

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

9 November 2025

Thirty -Second Week of Ordinary Time



Last week we celebrated the Saints of the Church, the living stones built on the foundation stone of Christ. Today we celebrate the buildings in which we worship. The places where we share our hopes, our dreams, our joys, our sorrows. A place of entry, a place of leaving, a place where we belong.

The passage from Ezekiel is a song of praise for the Temple in Jerusalem and portrays a spiritual vision of the Temple of God. It speaks to us of living water flowing from the temple bringing all good things to the land that surrounds it. The Jews saw the temple as the place that God dwells in on earth. Its waters are a place of plenty with fish swimming in the rivers and trees of every kind growing on the banks bringing food and healing to those who live within.

Paul, in contrast, sees a building made of living stones, the people of God. He calls upon us to be builders of the community of Christ. We each need to use our skills and talents to create a church which will guide and care for those around us. He reminds us that "God's Spirit dwells in you". This imposes a sacred duty upon us for, by our lives, we must create a world where the people of God can grow and flourish.

As a devout Jew, Jesus would have visited the temple many times and witnessed the way in which the Temple was turning from a building that represented an earthly vision of God to a marketplace where goods were sold and money was exchanged. Christ came to free the people from centuries of exploitation in which the poor became poorer, while the ruling classes became rich. The temple should be a place of prayer and worship, not of trade and profit. Jesus then prophesies His death and resurrection. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up". The Jews throw scorn on his words, but they come true. The Temple itself was destroyed by the Romans within 40 years of the Resurrection and remains a ruin to this day. We should spend some time today looking around our church and thinking about how, by praying and working together, we can build on the foundations set by those who have gone before us and build the church of the future.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C

Sunday 9 November -

Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Mass (SJ) - with

Children's Liturgy

11am Mass (SB) With Children's Liturgy



Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Monday 10 November - St Leo the Great

12noon Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 11 November - St Martin of Tours

10am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

Wednesday 12 November - St Josaphat

9.30am Adoration (SJ)

10am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 13 November

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 14 November

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 15 November

No Morning Mass Today

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

Sunday 16 November

9.30am Mass (SJ) With Children's Liturgy

11am Mass (SB) With Children's Liturgy

Early Notice for Christmas Masses

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

Christmas Day: 9.30am (SJ); 11am (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, Michael Kitching, Jane Manuel, Alice Leggett, Rita Margiotta, Pauline Dobson, Winifred Goodwin, Barbara Owen

Lately Dead: Arnold Banks, Valerie Webster, Ethel Connolly, Alfie Morrison

Anniversaries: Bernard Ramsden, Winifrede O'Connor, Philip Hall, Victor Gill, Florence & Louis Hodgkinson

Mass Intentions: Bernard Ramsden, Winifrede O'Connor, Victor & Eileen Gill, Valerie Webster, Philip Hall, Florence & Louis Hodgkinson

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 Kit Taylor Green who was baptised last weekend. We pray that both he and his family continue to grow in faith.

SVP News

Christmas Dinner on Jesus: We are now collecting 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: If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia (in memory of a loved one), 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.

Christmas Hampers at St Brendan's Church: We are holding a raffle of Christmas hampers after the 11am Mass on Sunday 14 December. To make some special prizes, we kindly ask if anyone could donate any of the following (unopened) items during November: Toiletries, Chocolates, Wine, Sprits or other Christmas type gifts. Please leave any items at the back of St Brendan's Church and they will be collected each weekend. Raffle tickets will be on sale from the end of November. *Thank you.*

Special Collections: Thank you for all your support with recent collections:

Catholic Education Sunday: £348.22

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday: £301.41

CAFOD Fast Day: £857

World Mission Sunday £453

200 Club Winners October:

1st Prize £50: E O'Donnell

2nd Prize £25: Fr A Rebello

3rd Prize £15: M Aspinall

Other News from Around the Diocese

Join Bishop John & CAFOD on Saturday 15th November: To pray for the success of the UN COP30 climate talks, in Brazil. 12pm at St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Sq, (Off Oxford Rd), Manchester M15 6BW. For more details see www.cafod.org.uk/dayofaction or contact sholleron@cafod.org.uk (07710 094454). Please use public transport or park at Manchester Aquatics Centre.

World Day of the Poor: The ninth World Day of the Poor will be marked on Sunday 16 November. Caritas Salford has a range of resources, prayers, and other information to help us learn more about how we can support their work to end poverty in our diocese. For more information visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/resources

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 on Thursday 13th November (7.30pm) at the Cathedral Temporary Church (Refreshments from 6.45pm). Email 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. At 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 15/16 November 2025

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
N Bunting	P Barnes	F Doloroso
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 16 November		
A Gracie & P Partington		