

DIOCESE OF SALFORD

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

7 August 2022

Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time



This week the readings continue to teach us about how we should live out our baptismal calling as children of God. We live lives that are beset by anxiety; we strive continually for wealth and position and, even when successful, we worry about keeping that success and maintaining the lifestyle that goes with it. Can we really find true peace and happiness while we continue to worry about losing all we have worked for? And what is the true value of these riches we have assembled. How much of our wealth can we take with us when we die? Invest your time in things that will last, love, friendship, good works; these are the things that will still be remembered long after we are gone, not wealth and position but how we loved, that is what counts.

Passages from the letter to the Hebrews do not appear often in the Lectionary and when they do they demand close attention. Today's passage is about Faith; it is a message from a world long gone to dust and ashes. The world is gone but the message remains. The story of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac belongs to the very beginning of the journey of God's people but its message, that Faith lives forever, is as real now as it was then. Through faith, that which seemed impossible, becomes possible, people who are ill can recover, the depressed can find new hope, the flickering flame can begin to shine more brightly. Faith can move mountains but only if we believe in God and serve Him and each other.

Jesus calls us to follow Him and not to be afraid; the Kingdom is already ours; it is a free gift from God, we cannot earn it, but we can lose it. We must live in harmony with each other; always striving to create the Kingdom on Earth. We do not know when this earthly life will end; Jesus continually tells the disciples "Get yourself purses that do not wear out", "Stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect". What price can be put on a smile, on a grateful thank you or on a tear-stained shoulder. Serving one another is the way to real wealth; money comes and goes; love lives. *David Frank*

Masses & Activities this Week

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Sunday 7 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 8 August

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 9 August - *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 10 August - *St Lawrence*

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 11 August - *St Clare*

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 12 August

No Mass Today

Saturday 13 August

11am Mass (SB) - for Mr Joe Quinn

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 14 August - *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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: Marie Brindle, Brenda Hadcroft, Robert Guirey, Helen Hodgkinson, Margaret Hibbert, Rose Hart, Baby Izabella

Anniversaries: David Walton

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Ernest Peacock, For a special intention, Brenda Hadcroft, In remembrance of Margaret Gibson, Robert Guirey, Marie Brindle, Rose Hart

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 John Henry Newman, Urmston and Flixton, and for Fr Kieren Mullarkey, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and St Antony's High School, and for the Conventual Franciscans. May they indeed be the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Financial Support: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. Thank you

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

Standing Order: Please contact us if you would like to set up a direct payment. *Thank you*

Prayer Resource

<https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

Mr Joe Quinn: On Saturday 13 August the 11am Mass will be held at St Brendan's. This Mass is for for Joe Quinn to celebrate his 100th Birthday. All welcome.

St Bernadette Relic Tour: The Salford dates are Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 September. We were hoping to arrange a coach, however the timings of the day and the lack of parking has made this difficult. We advise that if you would like to attend, it is encouraged you visit independently. Please see the link below for more information on how to book.

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/saint-bernadette-relic-tour/>. There are alternative dates to visit another diocese if the dates are inconvenient.

Fair Trade Stall: The monthly Fair-Trade Stall will take place after the 9 30am Mass at St John's this Sunday. If you would like us to bring particular items please let Marie or Mary know

Churches in Harwood: *The Old Testament in a Nutshell* - Saturday 20 August (10am-4.30pm) at Harwood Methodist Church. A day of quizzes, talks and stories. 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. To receive this sacrament, your child 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.

Salford Cathedral Children's Choir offers free taster sessions: Budding young singers are being invited to join Salford Cathedral Children's Choir for free taster sessions this August. The sessions are open to girls between 8 and 18 years old and will take place on Friday 12 August (2-5pm) and Sunday 14 August. Singers will have the opportunity to meet existing members of the choir, find out more about singing in one of our choirs, learn and rehearse new music, and sing at 11am Mass at the Cathedral to celebrate The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The taster package comes free of charge and no prior choral experience is required. If your child loves singing, we would love to hear from them! Please email

kathryn.bradley@dioceseofsalford.org.uk in advance of Friday 12 August to confirm your place and receive more information.

.Readers For (13/14 Aug 2022)		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
C Molyneux	S Copley	M Day