

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

23 September 2018

Twenty-Fifth Week of Ordinary Time



The tone of the Gospel begins to grow darker: Jesus is now on his way to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested and killed. Despite this, both this week and next week, there is a lighter contrast in the children that Jesus welcomes and blesses. Perhaps this tells us

something about Jesus and his mission: despite the gathering clouds, (and possibly even because of that) he is still the manifestation of God's love for all his children, a love that will be most clearly displayed when he faces that death for our sake. There is one quite chilling phrase which links these together, in the first reading, where the plotters against the good man say "Let us test him with cruelty and torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his." The cold calculation of this is not far removed from the plotting of those who saw in Jesus a threat to their positions - with all his purity of worship and faith, with all his "reproaches for our breaches of the law". There is indeed a storm gathering. But the last line of the first reading, though meant mockingly, will come true: "God will look after him - we have his word for it." And three days after his death he will rise again.

Marriage Matters

Selfish ambition versus intimacy: The readings illustrate the struggle between peacemakers and those driven by jealousy and selfish ambition - is that us? Together, we can regulate what we do as a couple, knowing each other so intimately. Our consciences can be reinforced by the extent we are prepared to be open and honest with each other. What do we choose?

Think Vocation

We all like to be helpful and to be needed by other people. Like James and John we sometimes have a tendency to want to be noticed for the things that we do. Our Lord calls us to a life of service and humility. Whenever any credit is being dished out for something good that we have done let us try to deflect that praise away from ourselves and back to the Lord.

<p><i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i></p> <p>Sunday Missal: Page 423; Readings page 426 Preface: At priest's choice</p>
<p>Sunday 23 September - Harvest Sunday 9am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) with Nuptial Blessing of James & Hannah Proctor</p>
<p>Monday 24 September - Our Lady of Walsingham 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p>
<p>Tuesday 25 September 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p>
<p>Wednesday 26 September 9.30am School Mass (SJ) - Welcome Back 1pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB) 7pm Finance Meeting (Patmos Room)</p>
<p>Thursday 27 September - St Vincent de Paul 9.15am Mass (SB) 7pm PET Meeting (Patmos Room)</p>
<p>Friday 28 September 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>
<p>Saturday 29 September - Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels 2pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB)</p>
<p>Sunday 30 September 9am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SJ)</p>

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Prayers Please

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder. Fr John Ashton (SB)

Lately Dead: Edith Brooks, Irene Maguire, Betty Broadrick, Eileen Fallows, Glen Carr, Rita Page, Pat Penny, Frank Bettison

Anniversaries: Catherine Madden

Mass Intentions: A sick Person, for someone in hospital, Catherine Madden

Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families

Hope in the Future

Let us pray for the people of the parishes of St Ann and St Hugh of Lincoln, Stretford, with Fr Murphy. We pray for the Faithful Companions of Jesus, for the parish primary schools and for St Anthony's College.

May we strive to live according to the wisdom that comes from above.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

16/17 September:

5pm-110; 9am-203; 11am -142

Total - 455

Offertory Collection

16/17 September £1,492.92

Standing Orders (14-20 September) - £302

Cheques: Whilst we are awaiting our new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to St John's. Thank you.

Parish Concert: The parish fundraising event, held at Dunscair Conservative Club last Friday evening, was a great success. Everybody had a really enjoyable night with the Eden Singers. The total raised for our parish funds was £820! Thank you to everyone who supported us and helped on the night.

Finance Committee: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 September at 7pm in the Patmos Room (SJ)

The Harbour Room Book Club: Resumes on Wednesday 26 September at 1pm. The book for discussion is *The Liberation* by Kate Furnival. All are welcome.

Christian Meditation: The dates for the remainder of September and October are Tuesdays (2pm): 25 September, 2 October and 23 October. Thursdays (7.15pm): 11 October, 25 October. We meet in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's and all are welcome.

A Thank you Message:

Hi Everyone

On behalf of us all who went to Tanzania, we would firstly just like to say a massive "Thank You" for all of your kind donations. We have had the most amazing, life changing experience. I honestly can't thank you all enough.

We would love to come back and share some stories, memories and pictures our experience with you, just to show you what a difference your donations made.

Sam, Rhianna & myself will be coming back, it's just a matter of arranging a time and date to suit, especially as the three of us are now studying at different universities.

Thanks again everyone and see you very soon. *Lucy*

SVP News

Afternoon Tea and Benediction for the Elderly & Housebound: Will be held at St John's on Sunday afternoon (7 October at 2pm). Transport will be provided for those who need it. There is a list at the back of each church for those wishing to go and for those who can offer transport.

Morning Coffee Events: The first one will be at 10am after the Friday Mass on 2 November and 7 December and every first Friday of the month thereafter. Please come along and join us.

The Destitution Project: The collection of food items and clothing for our parishes continues during September. Below is a list of items that are desperately needed:

Tins of: - Tuna, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, pilchards, red kidney beans, chick peas, sweet corn, spinach, fruit (a real treat), corned beef or any other meat product. Cartons of concentrated apple or orange juice, vegetable oil (1ltr), long life whole milk, tea bags, coffee, sugar, small tins of sardines, long grain rice, jam, toilet rolls & tissues.

Thank You for All Your Continued Support

Our Lady of Walsingham Tour to Salford Cathedral: The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will visit every English Catholic Diocese & Cathedral between 2018 - 2020 as we prepare for the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary. We are delighted that the statue will come to Salford Cathedral on the weekend of 18th- 20th October. A Full timetable of the events can be found with the poster at the back of each church.

Sacramental Programme 2018/2019: The first meeting for parents and the presentation of the children from all three schools, involved in the Sacramental Programme this year, will take place at 6pm on Wednesday 6 November in St Brendan's Church. If you have a child in Yr3 who does not attend one of our schools, or an older child who did not take part in the programme previously, and you would like them to take part in this year's programme, please have a word with Fr David.

A Celebration of St Oscar Romero: Please join us to celebrate the canonisation of Oscar Romero on Tuesday 23 October 2018. Mass will be held at 12.10pm with Bishop John Arnold in the Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE. Refreshments after Mass followed by short talk at 1.30pm on Romero's Legacy with Steve Atherton, Liverpool Archdiocese Justice and Peace Worker. To book your place, phone or email CAFOD/Caritas Salford.

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Caritas Vacancy

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Due to expansion of the team, we require a Social Worker to provide a high-quality social work service in schools across the Diocese of Salford.

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and return completed applications to
recruitment@caritassalford.org.uk
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Called to Work Workshop: A weekend to help Catholics connect their faith with their working lives.

How do your ideals relate to your work?

How does your faith affect your work?

Want to change what you do?

Or how you do it?

Or just looking for inspiration?

The Workshop takes place at Boarbank Hall, Cumbria on the weekend of 5-8 or 5-7 October 2018.

For the cost and more information please visit:

<http://www.boarbankhall.org.uk>

To book, email margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

Becoming Catholic You may, or may not be aware that at the parish of Corpus Christi (St John's Church) we have previously run a programme for any adult who has an interest in becoming Catholic or simply wants to know more about the Catholic Faith. This year we are looking to begin a new programme in October/November (date to be confirmed) which will run until Easter. If you would like more information and think this is something that you would be interested in, please contact our parish office at office@sbsj.org.uk (01204 301927) or alternatively, please see Fr David after Mass.

Hospital Chaplaincy: My name is Father Ged Kelly and I am the new parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gregory's in Farnworth. I am delighted to be serving in the parish and have also taken up responsibility for Catholic chaplaincy provision in the Royal Bolton Hospital. Please do inform me of anybody in the hospital who would like to be visited by the priest chaplain.

With hospitals now reducing the length of stay for patients to an absolute minimum, and with the restructuring of parishes and the provision of Sunday Masses, I have had to think carefully about the wisdom of reinstating Sunday afternoon Mass in the hospital. On the advice of my predecessor in the role, Fr David Egan, and with the encouragement of the deanery priests, it would seem that the provision of Mass within the hospital does not meet a current need. On this basis the Sunday afternoon Mass at Bolton Royal Hospital will no longer be provided, but, of course, Holy Communion will be provided especially on Sundays.

Marian Procession: Meeting at St Edward's, 13 Thurloe Street, Manchester, M14 5SG Saturday 6 October at 10.30am. Everyone is invited to this celebration of our faith!

Joy: The Surprise of the Gospel
 Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford,
 M3 6LE.

Saturday 6 October 2018

The theme of Joy has been chosen to reflect the appealing message of Pope Francis in The Joy of the Gospel. The day is designed to offer a taste of scripture to a wide range of people across the North of England. There is a £5 registration fee. To book go to:

<http://www.scripturefestival.org/>

or to get a booking form send a stamped address envelope to: Scripturefest, 1537 Ashton Old Road, Manchester, M11 1GR

Poetry Competition: To accompany the Northern Scripture Festival (on the 6 October), members of every parish in the North-West, who are over 16, are invited to submit a poem of no more than 20 lines on the theme of "Joy: the surprise of the Gospel." The poem can be in any style, must be in English, must not have been published previously and can't be a translation of another author's work. Entry forms and more details are on our website - www.scripturefestival.org

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 28/29 September		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	M Maybury	TBA
9am (SJ)	P French	P McArdle, A Rawlinson, M Speed, E Rothwell, T Armstrong, A Grundy
11am (SB)	M Durkan	C Owen, P Brennan, M Durkan

A Day of Special Prayer for the Harvest
*Almighty Lord God,
 You keep on giving abundance to men in the
 dew of heaven, and food out of the richness
 of the soil.*

*We give thanks to Your most gracious
 majesty for the fruits of the field which we
 have gathered.*

*We beg of You, in Your mercy, to bless our
 harvest, which we have received from Your
 generosity. Preserve it, and keep it from all
 harm.*

*Grant, too, that all those whose desires You
 have filled with these good things may be
 happy in Your protection. May they praise
 Your mercies forever, and make use of
 the good things that do not last in such a
 way that they may not lose those goods that
 are everlasting.*


Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Come and Join Us!

Tea and Coffee are always served after the Sunday Masses 9am (St John's) and 11am (St Brendan's). Come and have a catch up with old friends and new!

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