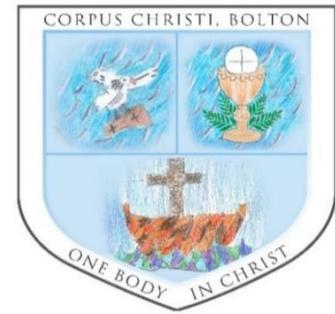


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

8 May 2022

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday**



*The Shepherd cares for his sheep,
they know they belong,
they listen to His voice,
and they follow His way to eternal life,
knowing they are safe,
held closely in the Father's arms.
and no one will steal them away.*

We had a visitor to our church last week, we have had a spate of vandalism and have some broken windows, so a pigeon decided to take advantage of our hospitality and flew in. The man doing the brasses was very surprised when the bird flew past him. I managed to evict the bird the following day, after a chase and, with all the doors of the church wide open, the pigeon realised he was not welcome and flew out into the sunshine. It reminded me of that old story from Bede, about life being like a bird that flies into the master's hall, stays a few minutes then disappears again and no one knows where he comes from or where he goes.

Christ today speaks of His image as that of a Good Shepherd, one who knows his sheep and whose sheep know him. Life is short and there are all manners of dangers that we need to face but, with faith in God's care for each of us, we do not need to worry, His love will protect us if we listen for his voice. The shepherd's task was often dangerous, he lived outside of society and spent many months in the wilderness caring for his sheep. The book of the Apocalypse speaks of the huge number of people who have given their lives for their faith in God; they have found their reward in heaven where they live by springs of living water and where God has wiped away all tears from their eyes.

Paul and Barnabas are "a light for the nations", they have listened to the call from God to go out into the world and spread His word. They do so fearlessly, inspiring the Jews and Converts of Antioch who, like lambs among wolves, have been faithful to Christ and when they are forced to leave the city they leave their disciples, the faithful followers of the Word, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Lord, send Shepherds to lead your people, to fill us with joy and bring us safely to you. Amen. David Frank

Masses this Week

*Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2
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Sunday 8 May - Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood, diaconate & consecrated life

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB) *A Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund*

Monday 9 May

No Mass Today (Due to Funeral on Friday)

Tuesday 10 May

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 11 May

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 12 May

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 13 May

10am Requiem Mass for George Denton (SB)

Saturday 14 May - St Matthias

11am Exposition & Adoration

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB) *A Special Collection for the*

Sunday 15 May *Catholic Communications*

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Network

11am Mass (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, 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, Richard Crichton, Josephine Ward

Lately Dead: George Denton, Margaret Barrett, Mary Bagg, Harry Doloroso Gaela, Patricia Hamilton

Anniversaries: Alan Healey

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: George Denton, Alan Healey, Peter McGowan (Birthday Remembrance), Margaret Barrett

During Easter; we pray for: New members of the Church, vocations, the right use of the media, the Church and human work

At this present time, we pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine *Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil, and do thou prince of the Heavenly Host by the Power of God thrust down to Hell Satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of soul. Amen.*

Hope In The Future: Let us pray for the parish of St Mary, Manchester (the Hidden Gem) and for Mgr Anthony Kay, their parish priest. May the Lord ever lead them to springs of living water.

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 James Francis Conlon, Emerson Paul Cooper, Binky Tess Grady & Daphne Kate Grady who were baptised last weekend. Let us pray that both they and their families continue to grow in faith.

Congratulations: To Ryan Aspinall and Paige McLenaghan who were married at St Brendan's last Saturday. We pray that they have a long and happy life together.

Churches in Harwood
Invite you to a

Jubilee Garden Party

On Sunday 5 June, 3pm - 5pm
At

Christ's Church, Harwood

Tickets (£3 per adult and £1 per child) are on sale after Sunday Masses.

Afternoon Tea will be served and guests are free to bring their own wine and glasses if they wish. There will be games, music, tombola etc. Please come along and join us for this wonderful community event!

Please note, some catering will be required, please let us know if you are willing to help.

Thank You: Could I take this opportunity to thank Terry Smith and his team of helpers and those who kindly volunteered their time and acting talents to put on the Murder Mystery Night last Friday; plus, a big thank you to the generous parishioners who donated raffle prizes and/or bought tickets to support the parish. It was a most enjoyable evening with over £700 raised to assist the parish! Many thanks and God bless, *Fr Alf*

Christian Meditation 7.30pm: The dates for May are as follows:-

Tuesday 10 May at St John's

Thursday 19 May at St Brendan's

Tuesday 24 May at St John's

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022: The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop John Arnold leaving on 29 July and returning on 4 August. Booking via Joe Walsh Tours Ltd. www.joewalstours.co.uk with further enquiries to be forwarded to lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Christian Leadership Formation Programme: The Christian Heritage Centre is delighted to announce that the Christian Leadership Formation programme is running for a second consecutive year and is currently open to applications from students in Lower Sixth. The application deadline is Friday 3 June 2022, although references will still be accepted after that date for applications that have already been submitted. To find out more and apply, please visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/clf/>

Readers For (14/15 May 2022)

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
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