

DIOCESE OF SALFORD

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

31 July 2022

Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time



With these warm nights I find that sleeping is difficult and, when the alarm rings, all I want to do is turn over and go back to sleep. The men and women who wrote the psalms must have suffered from early mornings just as we all do, but today's psalmist includes a prayer "Lord, in the morning, fill us with your love". What a wonderful way to start the day, filled with God's love and ready for whatever life brings!

The reality of daily life is something that we all must cope with. We cannot hide from the stress and strain, but we can approach each day with a positive mindset. This is what I believe is at the core of today's readings. We are, by nature, competitive, we always want to be right, but some of us struggle with daily life, sometimes we struggle to even contemplate getting out of bed. We are so absorbed by the struggle that we fail to see what is really important. The author of Ecclesiasticus calls daily life "All is vanity"; how many times do we worry about things that are not important? Do we fail to see the real meaning of our lives because our eyes are focused on achievement or wealth, when really, we should concentrate on our relationship with God and with others?

Paul calls on us to "put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge". The most important thing in our lives is our relationship with Christ, "he is everything and he is in everything". Only by following Christ can we find our true life and then "you too will be revealed in all your glory with him"

The parable in today's Gospel clearly illustrates the futility of building up a store of goods or riches. We can never know the future, but we do know that the pathway to heaven is created by the good that we do and the love that we share not by the size of our wallets. So let us go forward with faith in God, build on the good works we have done, and fulfil the psalmist's prayer by taking the love the Lord fills us with and sharing it with all His creation. *David Frank*

Masses & Activities this Week

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Sunday 31 July

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 1 August - St Alphonsus Ligouri

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 2 August

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 3 August

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 4 August - St John Vianney

10am Requiem Mass for Rose Hart (SB)

Friday 5 August

No Mass Today

Saturday 6 August

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 7 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

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, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Emily Martin, Pat Margiotta, Frances Skemp, Kathleen Banks, Colin Markland, Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Frank & Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Josephine Ward, Wynn & Michael Latham, Agnes Kirby, Irene Sheridan, Tony Martin, Thomas Baker

Lately Dead: Helen Hodkinson, Margaret Hibbert, Harley Whittle, Joan Rankin, Rose Hart, Paul Mainon, Fr Francis Jennings

Anniversaries: James Coyne, Lynn Patrick
May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Helen Hodkinson, Margaret Hibbert, For a special Intention, Sr Margaret Quayle, Lynn Patrick, James Coyne

During Ordinary Time (Summer); we pray for:
A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and the denial of human rights, Europe, Seafarers, Human Life.

We pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine

Hope In The Future: We pray for the people of the parish of St Antony of Padua, Stretford, and for Fr Gerald Murphy their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and for the Faithful Companions of Jesus. May the Lord be their refuge from one generation to the next.

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. 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>)

A Very Happy Birthday: To Joe Quinn who celebrates his 100th birthday this weekend. We wish him a wonderful day and send him all our very best wishes. Joe was, for many years, the headteacher at St Brendan's School and we keep him in our prayers.

St John's Coffee Morning: Thank you to all who came along on Wednesday. The amount raised was £130 which will be sent to The Caritas Ukraine Appeal.

Churches in Harwood: The next event is on Saturday 20 August (10am-4.30pm) at Harwood Methodist Church. It is themed *The Old Testament in a Nutshell*. A day of quizzes, talks and stories performed by actors and volunteers. Tickets are £14 (children free). (Cheques payable to *Walk Through The Bible*). Everyone is welcome. Invitations will be available at Masses or by contacting the parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation: The programme for Confirmation will begin again in September. This is a benchmark for faith formation and a very important sacrament for Yr 8 (or above) students. Confirmation completes their Catholic Initiation and membership into the Church. To receive this sacrament, they will need to attend the Partnership Confirmation Programme (with Thornleigh Salesian College). If your child is in Yr 8 (or above) and attends another high school (other than Thornleigh) and wishes to celebrate their Confirmation in the next 2022/23 year, you will need to complete the google form to register your child for the programme. Please contact the parish office (as soon as you can) and we will send you the registration form: office@sbsj.org.uk

The **Partnership Confirmation Programme** is on Thursday evenings (the first one on 22 September at Thornleigh and begins at 6pm). Please note, registration closes on **Monday 12 September 2022**. We also know there were some students from the last year 8 who missed out, please do contact us if this is the case. Thank you.

Gap year volunteering with Just Youth, Salford: Are you between 18 to 25 years and wish to support young people in discovering their full potential, developing their talents, and engaging them in their spiritual, moral and holistic growth through school chaplaincy, retreats, community engagements, missions and fun-packed programmes? Please go to www.justyouth.co.uk and apply or write to jymcsp2@gmail.com or manager@justyouth.co.uk. Call 07405661120 for more information

Do you feel called to reach out to people in need in your community? For nearly two centuries the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) has been seeking and finding those in need and responding in love. Today, the SVP in England and Wales represents almost 10,000 members across around 1,000 groups. This autumn, you can take part in a range of free online taster sessions, including: 'community formation', 'support with fuel poverty', 'end of life companionship', 'offender care', 'care for young families', and 'support for refugees and migrants'. To discover more go to: www.svp.org.uk/discover or email your interest to discover@svp.org.uk If you are aware of a need, please contact us at request@svp.org.uk or for anyone in our own parish community, please contact any member of our SVP.

.Readers For (6/7 Aug 2022)		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
J O'Connor	J Carroll	C Bridge