

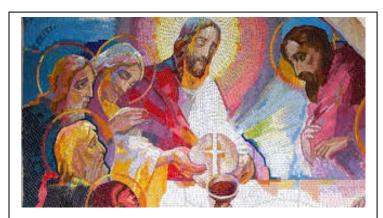
Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

22 June 2025

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ





Today's readings may appear to be very brief, a few short lines from Genesis, a familiar passage from Paul to the Corinthians and a miracle story from Luke's Gospel but beneath the brevity of the words there is a great treasure of understanding. I find it amazing that the simple meal of bread and wine so familiar from the Last Supper passage begins, thousands of years earlier, with Melchizedek and Abraham. Then Paul, in the midst of admonishing the people of Corinth for their lack of respect to the church and one another, takes time to remind them of the central core of their faith; the New Covenant, the Eucharist and the second coming of Christ.

The miracle of the loaves and fishes reminds me that wherever two or three are gathered Jesus promises to be with us, whether in a great cathedral, in a field with thousands of people or a humble chapel with a small group of believers. The Eucharist is there; for us the bread of life, and, for the world, a reminder of Christ's love for all humanity

I believe that a church is never empty; it is filled by the memories and the love of all who have worshipped there. When we leave our family and friends before the altar of God for that final parting something of their spirit remains. We can never feel alone in our seats because we are in the presence of God's love and all who return to Him become part of that love. Coming to Mass or a Service of the Word and Holy Communion can sometimes be difficult, for there are many calls upon our time, but if we see these opportunities as real family gatherings, of old and young, of those who are always with us, then it becomes, each time, a new celebration, one at which the King of Love requests our presence.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C

Sunday 22 June

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 1pm Baptism (SJ) 3pm Holy Hour with Benediction (SJ)

Monday 23 June

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 24 June - The Nativity of St John the Baptist

10am Mass (SB) - With Yr1

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

Wednesday 25 June

9am Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ) - Followed by SVP Coffee Morning

6.15pm Confirmation Service (Thornleigh)

Thursday 26 June

9.15am St Brendan's Forward in Faith Mass (SB)

Friday 27 June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 28 June - The Immaculate Heart of Mary

10.45am Adoration & Confession (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

A Special Collection for

Sunday 29 June - Ss Peter & Paul Peter's Pence 9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

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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, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Joyce Strickleton, Margaret Kay, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Arnold Banks, Michael Kitching, Jane Manuel, Alice Leggett, Rita Margiotta, For someone on end of life care, Phyllis Rocke

Lately Dead: Anthony Cunningham

Anniversaries: Monica Coop, Geoffrey Bradshaw, Robert Christopher Scott, Gordon Cain, Ralph Lawson, Mark O'Brien

Mass Intentions: Anthony Cunningham, For a sick friend, Monica Coop, Geoffrey Bradshaw, Robert Christopher Scott, Gordon Cain, Mark O'Brien, Ralph Lawson

We are asked to pray for these intentions: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; seafarers; human life.

We pray for healing, a peaceful solution and restoration in the Middle East and Ukraine.

We pray for all the victims of the London-bound plane crash in India

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your kind donation, the parish will benefit at no extra cost to yourselves.

Dona: We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.

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

Congratulations: To all the children who have recently received the sacrament of First Communion. Let us pray that they all continue to grow in faith as they continue their journeys.

Harbour Room Book Club Notices: The next meeting is on Wednesday 25 June at 1pm. Please note that two books will be under review: The Phone Box at the Edge of the World by L.I. Messina and The Franchise Affair by Josephine Tey. Also, all new schedules will be given out and details for our summer lunch will be finalised. Lunch will be at The Pack Horse in Affetside on Wednesday 16 July at 12 noon. The total price (including tip!) will be £18. Menu choices can be decided at this meeting. Please note that the summer read is All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Duerr for September 24th. We wish all our members a lovely Summer and happy reading!

Christian Meditation: Over the next few months, the Meditation sessions (that take place at St Brendan's) will be postponed. They will continue at St John's on a fortnightly basis.

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gregory, Farnworth: Fr David is leading a Pilgrimage to Poland on 11-15 September and has asked if any parishioners would like to join them as there are currently spaces available. If you are interested, please email: julie.walsh@dioceseofsalford.org.uk with your phone number and contact details. Julie would like to send the group booking form and deposits off by 25 June at the latest. The prices are £595 (sharing) and £695 (single).

Peter's Pence Collection: Will take place at our Masses next weekend. This collection provides financial support to the Holy Father for his charitable works, including aid to those affected by war, natural disasters, and oppression around the world. It also supports the Holy See and various Church needs. Please continue to pray for the Holy Father and all his work.

Bromley Cross Community Group Coffee Morning: On Tuesday 24 June (10am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. £1 entry with cakes, stalls raffle and plants. All welcome!

SVP Coffee Morning: Will be held after 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 25 June. All Welcome.

Other News from Around the Diocese

Rosa Mystica: On Saturday 12 July, there will be a day of devotion in honour of Our Lady Roda Mystica at St Mary's, Standishgate, Wigan WN1 1XL. Holy Mass is at 12noon followed by devotions, a procession and Benediction at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

Caritas Salford: There are pamphlets available at the back of each church advertising a sponsored hike near Stonyhurst College in the Ribble Valley. Organised by Caritas Salford, this is a leisurely 7 mile walk for adults (18+) along the Tolkien Trail to raise money for local families with children and individuals experiencing poverty, homelessness and disadvantage. If you would like to join in this event, please contact Iona Baxter at Caritas Salford:

0161 817 2286 or email Iona at: <u>i.baxter@caritassalford.org.uk</u>. If you would like to download a pamphlet or any other challenge events, please visit:

www.caritassalford.org.uk/take-part-in-a-caritas-fundraising-event-or-activity/

Job Vacancy: Cathedral Site Officer
Appointment Type: Full-time, permanent

Working Hours: 35 hours per week, Tuesday -

Saturday with some flexible working. Salary: £26,232 - £32,246 per annum.

For full details, email:

https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

| Readers for 28/29 June 2025 | | |
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| 5pm Vigil (SB) | 9.30am (SJ) | 11am (SB) |
| C Grundy | M Morrison | F Doloroso |
| Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 29 June | | |
| M Cropper & P Partington | | |