

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

24 July 2022

Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time



Prayer is at the very centre of our lives. We turn to prayer as readily as we take breath, indeed without prayer what would life be?

When the sun rises, my thoughts turn to you,
You are the centre of my life and, to begin each day, I listen for your voice

The streets call to me with their noise of traffic,
of human activity. The radio speaks of the world
and all the triumphs and disasters, all the little
inconveniences, the petty arguments

But you Lord, you speak within.

Not for you this noisy clamour, you speak so
softly that I struggle to hear your words and so I
cast about, all day, looking for you in my world.

Yet you are there, before me, in every incident
of my life, in every meeting and departing, in joy
and in sorrow, and I know it not.

Then I hear Jesus, "**Say this when you pray**" and
I look for space in which to settle down and seek
you again.

Our Lord recognised that we are always seeking
ways in which we can find our loving Father. He
brings light to our understanding of who God is.
We struggle to see the simplicity of God, we see
love in many forms, many ways and we give a
name to these, but we cannot name God. He is
the source of our real needs; daily bread,
forgiveness, a guard against temptation. We look
for so many things but only these are really
necessary. Lord you are the centre of my life.
The love you pour into me, I try to pour out to
my family, my friends, my neighbours, to all
humanity. You are my loving Father, my faithful
Brother, my Spirit and my guide. Lord, reach out
to me so I may hear your voice and, Lord, teach
me to pray.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 1

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Sunday 24 July

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

Monday 25 July - St James

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 26 July - Ss Joachim & Anne

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 27 July

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ) followed by Coffee Morning

Thursday 28 July

9.30am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

Friday 29 July - Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus

No Mass Today

Saturday 30 July

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 31 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, Tony Martin

Lately Dead: Harley Whittle, Joan Rankin, Rose Hart, Paul Mainon, Fr Francis Jennings

Anniversaries: Ellen Day, Peg Crowley, Jeff Howarth, Mary Mathen

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: A sick person, In thanksgiving for prayers answered, Paul Mainon, For a successful operation, Ellen Day, Peg Crowley, Philip Hall (Birthday Remembrance), Jeff Howarth, In memory of Liston & Rothwell families, Mary Mathen, Monica Coop, Joan Rankin, Simon Tonge, Mark O'Brien (Birthday Remembrance), John Andrew Smith (Birthday Remembrance)

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: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Joseph, Reddish, and for Mgr John Daly, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school. May the prayer of Jesus be ever in their hearts and on their lips.

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>)

Summer Holidays: Now that our schools have broken up for summer, let us thank all members of staff for their constant hard work during the last school year. We pray for all our Yr 6 pupils, Yr 11 pupils and our Sixth Form students who are moving on. We ask that they may be given guidance and encouragement as they continue on their journey. If you are travelling on your holiday over the coming weeks, we wish you a safe journey and hope that the sun continues to shine!

A Note From Fr Alf: I hope you are keeping well. Thankfully, it's a little cooler now than the start of week. It was hot!



As the schools are breaking up, may I wish you all a safe and happy summer break.

I was fortunate to have my 8th Anniversary of Ordination on Monday last week. I give thanks to God for all the blessings of the last 8 years. With every blessing, *Fr Alf*

Readers Rota: The new Rota is now available at the back of each church.

Urban Outreach: Bolton Lunches is just around the corner and any help with packing pack the lunch bags would be most welcome. We will be at Unit 1 (former Ninja Park Site), Trinity Retail Park, Springfield, BL2 1HY on Sunday 17 July 2-4pm and Sunday 24 July 2-4pm. No need to book in - just turn up! Thank you all for your support, Urban Outreach.

The Bishops Fund: As the school summer holidays are upon us and the cost-of-living crisis has well and truly taken hold, many families across our diocese will be worrying about how they are going make ends meet over the coming weeks whilst their children are not in school. As such, we would like to remind you that **The Caritas Bishop's Fund** is available to parishes and schools to help individuals and families in crisis. Please access further details and the application form here

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/news/caritas-bishops-fund/>

Help us on our journey to net zero: As part of its ongoing commitment to caring for our common home, the Diocese of Salford is working hard to reduce its carbon emissions. To do this, research is being undertaken to calculate our existing carbon footprint, and we are hoping to find out more about travel around the diocese as part of that. As such, we would be very grateful if parishioners could complete a short survey to help us understand a little more about their own journeys to and from church. Please visit

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/travel-survey/> to find out more and to complete the survey.

200 Club Winners for July

£50 M McStay (179)

£25 C Grundy (91)

£15 J Summerton (27)



.Readers For (30/31 July 2022)		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
L Lamoury	P Barnes	P Brennan