

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

2 October 2022

Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time



Each week, when we go to Mass, we recite the Creed, a summary of our faith handed down to us from the early church. What they believed, is what we believe, it is an essential part of who we are, we must keep it alive and active. The faith that came to the early Christians was not written on paper, it existed in human hearts, and so, through many hundreds of years of study, discussion and prayer, the Creed we recite today was composed and accepted by the whole church at the Council of Nicaea in 325 ad.

From time to time the people of Israel were subjected to terrible hardships, mass deportations and violence. Habakkuk writes about the time of the Babylonian exile but in essence his cry for help from God echoes through the centuries even down to today; for there are many people who suffer still for their faith in God. Habakkuk looks for God to intervene against the oppression and injustice which is affecting his people but sees no response from Him. The vision he receives calls on the people to persevere in their faith; God's response seems slow in human terms, but it does come. and the exiles do return to the promised land. We are a people of hope, our faith in God carries us through all the trials that come to us in this life for we know that God always cares for those who keep faith in Him.

The gift of Faith is present in all human hearts but, as Saint Paul tells us today "the gift" "must be fanned into a flame". Paul speaks of the gifts of faith; "power, love and self-control". These are the gifts we need to use to overcome the situations that confront us. We should never be ashamed of our faith, hardships will come, but we can triumph over them because we have the Lord on our side. Faith is "something precious" and it is our duty to pass on this faith to others, especially our children.

A mustard seed is possibly the smallest seed in the world. Jesus tells his companions that the power of faith is so great that even if it were the size of the smallest seed it would move mountains. Next time you are faced with a difficult situation take your small seed of faith in your hands and act through the Holy Spirit which is within you.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2
Divine Office Week 3
Roman Missal; Page 444 Readings: Page 451

Sunday 2 October

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 3 October

10am Requiem Mass for Les Pearl (SB)

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 4 October - St Francis of Assisi

10am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

Wednesday 5 October

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 6 October

5.30pm Confirmation Programme (Thornleigh)

6pm Mass (SB)

Friday 7 October - CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

No Mass Today - *Our Lady of the Rosary*

Saturday 8 October

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm First Mass of 28th Sunday Yr C (SB)

Sunday 9 October (28th Sunday Yr C) -

Prisoners Sunday

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, 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, Thomas Baker, Kathryn Browning, Rachel Edge, Fr Leo Heakin

Lately Dead: Margaret Hogan, Heather Hurst, Janice Green, Les Pearl

Anniversaries: Maisie Rebello, Mary Hurst, Rose Hall, Eve McArdle, Barbara Grimes

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Vincent Rothwell, Magdalen Rothwell, Mary Hurst, Robert Hall, Rose Hall, Deceased members of the Heyes family, Margaret Hogan, Eve McArdle (10th Anniversary), Barbara Grimes, Heather Hurst, Maisie Rebello, Betty Carolan (Birthday Remembrance), Dorothy Tudhope (Birthday Remembrance), David Greenhalgh (Birthday Remembrance)

During Ordinary Time (Autumn); we pray for: Students and teachers, the spread of the Gospel, the harvest, the fruits of human work, the reverent use of creation, justice & peace in the world, all victims of war, young people, prisoners and their families
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 Francis of Assisi, Oldham, for Fr Derek Woodhead, for their parish primary schools, for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph, and for the chaplaincy to the Royal Oldham Hospital. May they live in the spirit of St Francis.

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*

Congratulations: To Rose Faye Newman who was baptised last weekend. We pray that both she and her family continue to grow in faith.

Christian Meditation (7.30pm): The dates for September and October are as follows:

- 4 October (St John's)
- 11 October (St Brendan's)
- 18 October (St Brendan's)
- 25 October (St John's)

Fair Trade Stall: Will be on Sunday 2 October after the 9.30am Mass at St John's. All sales will help producers in the developing world as they try to deal with the continuing effects of climate change which, in turn, has a significant impact on their ability to feed themselves and their families

SVP Coffee Morning: Thank you to all who came to the Coffee Morning on Wednesday. Your generosity came to £200. This is being sent to a Diocesan run project to assist prisoners, who have been released, as they settle back into the community. As next Sunday is Prisoners' Sunday, the Catholic Church encourages everyone to think about how we as individuals, as a Church and as communities are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families often find themselves on the margins of our society, let us pray for them:

Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love, have mercy and walk humbly together with Christ, in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen



CAFOD Family Fast Day (Friday 7 October) is a World Food Crisis Appeal. Millions of families are

facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give what you can by using the envelope attached to this newsletter and return next week. Thank you

Hive Heating System - St Brendan's Church: Heating is remotely controlled by a Hive system & programmed to be on when Masses and regular events are scheduled. If you need the heating on at other times, please use the manual Hive boost controller. please do not boost for more than 2 hours or raise the temperature to more than 21 degrees. Many Thanks

Meeting for Parish Trip to the Holy Land: There will be a meeting for all those who are interested in the trip. This will be held on Wednesday 26 October at 7pm in the Patmos Room at St John's church. To register interest, please contact either the Parish Office or Ann Gracie (07528027295)

Autumn Reflections: The Brixsi Singers will present a concert of music in a range of styles, old and new on Saturday 15 October, St Brendan's Church at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 on the door.



Walmsley Flower Circle Are you interested in flowers? We meet at St John's Church on Thursdays (1.30pm-3.30pm term time) for demonstrations and workshops.

There's tea & coffee and a chat! For more information ring Margaret on 07806777269

Women Saints and Spirituality: Every third Friday of each month, 10am - 12.30pm Wardley Hall, Worsley, Manchester, M28 2ND Join us for a new series of talks exploring the life and spirituality of women in the Church throughout history. The monthly talks help us discover more about these inspirational women, their relevance for us today, and builds in time for prayer and discussion. Our next session takes place on Friday 21 October and has a special focus on St Teresa of Avila. Contact Sister Joan Kerley at joankfmsj@gmail.com or 07934 816 796 to reserve a place. Find out more at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/women-saints-and-spirituality/>

Diocesan Walk for Creation: This Sunday 2 October, the 5.3-mile circular walk will begin at the Laudato Si' Centre at Wardley Hall at 12.30pm. All are welcome to attend and join us at any of our reflection points. Find out more at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocesan-walk-for-creation/>

Day Retreats Series: Tuesday 4 October 2022, 11.30am Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Brownedge Rd, Lostock Hall. The Day Retreats Series from the diocesan formation department continues this October with its latest instalment, Water into Wine. This fascinating retreat explores the story of the Wedding at Cana, encouraging us to look more deeply at the symbolism of empty water jars and new wine. It will run from 11.30am- 3pm, including a 30-minute lunch, and will cost £20. Please call the parish office on 01772 335387 or email office@saintgerards.org to register your interest.

Family is Sacred course: The Department of Formation for the Diocese of Salford is introducing the second course of 'Family is Sacred', where you are invited to join us on a course offered to families interested in enrichment in married and family life. The first session takes place on Wednesday 12th October and can be attended via Zoom or in person at St John Fisher Parish, Manchester Road, Kearsley, Bolton, BL4 8QQ. Find out more by visiting <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/family-is-sacred-course/>

Thought for the Week...

“Faith and love are everything, and nothing is more precious than these.”

St Ignatius of Antioch

Readers For 8/9 Oct 2022

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
J O'Connor	H O'Donnell	C Owen

Readers For 15/16 Oct 2022

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
A Grundy	J O'Connor	T Proctor

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9 October 2022

Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time



Faithfulness, faith and trust. These most invisible and difficult things are what God asks of us - just as we, in our own way, ask them of those who love us. "Trust me", we say, "all will be well." And if someone does trust us, the reward is simply that trust was well-placed. We have done our duty. Sometimes when we talk about "faith" we put the emphasis on "believe and accept". Today's readings (especially the passage from Habakkuk) invite us to think in terms of "trust". The request of the Apostles is interesting: "Increase our faith" could also mean "Make it easier for us," or "Prove that you are who you say you are." Jesus replies that he can't do that - you can't make someone trust you. It has to be a gift, freely given.

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Sunday 9 October 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)
Monday 10 October 6pm Mass (SJ)
Tuesday 11 October 9.30am Mass (Holy Infant's) 7pm Mass (St Osmund's) 7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)
Wednesday 12 October 9.30am Mass (Holy Infant's)
Thursday 13 October 9.30am Mass (Holy Infant's)
Friday 14 October 9.30am Mass (Holy Infant's)
Saturday 15 October - St Teresa of Jesus 5pm First Mass of 29 th Sunday Yr C (SB)
Sunday 16 October (29th Sunday Yr C) 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)
Fr Alf is away on Pilgrimage this week and will keep everyone in his prayers. Please see alternative Mass times in our neighbouring parishes. Please check their websites beforehand in case of any changes. https://www.holyinfant.co.uk https://www.blesseddominicbarberi.org.uk/

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