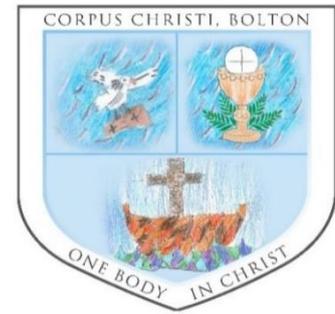


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St John, the Evangelist, Bromley Cross, St Columba's, Tonge Moor
and St Brendan's, Harwood

6 November 2022

Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time



The first reading this Sunday reminds us that there are always times of difficulty in our lives but that our hope is in the Lord. The passage from Maccabees is a terrible illustration of the persecution of those who believe in God. Today, Christians and Moslems, in the Middle East, are often attacked because of their faith; indeed, there is a suggestion that more people have died for their faith in the last hundred years than at any other period of history. The example of the seven brothers is an inspiration to those who suffer for their beliefs.

The passage from Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians begins with a prayer; this is a common feature of Paul's writing and shows us that there existed a very close bond between Paul and the churches he established on his journeys. It also reminds us of a very important pastoral practice; there is a great tradition in our church of prayer cards; by using these cards during a pastoral visit or when celebrating an important occasion, we can retain a memory of the prayer we have shared, and others may find in the prayer card a message that resounds in their hearts.

Paul, and his fellow Christians, faced the same level of persecution as the brothers in the passage from Maccabees and he urges us to put our hope in the Lord for "*the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength*". He calls on us to pray for a conversion of faith among our neighbours and that those who spread the faith may be "*preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people.*"

The Gospel reading from Luke has often been the cause of much distress over the years, especially for those who have entered into second marriages and to whom the question raised by the Sadducees has real relevance to the love shared in those marriages. Jesus can see the malevolence of those who raise this question, it is essentially a trap they want him to fall into. We will never know in this life what awaits us in heaven. Jesus reassures us that the love we share is eternal and that love will be fulfilled in us as children of God when we reach our heavenly home. *David Frank*

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 4

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Sunday 6 November

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 7 November

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 8 November

10am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

Wednesday 9 November - *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 10 November - *St Leo the Great*

10am Mass (SB)

10.50am Armistice Day Service - Victoria Square, Bolton

Friday 11 November - *St Martin of Tours*

No Mass Today

Saturday 12 November - *St Josaphat*

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm First Mass of 33rd Sunday Yr C (SB) - with Children's Liturgy

Sunday 13 November (33rd Sunday Yr C)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

11am Remembrance Services
at Dunsar War Memorial and
Bolton Town Hall Square

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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, Kathleen Banks, Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Frank & Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Josephine Ward, Wynn & Michael Latham, Agnes Kirby, Irene Sheridan, Thomas Baker, Kathryn Browning, Rachel Edge, Fr Leo Heakin, Peter Hayler, Frank Vickers

Lately Dead: Vinny Roohan, Thomas Armstrong, Norah Peyton, Shirley Douglas

Anniversaries: Dorothy Hodget, Philip Hall
May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Dorothy Hodget, Ernest Peacock (Birthday Remembrance), Deceased members of the Carter and Mathen families, Deceased relatives and friends of the Owen family, Philip Hall (10th Anniversary), Margaret Quayle

During Ordinary Time (Autumn); we pray for: Students and teachers, the spread of the Gospel, the harvest, the fruits of human work, the reverent use of creation, justice & peace in the world, all victims of war, young people, prisoners and their families
We pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine

Hope In The Future: This week we pray for the people of the parishes of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the Guardian Angels, Bury, and St Hilda's, Tottington, with Father Paul Cannon, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools. May they be filled with the sight of the Lord's 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*

Congratulations: To Conor Joseph O'Rourke who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family continue to grow in faith.

Churches In Harwood (Christmas Dinner on Jesus): This year Urban Outreach are asking us to collect savoury crackers. If you are able to help with this appeal, we need to collect 200 packets of the 200g-300g size. We aim to have all donations in by the last Sunday of November. Thank you for your continued support

Fair Trade Stall: Goods will be on sale after Mass at St John's this Sunday. There will be chocolate advent calendars on sale with the Christian Christmas story and a small section of Christmas gifts

November - Holy Souls



We have envelopes (with a card) and you are invited to place the names of your deceased relatives and friends and all for whom you wish to pray during the month of the Holy Souls (no donation required). Please return the envelope to either church or post through the presbytery

letterboxes. If you are unable to make it to church at this time, you may email your names to office@sbsj.org.uk All envelopes received will be placed on the sanctuary in the baskets marked Holy Souls. We will pray for the Faithful Departed at all the Holy Masses but particularly on the Feast of All Souls and Mass for the deceased on the 19th November. *May they rest in peace.*

Remembrance Events In Bolton

Thursday 10 November

Annual Remembrance Concert, 7pm at Albert Halls. Tickets £7.50 available from The Octagon Box Office 01204 520661 or www.octagonbolton.co.uk

Friday 11 November

Armistice Day Service, 10.50am in Victoria Square.

Sunday 13 November

Annual Remembrance Service, 10.40am, Victoria Square

A Mass for Our Dearly Departed

A Mass will be held on Saturday 19 November, 11am at St Brendan's Church for those, in our parish, who died during the last 12 months and their families. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Laudato Si' Centre launches #hearthe-cry campaign ahead of COP27: As we welcome the start of COP27, our very own Laudato Si' Centre is leading a digital campaign to enable schools and families to send a powerful message to world leaders about caring for our common home. Find out more about how to get involved at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/hear-the-cry/>

SVP Coffee Morning: Thank you to all who joined us at the coffee morning on Wednesday. The total raised was £123.05 which will be sent to help local families this Christmas.

SVP News

Save the Date

Friday 2 December, 7.30pm

At St Brendan's Church

The Eden Singers will perform
a Christmas Cantata
The Light of the World

This special evening will be in support of
families (in need) around our parish.

Tickets £5

Please see the notices in our churches.

Christmas Flower Demonstration: We will be holding our very popular flower demonstration on Saturday 3 December at St Brendan's Church (1pm-3pm). Tickets (in aid of Church Funds) are now on sale after weekend Masses at £5 per person. You can also pay on the door.

Women Saints and Spirituality: *Friday 18 November, 10am - 12.30pm, Wardley Hall, Worsley, Manchester, M28 2ND.* Join us for a new series of talks exploring the life and spirituality of women in the Church throughout history. Our next session takes place on Friday 18 November and has a special focus on St Thérèse of Lisieux. Contact Sister Joan Kerley at joankfmsj@gmail.com or 07934 816 796 to reserve a place. Find out more at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/women-saints-and-spirituality/>

Retreat: Advent Mystery

Our formation department is delighted to announce a new programme of regular retreats to help nurture our spiritual lives.

The retreat, on Thursday 8 December, is focussed on the season of Advent and will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Brownedge Rd, Lostock Hall.

This session turns our attention towards Mary as we follow her journey to becoming the mother of Christ. The retreat will be led by [Donna Worthington](#)

It will run from 11.30am to 3pm (including a 30-minute lunch) and will cost £20.

To register an initial interest for the retreat (or any others in our series) please call the parish office on 01772 335387 or email office@saintgerards.org.uk. Please include your name, contact details, and the retreat(s) you are interested in attending

Young Adults Mass: *Sunday 13 November, 5.30pm: St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Street, Manchester.* Our next Young Adults Mass will take place on Sunday 13 November at St Augustine's, in Manchester. This month, we are delighted to welcome Bishop John Arnold as our main celebrant. Bishop John will also be staying after Mass for a Q&A session at our social Mass will begin at 5.30pm and will be followed by a social. As always, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available between 4.45pm and 5.15pm before Mass. All are very welcome to attend.

Newsletter: Next weekend, the newsletter will be a double edition. If you have any items or Mass Intentions that you would like to have included for the weekend of 12/13 and 19/20 November, please could they be handed in by next Wednesday (9 November). Thank you.

Peter Hapgood-Strickland: Will be ordained a deacon by Bishop Arnold at St Teresa, Little Lever on Saturday 19 November and ordained into the priesthood in February 2023. Let us pray for Peter as he takes up his own vocation, and let us continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Thought for the Week

"In your work or troubles, never forget that we have a great reward stored up for us in heaven. God does not forget our good works."

Readers Rota: The new rota will be available in the next couple of weeks. If you would be interested in becoming a reader at Saturday Vigil or Sunday Masses, please contact the Office.

Readers For 12/13 November 2022

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
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