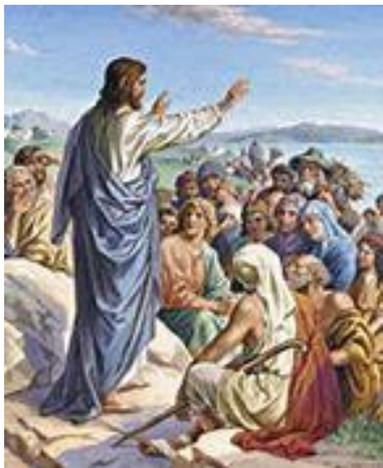


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

5 November 2023

Thirty-First Sunday Ordinary Time



An awkward set of readings to sit through as a priest today! The more responsibility we have for the flock of God, the more is demanded of us. But for all God's people, there is the need for constant vigilance, to be on guard against hypocrisy and complacency, the two greatest threats to our living God's way and not our own, self-serving way. This is a prelude to the end: for the next three weeks we will think about the end of the world and the judgement that awaits. This Sunday's readings should begin to encourage us not to fear and dread that day, but to look forward to it, by putting our lives in order and living as the Lord showed us.

A Note from Fr Alf: Now that all the maintenance and re-decorating has finished at both churches, I would like to thank all those involved in the organisation of all the arrangements. I would also like to thank all who volunteer at our churches, as you help to keep things running smoothly. As you will know, the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land has understandably been cancelled. We pray for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the Middle East.

I will be visiting Lourdes week commencing 12 November. I will take petitions with me and keep you in my prayers. We welcome Fr Lloyd and Fr Reginald who will cover our Masses next weekend. Please note, due to the Remembrance Services next Sunday, we will not be serving refreshments after the 9.30am Mass at St John's. *God Bless, Fr Alf.*

Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office Week 3
Roman Missal: p 484*

Sunday 5 November

9.30am Mass (SJ) - *With Children's Liturgy*
11am Mass (SB)
12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

Monday 6 November

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 7 November

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

Wednesday 8 November

9.30am Mass (SJ) with SJ School Children

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

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 10 November - *St Leo the Great*

No Mass Today

Saturday 11 November - *St Martin of Tours*

10.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation, Exposition & Adoration (SJ)
11.30am Mass (SJ)
5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - *With Children's Liturgy*

Sunday 12 November

9.30am Mass (SJ) - *With Children's Liturgy*
11am Mass (SB)
10.40am Remembrance Services
at Dunscair War Memorial and
Bolton Town Hall.



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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, Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Irene Sheridan, Thomas Baker, Kathryn Browning, Rachel Edge, Fr Leo Heakin, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Helen Fraser, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Ken Goodwin, Michael O'Connor, Joyce Strickleton, Christine Gardner, Margaret Doreen Kay, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Peter Carroll, Joan Turner

Lately Dead: Ken Manual, Fr Joe O'Connor, Terence Brady, Gordon Hill, Agnes Shaughnessy, Veronica Smith

Anniversaries: Fr Joe Mallon, Phillip Hall, Victor Gill, Honora Lough, Mike Greenhalgh, Ernest Peacock, Mary Dorothy Hodgins, Peter Hodgins Snr, Elizabeth Hodgins, Fr Denis Sheahan, Robert Neil Potter

Mass Intentions: Philip Hall, Eileen & Victor Gill, Honora Lough (1st Anniversary), Deceased relatives & friends of the Owen family, Terence Brady, Gordon Hill, Agnes Shaughnessy, Mike Greenhalgh, Ernest Peacock, Fr Joe O'Connor, Veronica Smith, Mary Dorothy Hodgins, Peter Hodgins Snr, Elizabeth Hodgins, Fr Denis Sheahan, A Special Intention, Canon Michael Cooke (Ruby Anniversary of Ordination), In memory of the Leach and Howarth families, For a sick person, 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 and peace in the world, all victims of war, young people, prisoners and their families.

We Pray for all those affected by the devastating conflict in Israel and Gaza. Let us also pray for healing, a peaceful solution and restoration.

We continue to pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine.

We pray for the people of the parish of St Mary, Heaton Norris, for Fr Geoffrey Marlor, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school. We pray also for the Sacred Heart Fathers. May they always practise what they preach.

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially.

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

Congratulations: To Alfie James Hamer who was baptised last weekend. We pray that both he and his family continue to grow in faith.

Diocesan Synod - Appeal for Big Listen Participants: Please note the change of date for the next one: Wednesday 22 November 6.30pm (St Brendan's). We hope to also have a final Big Listen at a daytime session in January. For more information, please contact the parish office or speak to Julie Summerton and Guy Drabble.

November - The Month of Holy Souls



This is the time in the Church's liturgical calendar, when we remember, in a very special way, all those who have died. Envelopes are now available at the back of each church for anyone who wishes to have a Mass offered for their deceased relatives and friends. Please feel free to take an envelope to insert your intention (and optional donation) and place in the baskets at each Altar. The names of all those will be prayed for during this time.

Annual Mass for the Deceased: As a parish community, we will hold a special Mass to pray for all those who have died in the last year (November 2022 - October 2023). We would also like to pray for the families of the deceased and so we invite them to a Mass on Saturday 25 November, 11am at St John's Church. Names of the deceased will be read out and candles will be lit in their memory. Please be assured of our prayers at this time.

Remembrance Events In Bolton

Friday 10 November - Annual Remembrance Concert, 7pm at Albert Halls. Tickets £7.50 available from the Box Office 03432 080500 or www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk

Saturday 11 November - Armistice Day Service, 10.50am in Victoria Square.

Sunday 12 November - Annual Remembrance Service, 10.40am, Victoria Square.

Christmas Flower Demonstration: We will be holding our very popular flower demonstration on Saturday 9 December at St Brendan's Church (1pm-3pm). Tickets (in aid of the Destitution Project) are now on sale after weekend Masses at £5 per person.

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia plant, in memory of a loved one, please take a request slip & envelope and place, with a donation (minimum £5), in the basket provided. The deadline for your request is Sunday 10 December. Thank you.

Churches in Harwood (Christmas Dinner on Jesus): This year we are collecting jars of Cranberry Sauce (200g size). If you can help with this appeal, we aim to collect 200 jars by the last Sunday in November (26/11/23). Thank you for your continued support.

200 Club Winners October

1st Prize (£50) M Armstrong

2nd Prize (£25) M Roe

3rd Prize (£15) E Gracie

Readers For 11/12 November 2023		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
T Proctor	H O'Donnell	F Evans
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ)		
J Carroll & M Cropper		