

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

26 October 2025

Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time



Have you ever wondered where God is? We seek Him in so many ways that we can get lost in a world of scripture, prayer, celebration, nature, music, art, literature - perhaps we spend too much time searching and not enough time just sitting and waiting for Him to reveal Himself.

The author of Ecclesiasticus gives us an insight into his idea of where God is to be found. The passage speaks to me of the prayers of petition in which we call to God for his help. We are told that God is a judge who does not consider our human ideas of place or station in life but looks deep into the heart of the petitioner and answers our prayer in a way that brings an outcome that we have the strength to accept. There is no one who calls to Him who will not be answered, the waiting time may be long, but the answer is given with love.

Today's psalm and the Letter to Timothy should be read together for they appear to be in harmony; in the psalm the petitioner is confident that his prayer will be heard and that God will save Him from all that surrounds him. Paul echoes the beautiful message of the psalm as he faces some great difficulty in his life. Paul too is confident that his prayer will be answered.

One phrase stands out in the Gospel; the Pharisee, full of pride, "standing by himself prayed thus "God. I thank you that I am not like other men"; contrast this with the tax collector who calls out in his pain "God, be merciful to me, a sinner". Now judge whose petition will be heard; Jesus, through the language and tone of the passage leaves us in no doubt. God is to be found everywhere but we need to be prepared to discern his presence even in those places where he seems so far away. When you pray give yourself time to just sit and listen; then speak your petition with a pure heart and wait on God's time for His answer

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C

Sunday 26 October

9.30am Mass (SJ)
11am Mass (SB)
12.30pm Baptism (SB)

Monday 27 October

12noon Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 28 October - Ss Simon & Jude

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

Wednesday 29 October

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

Thursday 30 October

10am Requiem Mass for Ethel Connolly (SB)

Friday 31 October

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 1 November

11am Annual Mass for the Deceased (SJ)
5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 2 November - All Saints Day

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, 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, Pauline Dobson

Lately Dead: Ethel Connolly, Alfie Morrison, Sheila Dewhurst, Grace Howarth, Edgardo Sarahan, Robert Heyes, Denise Hunt

Anniversaries: John & Joan Pearce, David Coffey, Kathryn Hinks

Mass Intentions: A special Intention, John & Joan Pearce, Ethel Connolly, David Coffey, Grace Howarth, Edgardo Sarahan, Denise Hunt

We are asked to pray for these intentions: Students & 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 & their families

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

SVP News

Coffee Morning: Our next coffee morning will be held after the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 29 October. All most welcome.

Christmas Dinner on Jesus: We will be collecting items for the Christmas Dinner on Jesus Appeal. As in the last two years, we aim to collect 200 jars of Cranberry Sauce (200g size) by the last Sunday in November (30/11/25). Thank you, as always for your continued support.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials: Our annual poinsettia memorials will be organised shortly. Request slips, cards & envelopes will be available next weekend, and these can be placed, with donation (minimum £7), in the baskets. The deadline for your request is Sunday 7 December.
Thank you

Ethel Connolly RIP: The Requiem Mass for Ethel will take place on Thursday 30 October at 10am (St Brendan's). If you know anyone who may have remembered Ethel, from St Columba's, please could you notify them. Thank you.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29 October at 1pm. The novel for discussion is *Our Woman in Moscow* by Beatriz Williams. All welcome.

October the Month of the Holy Rosary: Rosary beads - handmade by one of our Parishioners will be for sale on Sundays at the back our Churches. Treat yourself to a new rosary bead or buy one for a friend. Proceeds go to the Parish funds.

November - The month of Holy Souls



Next weekend starts the time in the Church's liturgical calendar, when we remember the faithful departed, to that end, envelopes will be available (at the back of each church) for anyone who wishes to have their deceased relatives and friends remembered during November. Please feel free to take an envelope, and paper slip, to insert your intention (and optional donation) and place in the baskets at each Altar. The names of all those in the baskets will be remembered and prayed for in November.

Other News from Around the Diocese

Word on Fire Comes to Salford - 'Evangelising the Culture': Join us for a thought-provoking evening as Bishop Robert Barron's *Word on Fire* program comes to Salford Cathedral, inviting us to explore how we can each play a part in bringing Christ's light to the world around us. The event will take place at 7:30pm on Thursday 13th November at the Cathedral Temporary Church, and refreshments will be served beforehand at 6:45pm in the cloisters. Please book your place by emailing enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk or call 0161 817 2210.

Advent Talks - Reflecting on Dilexi Te: During Advent, we are pleased to be joined once again by Sr Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd for a series of talks reflecting on Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*. Join us every Tuesday between 25 November and 16 December as we consider how we welcome the birth of the Messiah into a world of multifaceted poverty. The venue for this year's talks will be Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church Hall, M38 0DL, and will take place from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Please email joankfmsj@gmail.com or phone 07934 816796 to register your interest.

Reader's Rota: The new rota will be published in the next two week. If you would like to join the rota, please let us know at the parish office. Thank you.

Readers for 1/2 November 2025

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
C Molyneux	M Roe	M Day
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 2 November		
J Carroll & S May		