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Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

Sunday 15th November **2026**

Thirty Third Week of Ordinary Time



We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends:
Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Tony Martin, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Jane Manuel, Rita Margiotta, Pauline Dobson, Winifred Goodwin, Josie Doyle, Shaun Smith, Stafford Sashoua, John Livesay, Martin Manning, Vera Broughton, Mary Hayler, Teresa Hall, Anne Magee, Bernie Coughlin, Margaret Jordan, Kevin Ward
Lately Dead: Margaret Neyman, Tom Chinnery, Fr Henry Doyle
Anniversaries: Philip Hall, Kathryn Hinks, Vernon Holt, Fred Greenhalgh, George McDonnel
Mass Intentions: Annie O'Brien (LD) x2, Philip Hall (A), Margaret Neyman (LD), Kathryn Hinks (A), Vernon Holt (A), Fred Greenhalgh (A), George McDonnel (A), For sick parishioners of Corpus Christi, a special intention, a sick friend, departed members of the Villa and Strange families, for all the Holy Souls in purgatory

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your kind donation, the parish will benefit at no extra cost to yourselves.
Donations: We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.
Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to Corpus Christi. Thank you

Let us pray this week we pray for the people of the parish of St Edmund and St Patrick, Bolton, for Father Michael Howarth, their parish priest, for the chaplaincy to the University of Greater Manchester and to the Bolton Hospice. We also pray for the parish primary school.

Meditation: The next meditation session will take place on Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm, at St John's. All welcome.

Relics of St Gerard Majella: St Gerard is the Patron Saint of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. As part of the 300th anniversary of the death of St Gerard Majella we are privileged to have his relics visit St Brendan's church Harwood on Thursday 26th November. The schedule is arrival 6.00PM with a time for prayer and devotion then Mass at 7.00PM. Fr Royston Price will preside and preach.

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Masses & Activities this week
Readings: Page 155 of Mass Book

Sunday 15th November
9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy
11.00am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Monday 16th November
No Mass

Tuesday 17th November
10.00am Mass (SB)
7.30pm Meditation (SJ)

Wednesday 18th November
10.00am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 19th November
10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 20th November
12.00 noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 21st November
11.00am Mass for the dead (SB)
5.00pm Mass (Presentation for the children of St Brendan's and St Columba's) (SB)

Readers 14th/15th Nov

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Chris Molyneux	Peter Barnes	Kathryn Wilkinson

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 15th November
John Carroll/Steve May

Rotas: The new rotas for readers and Eucharistic Ministers are now available at the back of church.

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Italian Mass at Salford Cathedral
There will be Mass celebrated in Italian at Salford Cathedral at 2PM on Sunday 6 December. Please do come along.

200 club Winners for October:
£50 Linda Cain
£25 S McDowell
£15 Stasia Witton

SVP News:

Coffee Morning: The next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 25th November. Money raised will go the prisoner's fund.

Adoration/Benediction and afternoon tea for the elderly of the parish: Thank you to Fr Alf for a wonderful service and Benediction, it was a lovely afternoon that was enjoyed by all.

Urban Outreach Christmas Pudding appeal:



Thank you so much for your very generous donations, we only have another £71 to go! Any money over will be used to help vulnerable families this Christmas.

Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP): Fr Samuel Alabi MSP will make the mission appeals this weekend. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal. There will be a second collection at all Masses, donations will remain open for two weeks. Additionally, you can donate by setting up a direct debit or by cheque using the provided account details:

Account Name: The Missionary Society of St Paul
Sort code: 202963
Account No: 73306224
Bank Name: Barclays Bank

Alternatively, you can use your smartphone to donate via the QR code below.

Parish Christmas Raffle:

This year we are having a parish Christmas Raffle. Tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks. We are looking for donations, and you will find a list at the back of church with some ideas. If you feel able to donate a prize, please add your name to the list. The raffle will be drawn after 9.30 Mass on 20th September when the SVP will be selling Gaelic coffee and mince pies. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials: If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia (in memory of a loved one), request slips, cards & envelopes are available. These can be placed, with donation (minimum £8), in the baskets provided. The deadline for your request is Sunday 7 December. *Thank you*



There is a crisis of identity in the world today: strident cries for recognition of the many facets of human behaviour which we call life. What is needed is a healthy respect for all humanity and an acknowledgement that every person has a right to live in safety, security and peace in our world. Today's readings are centered on the unique talents of each human being and how by using our talents for good we can achieve equality in this life and create a store of goodness to take into eternity.

In the first reading from Proverbs, we have a beautiful description of the perfect wife. We are each gifted with a certain talent. In the Old Testament the role of Wife and Mother was considered the most suitable for the daughters in a family. Their role was to build a home for their husbands and children. In an economy where the man worked and the woman stayed at home this was accepted as normality and though we may disagree with the imposition of such roles on men and women this was the pattern for many centuries almost up to our present time. However, as the writer of proverbs observes, in a plea for equality, "Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates".

The parable of the Talents in the Gospel continues this theme of the importance of using our gifts wisely and for the benefit of all. The passage looks at three individuals who are entrusted with their master's money. He places his faith in them but realises that they, like us, are gifted in different ways. One is skillful with money and invests it wisely making a good return for his master, the second is not so gifted but still produces a profit even from a smaller resource, the third, however, does not use the gifts he has been given, instead he hides the money so that he can return it when the master comes home. We too have our talents, our gifts. If we choose to use them, we can create a better world for ourselves and those around us. If, however, we choose to hide our gifts and waste our opportunities then we may be faced with God, at the end of our days, when He will ask us what we have done with our lives. I would suggest that none of us would want to face judgement with empty hands and gifts that are tarnished with rust!

David Frank

Chairs: We have several foldable wooden chairs that are surplus to requirements. They are in excellent condition and would be great as "emergency chairs" at Christmas. If anyone could find a use for these, you are welcome to collect for a small donation to the parish.

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