

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

# 10 July 2022 Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time



In today's reading a lawyer asks our Lord "What must I do to inherit eternal life?", and then, following Jesus' answer, asks "and who is my neighbour? This question leads us into that wonderful parable of the Good Samaritan, and we become embroiled in the actions of the various characters in the story. However, the parable, in my opinion, goes much deeper. It speaks to me of the great journey of life and the roads that our journey takes us down, the challenges we meet, the people we encounter and how the love of God and the Spirit guide us on our way.

When we set out on a journey, we usually check that we have, with us, all that we may need. Moses knew a lot about travelling unknown roads. He gives us the only things we truly need to meet every situation, "Obey the voice of God, keep His commandments, and keep His Word which is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart".

In the parable there are four main characters. The man who falls among brigands represents the people who are in need. People who we may encounter on our streets, through our jobs or see on our television screens. We respond to these people in different ways depending on our attitude towards them. If we are true to our faith in Christ, then our reaction must be to try to help them no matter what the circumstances.

The fellow travellers on the road represent different attitudes of society towards those in need. The priest may represent those in authority, those who are called to act responsibly and without prejudice. Their response is so often restricted by rules and regulations. They may see the law is applied in a rigid manner, with no thought of compassion or even basic human concern for others. The Levite may represent those who are blind to another's needs, those who look after their own interests or social group and ignore the needs of others. The Good Samaritan is the one who carries with him the pack described by Moses. He acts towards those in need as he would to a neighbour, he sees the man's needs and turns to help. We cannot know the roads we may travel in this life, the people we may meet, the decisions we may have to take. Only one thing is certain, we will only find our way home, if we have walked with God and acted in His name. David Frank

### Masses & Activities this Week

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Sunday 10 July 9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

A Special Collection for Apostleship of the Sea

Monday 11 July - St Benedict

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 12 July

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 13 July

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 14 July

9.30am Mass (SB)- with School

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

Friday 15 July - St Bonaventure

No Mass Today

Saturday 16 July - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

No Morning Mass

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 17 July 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, Anne Killeen, 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

Lately Dead: Joan Rankin, Monica Coop, Philip Ivory, Peter Muckalt, Kath Morgan

Anniversaries: Josephine Westley, Eileen Dearden, Michael Hayes, Margaret Broadhead

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Josephine Westley, Eileen Dearden, Michael Hayes, Monica Coop, A special Intention, Kath Morgan, Margaret Broadhead (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) In thanksgiving for prayers answered, Christine Hardgrave, Margaret & Joseph Halliwell, Stanley Roberts, Irene Sheridan

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 Joseph and St Edward, Longsight and Rusholme, and for Fr Rob Morland. We pray for the parish primary schools and Xaverian Sixth Form College. We pray also for the Little Sisters of the Poor, the priests of the Opus Dei Prelature, the Xaverian Missionaries and the Society of African Missions and the Portuguese Language Chaplaincy.

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)

Congratulations: To Ollie James Bennett & Joshua Gerrard who were baptised last weekend. Let us pray for both children and their families that they continue to grow in their faith.

Joan Rankin RIP: The Harbour Room Book Club is so very sorry to hear of the death of Joan Rankin (a member for many years). Ill health prevented her attending in recent years but we remember her as a kind person who enjoyed the company. In the early years she hosted meetings and took part in the discussions. We shall remember her for her humour and love of stories. R.I.P. Joan.

**CAFOD:** Have sent a note of thanks for the money sent for the sponsored walk. They have also thanked us for a donation made to their Ukraine appeal.

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all members who have supported the Club throughout the year. We will be starting Season 12 in September and new schedules are available. Our end of year Charity donations are as follows: £40 to St Brendan's Church Fund and £40 to Operation Smile (cleft palate operations). At Christmas, we hope to make a further donation to Urban Outreach. Congratulations to Raffle winners! The new season begins on Wednesday 28 September with a discussion on Educated by Tara Westover (non-fiction) All welcome. Have a lovely Summer and enjoy reading!

Apostleship of the Sea: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break. Today the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church via the special collection, by visiting <a href="https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate">www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate</a> or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Thank you.

#### **SVP News**

Coffee Morning: Thank you to all who came along to our recent coffee morning. The total raised was £165 which will be used to help families in need. The next coffee morning is on Wednesday 27 July after the 9.30am Mass at St John's Church. All Welcome.

Minnie Vinnies: Vinnie Camps have been running for 100 years and take place around the Country organised by Saint Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) volunteers. These camps offer a week of fun and friendship to boys and girls aged 9 to 12yrs who, for various reasons need a break. The SVP in the Salford Diocese are looking to run a Vinnie Camp in the summer of 2023 in Snowdonia. For this to succeed we need to recruit volunteers (over the age of 18yrs) willing to undergo training and work with young people throughout the holiday. Volunteers must be prepared to have a DBS check. This is a wonderful opportunity to give young people an experience that they will remember for many years. If you would like more information, then please contact Anthony O'Reilly by email

AnthonyO@svp.org.uk

Readers Rota: The new Rota will be available in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to become a reader, please let the office now. All new readers will need to complete a DBS check.

Day Retreats from the Diocese of Salford The formation department of the Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce a new programme of regular retreats led by Donna Worthington. The retreats will be hosted at the new centre at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall, from 11.30am-3pm and will cost £20. The first retreat will take place on Saturday 10 September 2022, when attendees will be invited to explore John of the Cross' remarkable Spiritual Canticle. Visit https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retr eat-programme-2022-2023/

for more information on upcoming retreats and how to register your interest.

Universal Synod Responses: 'Thank You' to all who engaged in the process of gathering diocesan responses to help Pope Francis and the Synod of Bishops in reflecting on the Church as Communion, Participation and Mission. Over 1500 individuals took part, and group submissions were received from families, organisations and parishes. The responses from our diocese will join those from the other dioceses in England and Wales, Europe, and the rest of the world. These will be discerned by the Synod of Bishops who will gather in Rome in 2023. You can read the full response and a summary at

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod.

Bernadette Visits Relic of St Salford: A relic of St Bernadette will travel from the Upper Basilica in Lourdes to begin a muchanticipated tour of the UK, visiting every Catholic cathedral in the country. Salford Cathedral will host the relic from the 20-22 September 2022. This is a fantastic opportunity to venerate the remains of this beloved saint, and will be particularly meaningful to those who cannot make it to Lourdes in person. Find out more about the visit at

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/relic-of-stbernadette-visits-salford/. Once we know the timetable, we hope to arrange a parish visit.

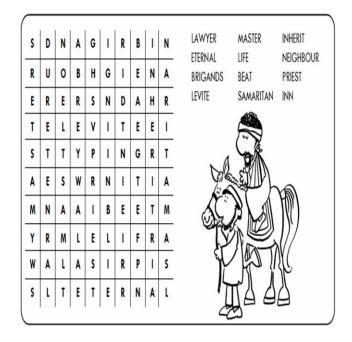
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.Readers For (23/24 July 2022)				
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)		
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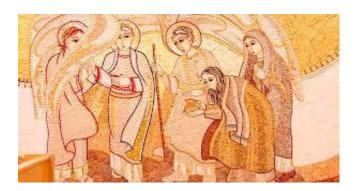
Financial Summary for January-J	lune 2022
Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Offertory	22,520
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	16,796
Piety Stalls, Votives & Boxes	963
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	3,755
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	2,818
Room Rental and Other	1,474
Bank Interest	256
Total Income	48,582
Expenditure	
Church Expenses (both)	11,765
Presbytery Expenses (both)	6,034
Clergy Allowances/Vehicle	4,595
Wages (Estimate for the month)	6,272
Fundraising	420
Diocesan Levy	11,676
Bank Charges	302
Total Expenditure	41,064
Balance of Income/Expenditure	7,518
Thank you for all your generosity or	er the last
6 months. This really does help	with the
upkeep of our two church bui	ldings and

presbyteries as maintenance is always needed. Thank you.

**Churches in Harwood Together:** You are invited to join Rev Ian Smart who is leaving Harwood Methodist Church after 13 years. The celebration is on 24<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm (Harwood Methodist Church) and includes a service and refreshments. We thank him for all his co-operation and kindness over the years. Let us keep him in our prayers and We wish him well!



# 17 July 2022 Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time



Sacred Hospitality is our theme: as the letter to the Hebrews says: "remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this some people have entertained angels without knowing it." True hospitality lies in two things: first the welcome, encouraging the stranger to enter the house and be at home there: secondly, the gift - not just of food or drink, but of time: listening to the stranger, and giving of ourselves to them. This is what makes hospitality costly, but holy, and a true service of Jesus Christ.

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Sunday 17 July 9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

### Monday 18 July

9.30am St Columba's Full School Mass (in School)

## Tuesday 19 July

10am Requiem Mass for Joan Rankin (SB) 7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

#### Wednesday 20 July

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 21 July

9.30am Yr6 Leaver's Mass (SB)

11am Yr6 Leaver's Mass (SJ)

Friday 22 July - St Mary Magdalen

10am Mass (SC) Yr6 Leavers Mass in School

Saturday 23 July - St Bridget of Sweden

No Morning Mass 5pm Mass (SB)

#### Sunday 24 July

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

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