 J Schuker

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham led by Bishop John Arnold. Saturday 7 May: To book your place on the pilgrimage and coach, please download and return the [Pilgrim Booking Form](#). If you have any questions, please email walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

2022 Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage: Friday 29 July-Thursday 4 August, led by Bishop John Arnold.

[Click here to register your interest as a pilgrim.](#)

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Thought for the Week...

"If God can work through me, he can work through anyone."

St Francis of Assisi

Readers For (26/27 March 2022)

Readers' Rota: The new rota is now available to take from each church. Thank you.

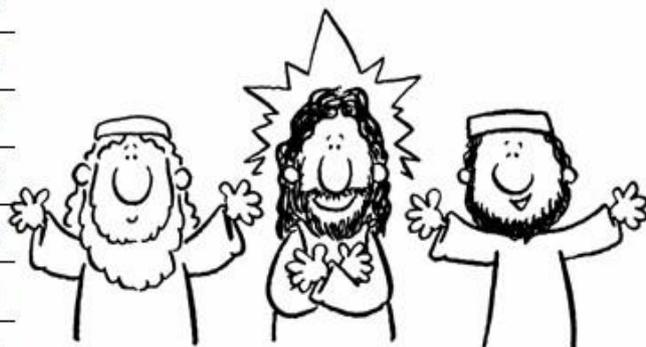
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PRAY	ASPECT	FACE	BRILLIANT
MOSES	ELIJAH	GLORY	LIGHTNING
SLEEP	TENTS	VOICE	LISTEN



The Feast of St Patrick



St Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

In His Footsteps: Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even death.

"The Breastplate," Patrick's poem of faith and trust in God:

"Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

The Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him.

We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the sceptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" ([Matthew 13:55](#)). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified, he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb ([Luke 2:24](#)).

Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. The writers of the Gospels, Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel ([Matthew 1:1-16](#) and [Luke 3:23-38](#)). Indeed, the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. This quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts. By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.