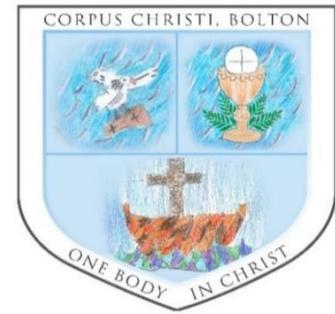


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**5 February 2023**

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the Gospels the language used is very simple, it is the language of the day, and when Jesus talks to us he uses everyday images to capture our attention. This week he speaks of Salt and Light; two images which mean as much to us today as they would to the listeners on the Mount all those years ago. Salt was important to the people who could not preserve food without the use of salt and light, which is essential for life, gave them the daylight by which they could work.

Isaiah urges the people to share what they have with the hungry, the homeless, the naked, and with each other for “then will your light shine like the dawn”. He sees the light that shines from every person as having the potential to create a positive influence on the world. Today we see the church involved in many forms of interaction with the poor. From Food Banks to overseas aid the light from many volunteers and donors is shining brightly but when we look around, we see that even with this level of commitment the need is even greater.

Paul acknowledges that he makes no claim to oratory or philosophy, he is humble enough to realise that he is a vessel that is used to bring faith to those who seek the light. His message is simple, Christ cannot enter our lives through oratory or philosophy, only through the power of the spirit. It is the simple actions of care and compassion that we show our neighbours and strangers that the message of God's love will be spread.

Jesus calls us to be “the salt of the earth”; it is a phrase which seems to have fallen out of use in everyday language. The salt of the earth were the men and women who had the qualities so necessary in daily life, they were the unpaid helpers always ready to give a hand, the people everyone could call upon in time of trouble. This is what Jesus calls us to be, but we must take care that we do not become complacent and lose our taste. The light of the people of God must shine brightly; people are drawn to the church through your example. They do not seek knowledge: they seek the love of Christ that shines through you. *David Frank*

### Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1  
Divine Office Week 1  
Roman Missal: p217*

#### Sunday 5 February

9.30am Mass (SJ)- With Children's Liturgy  
11am Mass (SB)  
12.15pm Baptism (SB)  
1pm Baptism (SB)

#### Monday 6 February - St Paul Miki & Companions

11.45pm Requiem Mass for Connie Walch (SB)  
6pm Mass (SJ)

#### Tuesday 7 February

10am Mass (SB) - with Yr3 Children  
7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

#### Wednesday 8 February

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

#### Thursday 9 February

10am Mass (SB)

#### Friday 10 February - St Scholastica

7pm A Special Mass for Vocations (SB) Followed by refreshments

#### Saturday 11 February

No Morning Mass Today  
5pm Vigil Mass of 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (SB) - With Children's Liturgy  
Fr Alf is eventually getting his Christmas break next week (before Lent). Fr Blackburn and Canon McBride will be celebrating Masses 11/12 February

#### Sunday 12 February - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy  
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, Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Wynn & Michael Latham, Irene Sheridan, Thomas Baker, Kathryn Browning, Rachel Edge, Fr Leo Heakin, Peter Hayler, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Mary Fitzgerald, Helen Fraser, Peter Reilly, Sheila Derbyshire, Helene Draper, Terry Scott  
**Lately Dead:** Mary Mannion, Kathleen Morris, Connie Walch, Maureen Heggie, Jo Ward, Mary Airey, Nicholas Barron, Kathleen Banks, Barbara Belcher  
**Anniversaries:** Barbara Stoppard, Lewis Brown, Cliff Partington

**May They Rest in Peace**

**Mass Intentions:** Mary Mannion, Nicholas Barron, Mary Airey, Jo Ward, Barbara Stoppard, Lewis Brown, Cliff Partington, Kathleen Banks, For support of the family of Kathleen and Arnold Banks, Barbara Belcher, Connie Walch, John & Gladys Hall (In Remembrance)

**During Ordinary Time, we pray for:** Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God, Christian Unity, The sick and those who care for them; Victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it; the Unemployed  
*We continue to pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine*

**Hope In The Future:** Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Michael and St Bernadette, Whitefield, and for Canon Steven Parkinson, their parish priest. We pray for the parish primary schools. May the light of their parish's mission and witness shine before all.

**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*

**Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood**

*'And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'*

A series of monthly Masses for Vocations is returning to help inspire conversation and prayer around priestly vocations. The Masses will take place across the diocese as they move around deaneries each month. This Friday, 10 February, we have the privilege of hosting the Vocations' Mass at 7pm for our local deanery at St Brendan's. Please do come along and support us in prayer. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

**CARITAS Sunday:** Thank you for your generosity for the special collection held last weekend. Your donations came to £790.46. For more information about Caritas (Diocese of Salford) please visit [www.caritassalford.org.uk](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk)

**Racial Justice Sunday, 5 February:** Bishop Paul McAleenan, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, has composed a letter regarding Racial Justice Sunday. You can read this letter, as well as prayers and resources, [here](#). Churches Together in Britain and Ireland are taking this year to remember Stephen Lawrence, who was tragically killed 30 years ago this April. You can find resources at: <https://ctbi.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2023-stephen-lawrence/>

**Salesians of Don Bosco - Thornleigh House  
 Vacancy - House Manager/Bursar**

**Location:** Bolton, BL1  
**Salary range:** £30,508 to £35,416 pa (DOE)  
**Contract Type:** Permanent  
**Position Type:** Full Time 35 hours per week (Monday to Friday)  
**Benefits:** 33 days holiday (incl bank holidays), pension scheme, free car parking, professional development, company sick pay  
 The Salesians of Don Bosco have been resident at Thornleigh House for almost one hundred years. Some of the Salesian priests and brothers work in Thornleigh Salesian College and Holy Infants' parish. The more elderly priests live at our other house, St Joseph's, which is just across the road on Oldhams Lane. Thornleigh House is also the head office for the charity, home to Don Bosco Publications and our UK Social Communications Office. Both of our houses are a place of welcome for Salesians from across the globe.

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a House Manager/Bursar to manage our two community houses (c. 12 residents/guests in each), creating a family homely atmosphere within a busy setting. Ideally you will have experience in business management, administration and line managing a team. You will be efficient, organised and motivated with a warm, person-centered approach. You must be able to work on your own initiative, be honest and trustworthy. More information and application packs are available from:

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**Closing date for receipt of applications:  
 Monday 13 February 2023**

*The Salesians of Don Bosco UK is committed to promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A Basic DBS Disclosure is required for this role.*

**Polite Notice - Cracking the Flags!**  
 Unfortunately, some of the flags on the side of the drive to the car park at St John's have cracked. This could cause trip hazards - please could we avoid driving on the flags. *Thank you.*