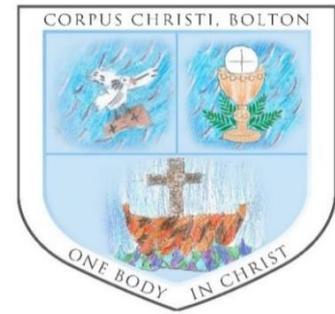


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**13 November 2022**

**Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time**



The readings we hear at Mass tell the story of the relationship between God and His people. As in all relationships there are good people and there are bad people. The world is corrupt, we live through times of hardship and times of joy. Today's message seems stark, it is a painful reminder that things are not perfect; we rely on God's promise that He loves us and that, eventually, Jesus will return and set us free.

It was not perfect in Malachi's time. Israel was a small nation in the midst of mighty empires, the land was continually fought over, and the people treated as pawns in the lives of powerful neighbours. God continually calls on Israel to return to Him, to be healed; the promise in today's passage is that God will come to root out the evil that stalks the land and heal Israel of all its ills.

Paul is steeped in Old Testament scripture; he knows the story of his people and their relationship with God. He writes today to the people of Thessalonica reminding them of the way he and his companions behaved when they were with them. In the years after the resurrection people believed that the second coming of Christ was imminent; some of them stopped working and sat waiting for the day of the Lord to come. Paul admonishes them, in idleness they fail to do the good works that they were meant to do, they were setting a bad example to others. Today we can often despair about the state of the world; it is only through prayer and good works that we can show that there is hope for a brighter future for everyone.

The Jewish Temple in Jerusalem was a wonder of the world, a mighty citadel set on a mountain top and adorned with fine stonework. But within forty years of the resurrection of Christ it was no more, destroyed by the Romans after a revolt by the people, who were then scattered around the harsh lands and deserts of their world. Jesus tries to prepare His followers for these trials, He assures them that He will give them the strength they need to follow Him. Today we need to take heart in God's promise and go out into the world as beacons of hope to our all humanity.

David Frank

## Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2*  
*Divine Office Week 1*  
*Roman Missal; Page 504 Readings: Page 510*

### Sunday 13 November

9.30am Mass (SJ)  
11am Mass (SB)  
11am Remembrance Services  
at Dunscair War Memorial  
and Bolton Town Hall Square  
*A Special Collection for Retired Priests Fund*



### Monday 14 November

10am Mass (SJ)- This week only

### Tuesday 15 November - St Albert The Great

10am Mass (SB)  
7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

### Wednesday 16 November

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)  
9.30am Mass (SJ)

### Thursday 17 November

10am Mass (SB)

### Friday 18 November

No Mass Today

### Saturday 19 November

11am Annual Mass for the Deceased (SB)  
5pm First Mass of 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday Yr C (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

### Sunday 20 November (34th Sunday Yr C) - Christ The King

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy  
11am Mass (SB)  
12.15pm Baptism (SB)

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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, 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:** Mary Little, Michael Carney, Thomas Armstrong, Norah Peyton

**Anniversaries:** Philip Marshall, Victor Gill, Mary Dorothy Hodgins, Veronica Higgins, Bill Wheeler, Robert Neil Potter, Graham Taylor, Florence & Louis Hodgkinson, Fr Denis Sheahan

**May They Rest in Peace**

**Mass Intentions:** Philip Marshall, Victor Gill, Mary Dorothy Hodgins (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), Veronica Higgins, Bill Wheeler, Graham Taylor (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Florence & Louis Hodgkinson, Fr Denis Sheahan, In thanksgiving, Mary Little, Michael Carney, Robert Neil Potter

**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:** Let us pray this week for the parish of St Marie and St Joseph, Bury, and for Fr William Foley, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for St Gabriel's High School and Holy Cross Sixth Form College, and for the chaplaincy to Fairfield Hospital and the Bury Hospice. May they always persevere in their faith.

**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*

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 30 November at 1pm. The book for discussion is *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan. Refreshments available and all welcome!

**200 Club: November Winners**

£50 M O'Donnell (47)

£25 A M Hailwood (150)

£15 T Wilkinson (172)

**Christmas Dinner On Jesus Hamper Packing:** If you would like to volunteer to help pack hampers on any of the December dates, please call Laura or Jeannette at urban Outreach 01204 385848 or email [admin@urbanoutreach.co.uk](mailto:admin@urbanoutreach.co.uk)

**Readers Rota:** The new rota is now available at the back of each church.

**Financial Summary 9 Months Jan-Sept 2022**

<b>Income:</b>	
Gift Aid Offertory	33,187
Non Gift Aid Offertory	25,808
Piety/Votives & Boxes	1,403
Baptisms/Funerals/Wedding	5,298
Fundraising (inc 200 Club)	2,818
Room Rental & Other	2,806
Bank Interest	558
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>71,878</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Church Expenses	21,320
Presbytery Expenses	9,944
Clergy Allowance/Vehicle	6,894
Wages	9,282
Fundraising	678
Diocesan Levy	18,865
Bank Charges	474
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>67,457</b>
<b>Balance of Income/Expenditure</b>	<b>4,421</b>

**Churches In Harwood (Christmas Dinner on Jesus):** If you are able to help with the appeal, we are collecting 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

**Walk With Me:** The Booklets and Calendars will be available at Masses next weekend (Christ The King).

**SVP Coffee Morning:** The next Coffee Morning will be held after Mass on Wednesday 30 November. All welcome

**Christmas Cantata:** The Eden Singers will perform a Christmas Cantata *The Light of the World* on Friday 2 December, 7.30pm, at St Brendan's Church. This special evening will be in support of families (in need) around our parish. Tickets £5

**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

**Volunteer Information Evening for Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Are you interested in joining our incredible team of volunteers for our 89th diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes? We're hosting an online information session on Wednesday 30 November (7pm - 8pm) for anyone who may be interested when we travel to Lourdes next summer. You can sign up to the information session by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/SalfordLourdes23> or please contact the Lourdes office on: [Lourdes.Pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:Lourdes.Pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

# Sunday 20 November 2022

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

<b>Masses &amp; Activities this Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2</i> <i>Divine Office Week 2</i> <i>Roman Missal; Page 514    Readings: Page 520</i>
<b>Sunday 20 November</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) – With Children’s Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) 12.15pm Baptism (SB)
<b>Monday 21 November - <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></b> 6pm Mass (SJ)
<b>Tuesday 22 November - <i>St Cecilia</i></b> 9.15am Mass (SB) -This Week Only 7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)
<b>Wednesday 23 November</b> 9.30am Mass (Holy Infants)
<b>Thursday 24 November - <i>Ss Andrew Dung Lac &amp; Companions</i></b> 9.30am Mass (Holy Infants)
<b>Friday 25 November</b> 9.30am Mass (Holy Infants)
<b>Saturday 26 November</b> 11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) 5pm First Mass of 1st Sunday of Advent (Yr A) (SB) - with Children’s Liturgy
<b>Sunday 27 November (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Yr A)</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)
Please see alternative Mass times for Wednesday and Thursday in our neighbouring parishes. Please check their websites beforehand in case of any changes. <a href="https://www.holyinfant.co.uk/">https://www.holyinfant.co.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.blesseddominicbarberi.org.uk/">https://www.blesseddominicbarberi.org.uk/</a>



When we come to the final chapter in a book, we expect that all the loose ends will be tied together as the outcome of the story is revealed. Today we are at the end of the Year of Luke; we have followed his book, his gospel, through the seasons until we reach this end point but now

we find, not an end but a beginning, for the Gospels that we follow each year are like the circle of life they flow on enriching, each year, our understanding and revealing to us the fullness of the love of God.

The story of David and Saul runs through many chapters of the two Books of Samuel; the two men are involved in a great struggle for power that ends in the death of Saul and the crowning of David. After David’s death the nation of Israel lives on through many troubled times and the line of David, the succession, passes through many unlikely hands until it reaches its completion with Joseph, the husband of Mary, the mother of Christ.

In today’s Gospel we come to another death, death on a cross, as we read Luke’s account of the crucifixion. The crowd who once cheered Saul turned on him in derision and abandoned him to die at the hands of his enemies, today the crowd turns on Jesus, another King of the Jews. How fickle are they, yet Jesus retains His humanity and His love for all, in the midst of His pain and suffering He holds out His hand to the repentant thief and promises a future for Him in paradise.

Saint Paul, with his great insight into the mystery of Christ, places before us the basis of our faith. Here is an image of Jesus, the first born of creation, through whom all things were created, holding everything in unity. His body is the church, He is the beginning and the end, the first born of the resurrection, in Him God holds before our eyes the Perfection of His Son, the reconciler, the peacemaker, the true King, the One who makes everything possible through His death on the cross.

*David Frank*

Readers For 19/20 November 2022		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
J O’Connor	J Carroll	K Denton
Readers For 26/27 November 2022		
T Proctor	S Copley	F Doloroso

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## Our Lady of Lourdes - Parish Mission

'John Pridmore, author of the best-selling book, 'From Gang Land to Promise Land,' will lead a parish mission at Our Lady of Lourdes, Farnworth from 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> November. His inspiring words are renowned for touching the hearts of the young as well as others.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - John will give his personal testimony

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> - Talk on mercy of God

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> - Talk on God's Grace and Healing Service with the Blessed Sacrament

Each evening is from 7.30 pm to 9 pm

All are most welcome

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