

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

14 August 2022

Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Today's readings speak of Heaven, of everlasting life, of what lies before us when our earthly journey comes to an end. They are full of hope, a vision of awe and majesty, a promise of immortality, and finally a story of two women meeting and celebrating the goodness of God.

The Book of the Apocalypse is the final book in the Old Testament. It is attributed to John, the youngest Apostle, the author of the Gospel written in his name. It is a strange book, difficult to follow, everything is on a grand scale, the language is dramatic yet at times so very human. The image of the woman is familiar to us, we see a representation of Mary the mother of Jesus threatened by a dragon, she is saved from death by God, her child taken up to heaven, while she escapes into the desert. Whatever threatens us in this life, God stands beside us, keeping us from harm, leading us to our heavenly home, all we have to do is follow him and keep His word.

Paul speaks to us of Christ and His resurrection. If we believe that one man, Jesus, was raised from the dead then we can believe that all humanity can also follow Jesus and be brought to life in Christ. This is the source of our hope of eternal life.

In today's Gospel Mary walks through the hill country of Judea to her cousin Elizabeth's house, longing to tell her story of the happenings in her life but also willing to sit and listen to her cousin for she too has her story to share. Two women, both with the experience of the miracle of conception, both called to share their lives forever with the rest of humankind. Mary is young, Elizabeth is old, but both feel the gift of life stirring in their bodies. John, in Elizabeth's womb greets Jesus, in Mary's womb, with a leap of joy. Both women have tales to tell, Elizabeth of the miracle of conception in old age and Mary, in the realisation of the tremendous steps that her life has taken, bursting with a hymn of praise to the God who has lifted her up, filled her with great joy. *David Frank*

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 4

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Sunday 14 August -

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 15 August

No Mass Today

Tuesday 16 August

9.30am Mass (Holy Infants)

7pm Mass (St Osmund's)

Wednesday 17 August

9.30am Mass (Holy Infants)

Thursday 18 August

10am Mass (Holy Infants)

Friday 19 August

9.30am Mass (St Osmund's)

Saturday 20 August - St Bernard

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

12.30pm Baptism (SB)

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 21 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.15pm Baptism (SB)

1pm Baptism (SB)

As Fr Alf is away on retreat during the week, please see the alternative Mass times in our neighbouring parishes.

Please check their websites beforehand in case of any last-minute changes.

<https://www.holyinfant.co.uk/>

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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, 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, Thomas Baker

Lately Dead: Marie Brindle, Brenda Hadcroft
Anniversaries: Andrew Hayes, Denis O’Kane, Denis Coughlan, Robert Whaley

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Andrew Hayes, Margaret Quayle, Denis O’Kane, Patricia Hamilton (80th Birthday Remembrance), Denis Coughlan, Robert Whaley (10th Anniversary)

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 The English Martyrs, Whalley Range, and for Canon Michael Cleary. We pray for St Bede’s College. In celebrating Mary’s Assumption into heaven, may they rejoice, one day, to share her glory.

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*

A Note From Fr Alf: I Hope you are keeping well. As priests we are obliged by Church law to have an annual spiritual retreat. I’ll be on mine this week (Mon- Fri) in Leeds; I will keep you in my prayers. God bless, Fr Alf

Suggested Parish Trip to the Holy Land: After an immensely successful and memorable Parish trip to Austria and Oberammergau, it was suggested that we, as a parish, should organize another pilgrimage. The most popular suggestion was to visit the Holy Land. Proposed dates are either May or October 2023. Our base would be Bethlehem and the itinerary would include visits to the birthplace of both Jesus and John the Baptist, the Mount of Olives and the Chapel of the Ascension (to name but a few). To register interest and/or request the full itinerary, please contact either the Parish Office or Ann Gracie (07528027295)

Bank Holiday Mass at St Mary’s Cemetery, Wardley: Is returning this August for the first time since the pandemic. It will take place at 11am on Monday 29 August. All are welcome to attend.

Volunteers needed for SVP Vinnie Camps: The SVP (Diocese of Salford) are looking for volunteers to help assist with the running of a Vinnie Camp in Snowdonia next year. Camps have been running for 100 years, offering a week of fun, excitement, and friendship to young people aged between 9 and 12 who are, for various reasons, in need of a break. For this to succeed, the SVP are looking for volunteers willing to undergo training to work with young people. Volunteers must be prepared to have a DBS check. If you are able to help or would like more information, then please contact Anthony O’Reilly by email on AnthonyO@svp.org.uk

The National Deacon Assembly: 2-4 September 2022 at Liverpool Hope University. The theme for is ‘50 years and counting. *Permanent Diaconate - past, present, future*’. Find out more and register

<https://www.hope.ac.uk/research/researchcentres/ministryresearchproject/nationaldeaconassembly/>

St Bernadette Relic Tour (Salford): Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 September. We advise that if you would like to attend, it is encouraged you visit independently. Please see the link below for how to book.

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/saint-bernadette-relic-tour/>.

Programme of Sacrament of Confirmation: To receive this sacrament, your child will need to attend the Partnership Confirmation Programme. If your child is in Yr 8 (or above) and attends another high school (other than Thornleigh) you will need to complete the google form to register. The first session is on 22 September at Thornleigh at 6pm. Please note, registration closes on Monday 12 September 2022. If you haven’t already done so, please contact the Parish Office for the form.

Newsletter: Will be published on Wednesday next week. If you have any items to be included, or Mass Intentions please could you let the office know by Tuesday lunchtime. Thank you.

Readers For 20/21 Aug 2022)		
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