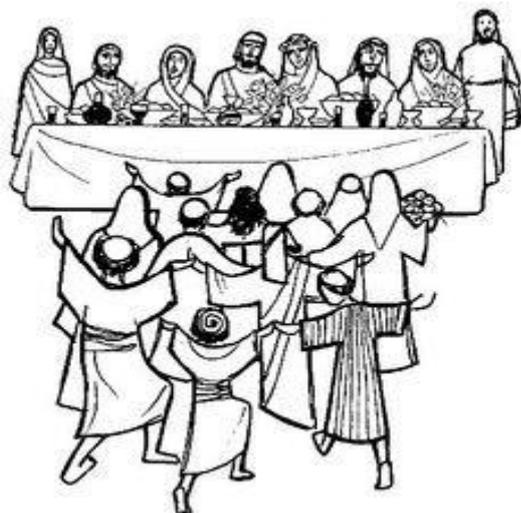
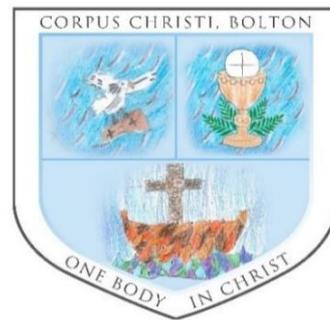


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

11 October 2020

Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time



The Church's year is drawing to a close: in a few weeks we will be thinking very clearly about the end of time - but here we have a preview. The parable of the banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the looking forward to the end times which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are baptised, we go to Church, we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith is that the Bridegroom will come again; let us be careful that the same parable is not addressed to us.

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Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 4

Isaiah 25:6-10

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday Mass Times: 9.30am at St John's and 11am at St Brendan's. Each church is limited to attendance of 43 people (St Brendan's) and 50 (St John's) this doesn't include "bubbles". If you wish to attend please let the office know by email: office@sbsj.org.uk, or by phoning 301927, so that we can make a note of numbers. *Thank you*

Sunday 11 October - Prisoners Sunday

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

A Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Families

Monday 12 October

7pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 13 October

10.30am Mass (SB) *[Please note change of time for this week only]*

Wednesday 14 October -

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 15 October - St Teresa of Jesus

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 16 October

No Mass Today

Saturday 17 October - St Ignatius of Antioch

11am Exposition and Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

Sunday 18 October - World Mission Day

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

World Day of Prayer for the Spread of the Gospel



We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends: Bernard Holder, Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Anne Hurst, Margaret Padfield, Anne Killeen, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Emily Martin, Madeleine Evans, Barbara Pearl, Howard McArdle, Terence Gillett

Lately Dead: Mary Banks, Lisa King, Sylvia King, May Horgan

Anniversaries: William Westley, Curt Vosper
May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: William Westley, Curt Vosper, For someone involved in an accident

We continue to pray for victims of the Covid-19 virus, and for all those who are still working tirelessly to keep us safe.

Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: Students & Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation, Justice & 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 parish of St Edward, Lees, for Mgr John Marsland, their parish priest, and Fr Callum Brown and for their parish primary school.

Offertory Envelopes

We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. Currently, there are still a few offertory envelopes to be collected. If you would like these to be delivered to you, please do let us know and we can arrange this. Donations can be made by posting through the presbytery letter box, by post or alternatively donations can be made through Salford Diocese website, or alternatively by setting up a bank standing order. Again, many thanks for your continued generosity.

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you.

Prayer Resource - Lord's Day at Home

For those still at home, and not able to attend Mass, the Liturgy Office has prepared a service called "*The Lord's Day at Home*", based on the Sunday Scriptures, that you can pray on your own or with your family. It is particularly aimed at those not able to follow a Mass on the internet. This week's Lord's Day at Home prayer sheet [can be found by clicking here.](#)



Survive, Rebuild and Heal

Our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease, let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the envelopes (at the back of each church). You can also give easily via text: **Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.** [Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODINFO to 70085. For more information please see our [privacy policy: cafod.co.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](https://cafod.co.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice)]

There are many resources available online through the CAFOD website, <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day> In particular there is a link to *Prayer and Reflection* with Bishop John Arnold this Sunday, at 7pm. He will talk about Pope Francis' Catechesis *Healing the World* as well as the new encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*.



Hope in the Future Stage 3 Celebration Booklet

Instead of the printed booklets for Stages 1 and 2, the Stage 3 celebration booklet is electronic. It showcases good practice from parishes and deaneries who have responded creatively to 'living the Sunday Eucharist' in these challenging times. It also celebrates all the Formation & Training sessions over the past year, an update on Caritas, The God who Speaks and Home, School, Parish partnership, with links to further resources. Please click the link below to take a look.

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Stage-3-Celebration-Booklet.pdf>
ansley@caritassalford.org.uk



Virtual Marian Procession:

This Sunday from 10am. The virtual procession will be livestreamed via Facebook and Youtube.

[Further Details can be found on the attached poster by clicking here.](#)

Prisoners Sunday Everything Touches

This Prisons Week as we pray for all those connected with the criminal justice system in any way, including all prison staff and families of prisoners as well as prisoners themselves, let us not talk of social distancing but rather of physical distancing. Let us pray for social connection and restored relationship and an openness to the generous love of God who longs to draw close to every individual person, treasured and known by name.

We pray that amid both places of brokenness and beauty there might be a discovery of inner freedom and peace which is rooted in the love, hope and peace of God revealed in Jesus Christ and present through the power of the Holy Spirit, never locked down.

Diploma in Pastoral Ministry and Leadership

Once again, this year the Diocese, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Liverpool and Wrexham Diocese, are offering a Diploma in Pastoral Ministry and Leadership. The Diploma is a combination of Online Learning and a series of leadership workshops, leading to a Loyola University Chicago Certificate and a series of Liverpool Hope CPD Awards. The course starts in January 2021 and ends in December 2023. The full Diploma costs £2500, which is payable over three instalments. An increasing number of parishes are willing to part-fund students towards the Diploma. More information can be found on the website below. Here you will find testimonies from past students, information booklets on the modules, application forms and an online form to book on one of the Zoom information Webinars

www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/diploma

The Zoom information Webinars are at the following dates and times:

- Tuesday 27 October: 10.30am - 12noon
- Thursday 29 October: 7pm - 8.30pm
- Wednesday 4 November: 7pm - 8.30pm
- Saturday 7 November: 2pm - 3.30pm
- Tuesday 17 November: 7pm - 8.30pm

Please do not hesitate to contact Fr Paul Daly paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or John Griffin john.griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for further information.

Caritas Harvest Appeal



Caritas (Diocese of Salford) front line services have remained open throughout the pandemic, albeit with a slightly adapted

offering in order to maintain distance and keep everyone safe. Every week, across our services over 500 take away meals are being served, plus over 300 food and essential item parcels are given out. We will continue to offer these food and welfare packs to those who are most in need, however, we do need your ongoing support please to keep our pantry stocked up.

[Here is a wish list poster of items required across all of our services.](#)

We recognise that, for many people, it is not as easy to go shopping or for groups to meet who would normally collect and deliver food donations for our services, especially at harvest time. That is why we are offering, along with the wish list, the option of donating the amount of money that you would usually spend to buy that item/s on the list.

Donations can be made online via our website www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate/ or by sending a cheque to Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford M3 6DP. Cheques can be made payable to Caritas Salford or to the name of the specific service you would like to support.

We have also set up a Text Giving Campaign. You can text the word **HARVEST** followed by the amount you want to donate to 70480, for example HARVEST 3 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message. Thank you for your continued support enabling us to put Caritas in action

Online Laudato Si Weekend Retreat - Your Parish and Your Planet (16 - 19 October):

To attend, please email Sr Margaret Atkins on margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk.

The God who Speaks - Online Talks

Wednesday 28 October: *The God who speaks to us today: Contemporary Challenges through a Biblical Lens*, by Father Joe Evans.

Wednesday 25 November: *The God who speaks in the Gospel of John*, by Fr Michael Winstanley, SDB, Salesian priest and Scripture Scholar, based at the Salesian community in Bolton. Each evening begins at 7pm. To book a place please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk indicating which evening (or all four) you wish to participate in.

SVP Sponsored Walk: The annual sponsored walk takes place this Sunday to raise vital funds for the SVP to support families in our parish at Christmas time. Members of the SVP (and Fr Alf) will be taking part in this beautiful walk. If you have any further queries, please contact any member of the SVP: Julie Burton (304732), Arthur Rawlinson (418204), Mary Cropper (596439), or Peter Barnes (301263). This year, a *just giving* Crowdfunding page has been created for sponsorship. This can be found by visiting:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/svp-walk-2020>

We are still some way off our target, so if you are able to contribute, we would be so grateful. As well as making use of *just giving*, you may of course prefer to contact one of the SVP members direct to sponsor them. Thank you!

Destitution Project: The Destitution Project, here in Bolton, are always in desperate need of food items. If you are able to donate, the usual items are: Tins of fish, tomatoes, chick peas, red kidney beans, sweet corn, corned beef, fruit. Also, Cartons of apple or orange juice, Rice, Long-life milk, tea bags, coffee and vegetable oil. Items can be left at each church, and members of the SVP will take them to the centre. Thank you, as always, for all your help and support

Diocese of Salford

Vacancy - Bookshop Manager

Appointment Type: Full-time, permanent
Working hours: 35 hours per week, usually 8.30am-4.30pm. However, some flexible working will be required including regular Saturday working on rotation.

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Salary, pension and benefits: £22,000-£25,000 per annum depending upon skills and experience, 25 holidays plus bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days, employer's pension scheme.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated team leader who will establish and maintain effective relationships with a wide and diverse range of internal and external customers. The successful individual will maintain a good working knowledge of the Society's bookshop stock and product lines to fully inform and advise customers. The post-holder will be able to contribute and deploy new ideas and programmes to develop the work of the Bookshop and Catholic Truth Society. They will possess proven commercial judgment and be committed to building and developing a host of customer bases and work creatively and determinedly to maximise sales opportunities and provide excellent customer service.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on **Friday 16 October 2020**

Find out more and download an application pack on our website:

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

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A Thought for the Week...



“Let us ask the Lord for the grace always to accept the invitation to His feast, which is free.”
Pope Francis

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