

## Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**7 November 2021**

### Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time



The world is filled with ordinary people; the little ones, who have no power; they live their lives as best they can, and die remembered only by those whose lives have been touched by their goodness. Today's readings celebrate the little people, the unnoticed, those who are small by the world's standards but who are in fact blessed in the eyes of God.

In the passage from the first Book of Kings we meet a poor widow and her son. They live in a land beset by famine and are slowly dying of hunger. Into their lives comes a prophet, Elijah, reduced by circumstances to a wandering beggar; he asks the widow for a share of whatever food she has, and the woman, in her compassion, agrees to share what she has for herself and her son with him. This simple act of charity has its reward as God has plans for Elijah and ensures that the food they have will last until the famine is broken. The meal they share becomes the bread and wine of life to them, and it stands as a reminder to us that the Eucharist, though a small piece of bread and a drop of wine, has the power to feed and sustain us, in our time.

The Gospel from Mark also has, as its central character a poor widow. In a society based on strong family connections to become a widow was one of the worst things that could happen to anyone. Men were the breadwinners and a woman without a man, often with young children, was prey to all the abuses that society lays upon the weak and helpless. We are fortunate in this country to have a welfare state as a safety net for those left in this position but in many countries such women are left to beg in the streets for their daily bread. Her offering to the temple may have been tiny compared to the wealth of the Scribes and the Pharisees but it came from her poverty, whereas they gave a little from a full purse. The size of the gift is not the true measure of a person's contribution to society, it is in the spirit and sacrifice of that giving that resonates in the halls of Heaven.

**David Frank**

#### Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1*

*Divine Office Week 4*

1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

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#### Sunday 7 November

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.15pm Baptism (SB)

#### Monday 8 November

7pm Mass (SJ)

#### Tuesday 9 November - *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

9.30am Mass (SB)

2pm Christian Meditation (SB)

#### Wednesday 10 November - *St Leo the Great*

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

#### Thursday 11 November - *Remembrance Day*

9.30am Mass (SB)-



#### Friday 12 November - *St Josaphat*

No Mass Today

#### Saturday 13 November

No Morning Mass Today\*

5pm Mass (SB) - *Celebrated by Fr Paul Blackburn*

#### Sunday 14 November - *Remembrance Sunday*

9.30am Mass (SJ) - *Celebrated by Fr Paul Daly*

Please note - no coffee today at St John's Church due to Remembrance Services in Bolton and at Dunscair War Memorial

11am Mass (SB) - *Celebrated by Fr Paul Daly*

#### **World Day of the Poor**

\*As Fr Alf is on holiday for a week (13 November-19 November) only the Sunday Masses will be celebrated on the weekend of 13/14 November. We thank Fr Blackburn & Fr Daly for celebrating these Masses.

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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, Anne Killeen, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Emily Martin, Terence Gillett, Pat Margiotta, Mary Bagg, Vernon Holt, Peter Riley, Frances Skemp, Kathleen Banks, Penelope Booth (poorly infant), Colin Markland, Joan & Edwin Rankin, Pat Howarth, Philip Anderson

**Lately Dead:** Carmel Prendergast

**Anniversaries:** Simone Littaye, Victor Gill, Philip Hall, Robert Neil Potter

**May They Rest in Peace**

**Mass Intentions:** Simone Littaye, Victor Gill, Deceased members & friends of the Owen family, Philip Hall, Carmel Prendergast, Deceased members of the Ramsden & Jones families, In Memory of Margaret Gibson

**Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6):** We pray especially for: students & teachers; 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** We pray for the people of the parish of St Peter, Stonyhurst, and for Fr Timothy Curtis, their parish priest. We pray for the staff and students of their parish primary school and of Stonyhurst College. May they learn to see Christ in all things.

**Offertory:** We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. Donations can be made by posting through the presbytery letter box, by post or alternatively they can be made through Salford Diocese website, or by setting up a bank standing order. Thank you

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

**Prayer Resource** - For those at home the Liturgy Office has prepared "*The Lord's Day at Home*", to pray on your own or with your [Click here](#) to download the Mass sheet for Sunday 7 November (Thirty second Sunday in Ordinary Time).



**Congratulations:** To George Luca Kay who was baptised last weekend. We pray that he and his family continue their faith journey.

## 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](mailto: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. *May they rest in peace.*

### Remembrance Day Events in Bolton Thursday 11 November

#### Armistice Day Civic Service (10.55am, Victoria Square)

There will be a short service held on Victoria Square commencing at 10.55am

#### Concert of Remembrance (7pm, The Albert Halls)

The Lancashire Artillery (v) Military Band will be performing at the concert along with Phoenix Knights of Harmony, Taylor's Theatre Academy, Bolton Music School, and an Emma Lori and Emma Monks duet. Tickets are priced at £7.50 each and available from [the Albert Halls website](#). All proceeds from the concert go to the three Bolton Cadet Forces.

**St Brendan's SVP:** Is active again. We meet and visit on Tuesday evenings and we would welcome new members. If you can spare approximately two hours per week, please come along. Also, if there is someone you know who would like a visit or a friendly chat please let us know. In either case contact Catherine Bridge (01204 396749) or Kathleen Denton (01204 399332). Thank you

**Churches In Harwood (Christmas Dinner on Jesus):** This year Urban Outreach are asking us to collect cranberry sauce. If you are able to help with this appeal, we need to collect 200 jars of the 200g size. We aim to have all donations in by 4<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you

**COP 26:** Bishop John is currently attending COP 26 in Glasgow on behalf of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. The Diocese of Salford has been sharing his daily diary. You can see this on the Diocese website: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/bishop-john-cop-26-diary/>

### Contemplative Christianity Event

**Monday 6 December (6.45pm-9.30pm), St John's Church:** Based on the Christian Meditation practices as passed through the Benedictine Monk Fr John Main (OSB). There will be a short storytelling/theatre performance based on the desert spirituality set in a modern, contemporary setting. Thank you to those who have already put their names down. There are still some places, and booking is essential via the Parish Office on 01204 301927 or email [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk)

### Healthy planet - Healthy People Campaign

This is being promoted by Laudato Si (formerly Global Catholic Climate Movement) in line with Pope Francis's teachings about our need to care for creation. In view of Cop26, join Pope Francis and call on world leaders to urgently commit to the climate crisis by taking a moment to have a look at and sign the petition at:

[www.healthyplanetandpeople.org](http://www.healthyplanetandpeople.org)

**Young Adults Mass and Social:** *Sunday 21st November, 5.30pm St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor St, Manchester, M15 6BW.* The Mass (for the Feast of Christ the King) will be followed by a social and all are welcome. For more information, please email:

[SalfordYoungAdults@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:SalfordYoungAdults@vol.dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Readers Rota:** The rota will be available next weekend. Please let us know if you would like to start reading, or no longer wish to continue to read at Masses. We do have a shortage of readers at the Saturday Vigil Mass, if you think you might like to read at this Mass, please let the Office know. Thank you.

Readers For Next Weekend (13/14 November)		
SB (5pm)	SJ (9.30am)	SB (11am)
C Molyneux	M Morrison	F Doloroso

### A Mass for Our Dearly Departed

A Mass will be held on Saturday 20 November 11am at St Brendan's Church for those, in our parish, who died during the last 18 months and their families. There will be time to light candles for loved ones, and coffee and tea will be served afterwards. If you would like to attend this Mass, kindly let the parish know so that we can arrange seating. Special prayers will be offered by the Harbour Room Book Club for their deceased members. Thank you.

**A Light in this World:** November is the month of remembrance when we celebrate the lives of the faithful departed. More than ever, we may find ourselves thinking about a loved one. This year, why not make a dedication to someone you love, someone you miss or someone who has no-one else to pray for them. Together, we can keep their light shining, whilst making a difference to the lives of those who need it most. Please visit

<https://caritassalford.dedicationpage.org/>

All dedications made by Monday 22 November will be remembered by name during the Caritas Mass of Remembrance on Friday 26 November at 7pm celebrated by Fr Ged Murphy, Vicar for Caritas, at St Anne's RC Church, Stretford

**Christmas Poinsettias:** If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia plant, in memory of a loved one, please hand in a request slip and envelope along with a donation (minimum £5). ***Please hand in the envelope to the Stewards at Mass. The deadline for your request is Sunday 12 December. Thank you***

### Diocese of Salford

#### Training & Formation Events

**Genesis Mission Introduction Session:** Cathedral Centre - Saturday 27 November, 10am-1pm.

[Register Here](#) Or go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/genesis-mission-introduction-session-tickets-183519009297>

**Fr Eamonn Mulcahy:** *Synods and the Church under Pope Francis* - Wednesday 24 November

[Register Here](#)

**Bishop John Arnold:** *Local reality of the Church in Salford* - Wednesday 9 February 2022 [Register Here](#)

## Caritas Diocese of Salford Job Vacancy

### Fundraising Supporter Care Officer for Caritas Diocese of Salford

Appointment type: 20 hours per week, permanent

Location: Caritas House M4 with the opportunity to work flexibly.

Closing date: Mon 22nd Nov 10.00 am

Interviews: Mon 29th or Tues 30th Nov

Salary: SCP15-19 £23,541-£25,481, actual salary £12,752-£13,773 per annum.

To find out more and apply, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/team-view/fundraising-supporter-care-officer>

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