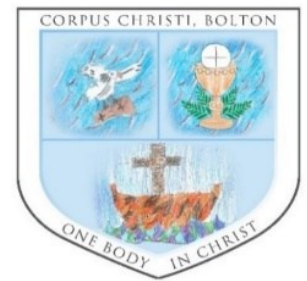


# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**6 July 2025**

## Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time



We are called today to be messengers of peace; the peace of Christ has left a mark upon us, and we have a duty to be the heralds of peace to our families and communities in this time, and in this place.

Isaiah speaks to us of a great river of peace flowing from God into our lives. He contrasts this river of peace with the peace of a baby at her mother's breast. We are called to rejoice in this peace and to be comforted as a child is comforted by his mother. The psalm continues this theme; it is a song of thanksgiving for the glorious works of God. The psalmist calls us to come and listen for the Lord has listened to his prayer and has not withheld His love from him. These two passages remind us that, in the midst of turmoil, we need to turn to God and pray for peace. War will not bring peace; when all the swords of war are broken only words can establish a true peace, among ourselves, and among the nations of our world.

There were many arguments in the early church about the need for circumcision. Circumcision was a mark that set the Jews apart from all others. Paul was at the centre of this argument, and it caused him many problems as the Gentiles could not see the need for this visible mark of one's religion. After a council in Jerusalem the need for Gentiles to be circumcised was found unnecessary as they were marked with the cross of Jesus. We do not need outward signs of our love for Jesus; it is what is within that is important and if we live as Jesus taught us that is sufficient.

When Jesus sent out the seventy-two, he sent them to take his peace to the people of Israel. He gave them instructions about how to behave; they were to take nothing for the journey; his peace was sufficient for them. When they found a home blessed with peace they were to stay there. If they were not welcomed, then they should pass by and wipe off the very dust of that place. We too are called to go out to our neighbourhoods and act as peacemakers in our communities. This is a sign of our faith. We are to act, as our catechism reminds us, in justice and love. There are many needs in our world which call out our care and attention. The seventy-two came back rejoicing; that joy is yours also when you act as a messenger of peace.

**David Frank**

### Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle C*

#### Sunday 6 July

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy

11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

#### Monday 7 July

9.15am Yr6 Class Mass (SC)

6pm Mass (SJ)

#### Tuesday 8 July

9.15am Yr2 Celebration Mass (SB)

#### Wednesday 9 July

9am Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

#### Thursday 10 July

10am Mass (SB)

12noon Requiem Mass for Joan Kelly (SJ)

#### Friday 11 July - *St Benedict*

12noon Mass (SB)

#### Saturday 12 July

10.45am Adoration & Confession (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

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

*A Special Collection for*

#### Sunday 13 July

*Stella Maris*

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:** Rita O'Toole, Joan Kelly

**Mass Intentions:** Rita O'Toole, Vincent Heron (Birthday Remembrance), Anthony Michael Axford & family, Paul Gerrard

**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

**Sea Sunday:** Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 13 July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. We will be holding a special collection at our Masses next weekend for Stella Maris and your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

#### Holy Year of Jubilee Mass 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Bishop John will celebrate a special Mass to mark this Holy Year of Jubilee. Mass takes place this Friday at 7pm at St Alban's, in Blackburn town centre - this is one of the six designated Jubilee churches for our diocese.

All are welcome to attend!

**Newsletter:** Next week, the newsletter will be printed on Thursday morning and will cover two weeks. Please could all items of news and Mass Intentions be handed in by Wednesday evening. *Many thanks.*

#### 200 Club Winners June:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£50) Annie OBrien

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£25) Ruth Coffey £25

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (£15) Anne Scott £15

#### Other News from Around the Diocese

**Family Forest Fun Mornings:** Gather the family together to celebrate God's creation with Family Forest Fun Mornings at the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre. Taking place between 10am-12.30pm over the first three Tuesdays of August, these sessions are packed with a range of activities that teach us more about the wonder of creation. Find out more and register at: <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/family-forest-fun-mornings/>

**Silent Retreat:** Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre between 9.30am - 3.30pm on Friday 1 August for a prayerful silent retreat. Begin the day with a tour of Wardley Hall and the Laudato Si' Centre before spending time in silent prayer, reflection, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The day ends with Outdoor Mass and a final opportunity for reflection. Email [laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) to find out more and register.

**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.

#### Jesus Sends Out Seventy - Two Messenge

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Readers for 12/13 July 2025		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
G Kearns	P Partington	L Lamoury
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 13 July		
P McArdle & J Summerton		