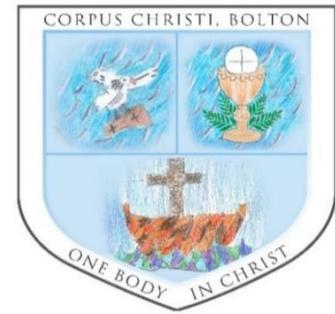


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

28 May 2023

Pentecost Sunday



Long ago, in my childhood and adolescent years, it seemed to me, that the Holy Spirit was seldom mentioned in church. He was a shadowy figure, the Holy Ghost, who only appeared at Pentecost and at the Sacrament of Confirmation. We sang the hymn "Come Holy Ghost, Creator come, from thy bright heavenly throne" but I never seemed to know where to place this part of the Trinity in my child like understanding of my faith. Perhaps this is your view of the Holy Spirit. Is He a shadowy figure on the outer circle of your understanding or is He a bright flame that represents much of what you believe in?

Certainly, in today's readings, He emerges as a giant figure, given to us by Christ, who will guide the church and bring all the peoples of the earth to a new understanding of God's love. In the Book of Acts, we have two images from which we can gain a new vision of the Spirit; He is like a mighty wind blowing through our lives and, a tongue of fire transforming and changing us, giving us the wisdom and courage to spread the Good News through all humankind.

Paul presents an image of the Spirit as the giver of Gifts; he recognises the Spirit is working through him, leading him to go out and speak to the people about the sacrifice of the Cross. He foresees that the Spirit will inspire the people of God to use their individual gifts. Giving them guidance, ability, and courage, so that, through working together, using their gifts, they can bring God's kingdom to our world. He sees the unifying power of the Spirit creating a church in which everyone's talents can be seen and used for the benefit of all.

Finally, in the Gospel, we have a quite different image; the Spirit is the very breath of God, given to each of us, through Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Today, after many years of wondering, my image of the Spirit is that of the white dove of creation, hovering over the water of Baptism, bringing to all living things a unity of purpose that drives us to complete the building of the Kingdom of God here on earth. In our time here, we can only complete a small part of the work of the Spirit, but without that small contribution the world will be the poorer. *David Frank*

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1

Divine Office Week 4

Roman Missal: p 805

Sunday 28 May

9.30am Mass (SJ)- With Children's Liturgy

11am Mass (SB)



Monday 29 May - Mary, Mother of the Church

10am Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 30 May

10am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 31 May - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

1pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)

Thursday 1 June - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

9.30am Mass (Holy Infants)

6.30pm Rosary; 7pm Mass (St Teresa)

Friday 2 June

No Mass Today

Saturday 3 June - St Charles Lwanga & Companions

No Morning Mass this week

5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy

Sunday 4 June - The Most Holy Trinity

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy

11am Mass (SB)

12.30am Baptism (SJ)

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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, Michael Latham, Irene Sheridan, Thomas Baker, Kathryn Browning, Rachel Edge, Fr Leo Heakin, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Mary Fitzgerald, Helen Fraser, Peter Reilly, Helene Draper, Terry Scott, Ken Goodwin, Michael O'Connor, Daniel Cockton, Joyce Strickleton, Christine Gardner, Margaret Doreen Kay
Lately Dead: Fr Bill Byrne, Michael Leggatt, Tom Roache

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: A sick person, Tom Roache, Mary Marshall (Birthday Remembrance), Philip Marshall (Birthday Remembrance)

During Ordinary Time (summer), we pray for: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution; oppression & denial of human rights; Europe; Seafarers; Human life
We continue to pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine

In our Diocese we now pray for the parishes of St. John's Deanery, for its people, and clergy. Let us pray for the people of the parish of St John Paul II, Eccles, with Fr Martin Collins, their parish priest, their primary schools and St Patrick's High School. May the Spirit of God be their guide.

We pray for all our students who are sitting exams. May they be kept from anxiety and stress and grant them peace to do the best they can.

Financial Support: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. Thank you
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Congratulations: To Robyn Bernadette, Evelyn Jill and Abigail Irene Percival who were baptised at St John's Church last weekend. Let us pray that both they and their family continue to grow in faith.

Fr Bill Byrne RIP: The funeral details for Fr Byrne (former Parish priest at St Thomas of Canterbury) are as follows:
 Tuesday 30th May - 7pm Reception into St Thomas of Canterbury, Bolton
 Wednesday 31st May - 10.30am Requiem Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury, Bolton. May he Rest In Peace.

Newsletter: Next week there will be a "double edition" of the Newsletter. Please could any news items or Mass Intentions be handed in by Wednesday 31 May. *Thank you.*

Parish of Corpus Christi
SVP Society Sponsored Walk Sunday 11 June
 The SVP Society is holding a sponsored walk to raise funds to provide support for individuals and families in need at Christmas time.
 If you would be able to help by sponsoring one of our SVP members, that would be great - or you may want to take part yourself. You can pick up a sponsorship form from the back of church or by contacting any SVP member. Alternatively, please speak to Arthur Rawlinson Tel: Bolton 418204. Thank You.
If you prefer to donate via the just giving page, please go to:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/svp-walk-2023>

Online Synod Information Session

Tuesday 6 June 2023, 7-9pm Online (Zoom).
 Bishop John has recently announced the launch of our own Diocesan Synod, inviting us all to prayerfully discern how we can best address the changing needs of our diocesan community. To help us begin this journey, we are holding an online information session to help you find out more about the synod and how you can get involved. There will be a presentation from the Synod Team followed by an opportunity for questions. Attendees can register by emailing formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or by calling 0161 817 2214.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 31 May at 1pm. The novel for discussion is *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. Also, we shall be voting for our next year's selection of books. All welcome.

200 Club: May Winners
 £50 C Molyneux (2)
 £25 C Gracie (154)
 £15 M Warriner (133)

Readers For 3/4 June 2023		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
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Thought for the Week...
 "May we be united to one another, by the power of love which the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts."
Pope Francis