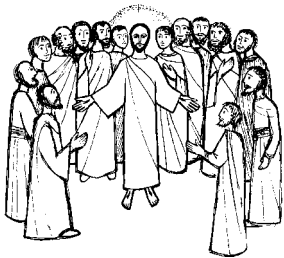




Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

15 April 2018

The Third Sunday of Easter



We continue to think about the Resurrection this week, from three different perspectives: the Gospel gives us another story of Jesus appearing to his disciples - this time the beautiful story of the meeting in Jerusalem, when Jesus proves he is alive and no ghost by eating some grilled fish: he reminds the disciples that he suffered and rose so the repentance for the forgiveness of sins could be preached to the whole world. The first reading shows us Saint Peter doing just that, as he addresses the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost: he takes them through recent events (fifty days earlier), highlighting the important point, that he and the disciples can witness to the raising of Jesus from the dead, and calling them to repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out. The second reading brings this into our lives: the resurrection is not just a historical event, which we remember. By baptism (which we renewed at Easter) we become part of Jesus in his dying and his rising, as he becomes the sacrifice that takes our sins away. So all that Saint John tells us about the commandments and avoiding sin, is our way of living the Resurrection.

Marriage Matters: Let peace reign in our hearts: There are times in life, as couples, when the demands of work, concerns about money and care of the children can seem overwhelming. In times like these let's acknowledge each other, take time out to clarify the issues and remind ourselves of the words of Jesus to the Apostles when they thought it was all over, "Peace be with you!"

Think Vocation: Today we hear that St Peter the first Pope bravely preaches the Easter message that Christ is Risen. The present Holy Father is the successor to St Peter and is the leader of the universal Church. As we receive the Eucharist today let us become aware of our place in the universal Church and let us always have a "world" dimension to our understanding of what it is to be Roman Catholic.

Liturgy & Activities This Week	
<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> <i>Sunday Missal: Page 739; Readings: page 743;</i> <i>Preface: At priest's choice</i>	
Sunday 15 April	9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)
Monday 16 April	No Mass today 7.45pm SVP (SJ)
Tuesday 17 April	10 am Requiem Mass for Dr David Attwood (SB) 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7.15pm SVP (SB)
Wednesday 18 April	9.30am Mass (SJ)
Thursday 19 April	9.15am Mass (SB) 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)
Friday 20 April	9.30am Mass (SJ) Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations (SB School)
Saturday 21 April	11am Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SB)
Sunday 22 April - Good Shepherd Sunday	9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund</i>

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Prayers Please

Sick: Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Jude McCann Brown, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Father Francis McCauley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 8), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, Christine Everitt, Mark O'Brien, Sheila Derbyshire, Margaret Gibson, Kathleen & Arnold Banks, Andrew Rostron, Michaela (Sick child), Linda Marsh, Ross Smith (young person), Vernon Holt and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness

Lately Dead: Ann Cunliffe, Peggy O'Neill, Dr David Attwood, Maureen Attwood, Andrew McGrath, Judith Stockton, Canon Tony Dorran

Anniversaries: Dominic Owen, Patrick & Mary Doyle, Harry Mason, Alex Shackleton, Thomas Sheridan Sr, Thomas Sheridan Jr, Mark Villa, Eileen Gill, Marie Lamoury

Mass Intentions: Maureen Attwood, Patrick & Mary Doyle, Andrew McGrath, Judith Stockton, Dr David Attwood, Peggy O'Neill, Canon Tony Dorran, Harry Mason, Alex Shackleton, Thomas Sheridan Sr, Thomas Sheridan Jr, Kerry & Laurie Hollingsworth & the Hollingsworth family, Marie Lamoury, Mark Villa, Eileen & Victor Gill

Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6):

We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work

Hope in the Future

In union with Bishop John and our Diocese we pray for the people of the parishes of:

St Mary, Clayton-le-Moors and Our Lady and St. Hubert with St Wulstan, Great Harwood, and Fr Anthony Clarke, their parish priest
St Charles, Rishton, with Fr Martin Dowd, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools.

May we be witnesses to the Living Lord

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

Easter 8pm-80; 9am-243; 11am-317

Total -640

7/8 April 5pm-139 ;9am-175; 11am-159

Offertory Collection

Easter: £1,338.05

7/8 April: £1,028.49

Standing Orders (1 Apr-12 Apr) - £1,578.42

Cheques: Whilst we are awaiting our new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to **St John's**. Thank you.

Financial Summary for March 2018

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Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	1508.95
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	2407.53
Standing Orders	2087.42
Piety Stalls, Votives & Almanacs	235.02
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	660.00
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	847.40
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	150.00
Donations	64.00
Restricted Income (Specific Use)	
Mass Intentions	285.00
Money raised for CAFOD	1976.43
SVP (Maundy Thursday Collection)	334.00
Shrines of Palestine (Good Friday)	382.00
Total Monthly Income	10937.75
Expenditure	
Church Expenses (both)	2413.65
Presbytery Expenses (both)	881.62
Clergy Allowances	1561.26
Fundraising/Social Expenses	75.00
Wages (though not recharged yet)	2088.19
Restricted Payment (CAFOD)	2852.98
St Columba Expenses	147.44
Total Monthly Expenditure	10020.14
Balance of Income/Expenditure	917.61

So for the first time this year our monthly income has exceeded our expenditure - just! The CAFOD payment includes income from January and February as well as the Fast Day.



Congratulations: To Jessica Elizabeth Steward who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family continue to grow in faith.

St John's 200 Club

The April winners are:

£50 J Caldwell (146)

£25 M Roe (156)



Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 22 April

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8pm (SJ)	L Lamoury	TBA
9am (SJ)	F Carter	E Rothwell, P McArdle T Armstrong, F Smith M Cropper, A Rawlinson
11am (SB)	M Day	J O'Connor, T Proctor, T Smith

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Fr Sean O'Brien: Has been appointed as parish priest of St Mary's, Oswaldtwistle and will take up that appointment later this month. We wish him well. Please keep him in your prayers.

Msgr John Allen: Would like to meet up again with former pupils of St Gregory the Great, Farnworth, who were born in 1938, to celebrate their 80th year. The event will take place (for lunch) at Olympus Fish & Chip Restaurant, Newport Street, Bolton at 1.15pm on Tuesday 24 April. Msgr Allen (parish priest of Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich) spent a significant part of his childhood at St Gregory's and is a lifelong Bolton Wanderers fan. Please contact Eileen Edwards (01204 576119) if you are interested.

Working for a Better Future - Mechanics' Institute, Manchester, Tuesday 1 May at 1pm: This Event, held by Caritas Social Action Network and the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice, marks the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Trade Union Congress. For the full agenda and to book a free ticket, please see the poster at the back of each church or www.csan.org.uk/events/working-better-future/

International Mass at Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL, Saturday 26 May (2pm): This is our second Annual Mass to welcome migrants and celebrate our diversity. All Welcome! Light Refreshments will be served following the Mass. We would be grateful if you could register your attendance by telephoning Cathedral House on 0161 817 2210 or cathedral@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Mark Time: We will be hearing *The Gospel according to Mark* at Sunday Mass for much of this year. Fr Christopher Lough will lead an introduction to this earliest and shortest of the Gospels, outlining some of the main themes and ideas to look out for over the coming weeks and months. There will also be an opportunity to work in a relaxed way with some of the stories that Mark sets before us. On Tuesday 8 May at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Kingsway, Rochdale OL16 5BX from 7.30pm to 9pm. All welcome. Refreshments available from 7pm. There is no charge for the evening and there is ample parking



Tickets for the CAFOD concert on 11 May are now on sale.

We have been reminded that all donations to CAFOD before 12 May will be doubled by the Government, so if you wish to give anything more this is a good time to do so.

**Salesians of Don Bosco UK
Registered Charity No. 233779**

Vacancy - Finance Manager Designate
Salesian Provincial Office, Thornleigh House,
Bolton

Salary range: At least in the range of £30-40,000pa (DOE) 35 hours per week.

This is an exciting and varied role for an experienced and talented finance professional to work in the Charity sector and help to support our projects around the UK. The Finance Manager Designate will work alongside the retiring Finance Manager, providing support to all our works, communities, senior managers and Trustees, ensuring a detailed handover within the course of a year in line with our succession planning model.

The Salesians of Don Bosco UK is an international Roman Catholic religious order working with young people principally through education, youth work, retreat centres, parishes and outreach. The Head Office of the Registered Charity is based in Bolton and is a key support for the delivery of the charitable work of the Salesians. With an impressive record of staff retention, professional development opportunities, and employee satisfaction, this is a good opportunity to move to an organisation where you are appreciated and encouraged to develop. You will enjoy working with figures from basic bookkeeping duties right up to the production and presentation of year end accounts. Your capacity to adapt and assume responsibility for all aspects of the role such as handling donations, processing Gift Aid, administering third party management of investment portfolios and managing the personal financial affairs of the Salesian priests and brothers is essential. Experience of computerised accounts is also essential as is the ability to multi-task, be enthusiastic and self-driven with a proven track record of proactively generating results in a demanding environment. As a people centered person you will be able to communicate effectively at all levels, work within the spirit of the Salesian ethos and will have a healthy ambition to acquire responsibility for all aspects of the role.

Other Benefits: Pension plan with long service loyalty award, childcare vouchers, support for ongoing professional development.

Closing date: Thursday 26th April 2018

Application packs are available from: Mrs Anne-Marie Parkinson, Salesian Provincial Office, Thornleigh House, Sharples Park, Bolton, BL1 6PQ. Tel: 01204 600720

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Website: www.salesians.org.uk

Parish Finances

Arising from discussions with the Parish Enabling Team (PET) over the past few months, and wishing to satisfy the requirement of Canon Law, I have now established a Parish Finance Committee which held its inaugural meeting on Wednesday evening. This committee exists to help the parish priest administer the goods of the parish, through the expertise of its members. I am grateful that we have a mix of people with financial, legal and business experience: Greg French, John Howarth, Marie Meagher, Chris Molyneux and Kathryn Wilkinson (along with the parish clergy). Normally this committee would meet quarterly to consider parish finances over the previous three months and help finalise the accounts for submission to the diocese each January. However, it can meet more often if required or desired. The committee also has responsibility for parish property in terms of the contents of our buildings. Again through discussions with the PET, I am establishing a separate Parish Property Team to look after the maintenance and development side of our buildings and sites (and will report on that when it is set up).

Here is a summary of the accounts submitted to the diocese in January. Although our new parish came into being in September 2017, we were asked to report separately on all three for the whole of the financial year but for 2018 we will have one set of accounts for Corpus Christi (and a residual account for St Columba until the disposal or development of the building and site are resolved).

Annual Financial Summary 2017	SB	SC	SJ	Total
Income				
Gift Aidable Income	14,794.69	4,148.35	24,492.42	43,435.46
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	24,000.00
Gift Aid Tax Refund [2yrs for SB]	9,755.30	2,855.70	6,993.66	19,604.66
Non Gift Aid Offertory	9,157.62	3,632.96	5,274.79	18,065.37
Church Boxes/Piety Stall	2,030.01	271.25	1,638.41	3,939.67
Ministry Income	1,580.00	1,329.00	5,976.23	8,885.23
Fundraising/Social Income	223.00	0.00	4,277.87	4,500.87
Other Income	270.00	145.00	9,954.20	10,369.20
Bank Interest	23.55	20.27	817.43	861.25
Restricted Income	5,113.28	1,496.25	16,249.15	22,858.68
Expenditure				
Church	10,974.61	11,066.61	16,933.12	38,974.34
Presbytery	8,303.45	4,546.25	11,847.04	24,696.74
Parish Centre/Club/Hall	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clergy	9,426.60	23.00	7,497.20	16,946.80
Parish Vehicle	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising/Social Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wages	3,956.51	0.00	18,986.21	22,942.72
Diocesan Levy	6,672.00	4,932.00	10,512.00	22,116.00
Bank Charges	210.49	150.91	231.94	593.34
Capital Expenditure	0.00	5,046.00	7,099.79	12,145.79
Restricted Expenditure	5,631.79	1,805.69	21,422.83	28,860.31
Opening Balance (1 Jan)	7,966.51	-649.42	155,897.81	163,214.90
Total Income	50,947.45	21,898.78	83,674.16	156,520.39
Total Expenditure	45,175.45	27,570.46	94,530.13	167,276.04
Closing Balance (31 Dec)	13,738.51	-6,321.10	145,041.84	152,459.25

Canon Michael Cooke VG
Parish Priest