

Diocese of Salford
Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

2 November 2025

All Saints



Today we should celebrate, for this is our feast day. We have been called by God to be counted among his saints and if we respond to this call we will become children of God.

The late Pope Francis wrote "The saints are not perfect models, but people through whom God has passed". The sanctity of God has touched our lives and left a mark upon us so that we have the ability to share his love with all we meet and serve as a beacon of light to all peoples.

Our first reading from the Book of the Apocalypse speaks of the gathering of the saints in heaven worshipping God. Our fellow Christians are suffering each day for their faith in many parts of the world. These are our modern martyrs; they follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before. The passage speaks of "a great multitude that no one could number from all tribes and peoples and languages". They stand in worship before the throne of God. Today we remember them as our departed brothers and sisters in Christ.

The psalm speaks of "the people who seek him". Each of us has a place among these people. We are called to be "Clean of hands and pure of heart" simple as this may seem we are only asked to act always with humanity and love.

The letters of Saint John give us hope in what is to come. He speaks of the love of the Father coming upon His children. We are His sons and daughters, and we stand against the world that does not know Him. Our Christian duty is to bring hope into this world of despair, to bring peace to this world of conflict and inequality. The Gospel passage from Matthew reminds us of the great blessings that Jesus brings to those who would listen. It is His manifesto, and unlike the political manifestos that we hear from time to time, this is a promise that can be fulfilled. We have the power to comfort those who mourn, to care for the meek, to help feed the hungry and thirsty. We can do this for those around us in so many ways. All we need is to see and respond. We must work for a fairer and better world and, though we are small together we can bring change. We will be met with opposition, with disparaging remarks, with barriers but we are not alone we have our Saviour, standing among us, leading us to His light.
David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C

Sunday 2 November

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

Monday 3 November - All Souls

10am Mass (SB)
12noon Mass (SJ)
6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 4 November - St Charles Borromeo

10am Mass (SB) with Yr 3
7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

Wednesday 5 November

9.30am Adoration (SJ)
10am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 6 November

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 7 November

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 8 November

9am Adoration & Confession (SJ)
9.30am Mass (SJ)
5pm Mass (SB) - *With Children's Liturgy*

Sunday 9 November - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9.30am Mass (SJ) With Children's Liturgy
11am Mass (SB) With Children's Liturgy

Remembrance Sunday

Please note, refreshments will not be available after the 9.30am Mass due to Remembrance Services at Dunscur 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, 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,

Anniversaries: Fr Denis Sheahan, Dorothy Hodget, Robert Neil Potter

Mass Intentions: Fr Denis Sheahan, Ethel Connolly, Alfie Morrison, George Brooks (Birthday Remembrance), Dorothy Hodget, Robert Neil Potter

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

Congratulations: To Maeve Everly Cullen who was baptised last weekend. We pray that both she and her family continue to grow in faith.

SVP News

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 are now available, and these can be placed, with donation (minimum £7), in the baskets provided. The deadline for your request is Sunday 7 December. *Thank you*

Gaelic Coffee Morning: Will be held after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 14 December. We will have some wonderful raffle prizes on offer including some special prizes for children.

November - The month of Holy Souls



This week 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.

Saint John Henry Newham - Doctor of the Universal Church: Pope Leo has set the date of 1st November, the Feast of All Saints, as the date when he will proclaim St John Henry Newman a Doctor of the Universal Church. Newman will become the 38th Doctor of the Church and only the 3rd Englishman, joining St Bede the Venerable and St Anselm of Canterbury. While many Doctors of the Church are notable for one particular aspect of their teaching, St John Henry Newman is especially remarkable for the breadth of his teaching across many aspects of the Catholic Faith. We pray for his intercession for our Diocese after this wonderful news for the Church in England and Wales.

Early Notice for Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: 4.30pm (SB); 6.30pm (SJ)

Christmas Day: 9.30am (SJ); 11am (SB)

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: 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 is Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church Hall, M38 0DL, (10:30am - 12:30pm). Please email joankfmsj@gmail.com or phone 07934 816796 to register your interest.

Readers for 8/9 November 2025

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
S Mikolajewski	J Summerton	K Denton
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 2 November V & R Rawlinson		