

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

17 August 2025

Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time



There is something very sobering about today's readings; they remind us in many ways that living the Christian life was never easy and there are sacrifices to be made if we are to follow Jesus.

If you have ever been in despair over something that you have tried to do, just remember that, unlike Jeremiah in the first reading, you are unlikely to be dropped into a muddy well. Life can be difficult, and sometimes muddy wells are of our own making, but you are never really alone. When things start to get you down, turn to Our Lord in prayer and tell him just how you feel. There is a lot of truth in the saying a trouble shared is a trouble halved.

Sometimes you may feel that the readings are a muddy well and you cannot see the sense of them, do not worry, you are not alone, there are often difficult passages to navigate but nothing good is ever achieved the easy way

I am trying to study the Letter to the Hebrews, and I am finding it difficult but so rewarding. I used to think it was too "Jewish" and the message was not for me but, actually, the book speaks clearly to all Christians and contains many insights into our faith. The important message from today's passage from Hebrews is that we must strive to live good lives in the face of whatever the world may throw our way. We have the supreme sacrifice of Our Lord on the cross as an example to follow in our war against sin. Jesus warns us in the Gospel that His way is not an easy path to follow; his journey would bring Him to the cross, a source of shame to those who do not believe, but of glory to those who believe in Him. Our journey can lead us into great distress, but the rewards are there at the end. There are always companions on the way who lift us up when we fall. Remember, Jeremiah was rescued from the well by three of his friends so when you are struggling just think of Jeremiah and call out for help.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C

Sunday 17 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 18 August

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 19 August

10am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 20 August - *St Bernard*

9am Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 21 August - *St Pius X*

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 22 August - *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 23 August

10.45am Adoration & Confession (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 24 August

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.30pm 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, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, 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, Phyllis Rocke, Julie Hayes, Ethel Connelly

Latently Dead: Joyce Strickleton, Ann Marie Bowman, Baby Rosalyna Maria

Anniversaries: Andrew Hayes, Denis O'Kane, Denis Coughlan, Robert (Bob) Whaley

Mass Intentions: Tony Kosecki, Ethel Connelly, Denis O'Kane, Denis Coughlan, Thanksgiving to the Rosa Mystica for favours received, Robert Whaley, Andrew Hayes

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.

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 Luca James Webster who was Baptised last weekend. We pray that he and his family continue to grow in faith.



Congratulations: To Andrew and Georgina Bottomley who were married last Thursday. We wish them all the very best and much

happiness for their future together.

SVP Date for your Diary: We will be holding our annual sponsored walk, this year, on Sunday 28 September. The walk takes place around our three local reservoirs (Jumbles, Wayoh and Entwistle) taking 3,7 or 10 miles. If you would like to be involved, or sponsor anyone who walks, please see the posters on our church noticeboards.

Readers for 23/24 August 2025

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
C Grundy	S Copley	M Day
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 24 August J Carroll & S May		

Other News from Around the Diocese

Summer Organ Recital: At St Patrick's church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester on Friday 22 August (7pm). Enjoy a wonderful evening of live music this summer. Organist Stephen Mann will perform a wonderful range of organ music from composers such as Bach, Boulnois, Lubeck, and more! The venue is fully accessible, and admission is free. There will be a retiring collection for the organ restoration fund.

Outdoor Mass for Season of Creation: This September welcomes back the Season of Creation - a month-long campaign that invites us to reflect on our call to be loving stewards of God's creation. We invite you to join us in beginning this time of reflection with an outdoor Mass in the beautiful grounds of the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre. Mass takes place on Monday 1 September at 9.30am. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more or to register.

Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage: Laudato Si' Centre, Wardley Hall Road, Wardley, M28 2ND on Thursday 25 September 11.30am. Our Laudato Si' Centre is delighted to announce a nine-mile Jubilee pilgrimage to Salford Cathedral's temporary church, in celebration of the Season of Creation. We will begin with a short prayer service before the walk. There will be with plenty of stops at parishes for prayer and reflection. Our pilgrimage will end with the newly approved Mass for the Care of Creation at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church at 6pm, which is open to all.

Register your interest via the link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeR8KExVSBvHcxuSnImeesdU26tnwN0w-0zOfJXG-SITZglkg/viewform>

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