

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

29 April 2018

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy,

when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to “belong” to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

Marriage Matters

Listening and discerning together: Jesus says “Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.” Listening to Our Lord is essential for our fruitfulness. This can depend on how well we make the time to listen to each other, to discern together. Often God speaks to us through our spouse; some say ‘the closer we are to each other, the closer we are to God’.

Think Vocation

It is understandable how difficult the disciples found Saul’s radical change of heart and direction towards Christ. Even today the Lord can invite people to radically change their way of living to serve in the Church. Let us ask St Paul’s guidance and help for those who feel called to radically change the direction of their lives.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> <i>Sunday Missal: Page 762; Readings: page 765;</i> <i>Preface: At priest’s choice</i>
Sunday 29 April 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children’s Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy 1pm Baptism (SJ) <i>Special Day of Prayer for Europe</i>
Monday 30 April 9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)
Tuesday 1 May 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)
Wednesday 2 May - St Athanasius 9.30am Mass (SJ)
Thursday 3 May - St Philip & St James St John’s Patmos Room in use all day for local elections 9.15am Mass (SB)
Friday 4 May - The English Martyrs 9.30am Mass (SJ)
Saturday 5 May 6.30am Walsingham Pilgrimage departs from St John’s Church 11am Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB)
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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, Colin Markland, Andrew Lee, Margaret Knowles, Patricia Croton, Peggy O'Neill, Martin Hall, Andrew McGrath, Margaret Knowles

Anniversaries: Nina Gilmartin, Gerard Murphy, Alan Healey, Jack Jordan

Mass Intentions: Ann Cunliffe, Colin Markland, Nina Gilmartin (1st Anniversary), A dear brother & nephew, Gerard Murphy, Alan Healey, David Gracie (Birthday Remembrance), Jack Jordan, Andrew Lee, Margaret Knowles

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

Let us pray for the people of the parishes of:

St Mary's, Eccles, with Fr Robert Livesey.
The Holy Cross, St Matthew and St Gilbert, Eccles, with Fr Martin Collins.
We pray for their parish primary schools and St Patrick's College.

May we be rooted always in Jesus, the True Vine, and so produce a rich harvest.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

21/22 April 5pm-97; 9am-193; 11am- 166
Total-456

Offertory Collection

21/22 April: £1,130.50

Standing Orders (19 Apr-25 Apr) - £205

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



Congratulations: To Harper-Rae Yorke who was baptised at St Brendan's last Saturday. And to Mercedes Porscha Leanne Garsden who was baptized at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families continue to grow in faith.

Ecclesiastical Education Fund: Thank you for the collection last week which raised £725.38 for the fund that is used to train our future priests. The collection remains open for a few weeks for private donations

Thank You: The recent sales of marmalade came to £100. The proceeds of the sales will go towards the Thornleigh student's Tanzania trip.



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.

SVP News

SVP Outing (SJ): The Spring outing for the elderly, disabled and housebound will be held on Sunday 3 June at St Joseph's Blackburn.

SVP Sponsored Walk: Will be held on Sunday 1 July. More details to follow.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 5/6 May

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SJ)	S Mikolajewski	TBA
9am (SJ)	S May	M Cropper, F Smith P McArdle, M Speed, A Gracie, M Russell
11am (SB)	E Rankin	J Murphy, P Carolan, K Wilkinson,

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Walsingham Pilgrimage Saturday 5 May: The coach will leave St John's Church at 6.30am prompt and then collect other pilgrims at St Mark's Church, Pendlebury at 7am (Returning approximately 10.30pm). Please bring a packed lunch with you. There will be two 45-minute stops, one on the way there and one on the return. Cars can be left securely on St John's car park.

Trip to the People's Museum: Departs from St Brendan's at 10am on Wednesday 16 May. We shall leave the Museum at 2.30pm and aim to be back at St Brendan's for 3.15pm. The price is £12 and there are a few places left. (303505)

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 19 May (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is for parents from our parish who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please contact the parish office if you wish to attend on 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk

Caritas: Mark Wiggin and the team at Caritas Diocese of Salford, send their sincere thanks for the £970.07 raised at this year's Caritas Sunday at Corpus Christi Parish. We are humbled by the support behind our mission to help those in need in our communities. Please be assured that the funds raised will be put to great use across the Diocese of Salford as we respond to local people in need. If you require any more information about our work please check out our website www.caritassalford.org.uk.

References: Over the course of a year I receive a good number of requests for references from schools where parishioners have applied for jobs. I am always happy to supply these as part of the recruitment process. However, in recent months I have received a number of such requests for people whose names I do not recognise. When this happens, I can only respond to the school to say that I am unable to help. I do point out that I might know the person by sight but not their name and so, if the school is interested in appointing them, they should ask the applicant to make themselves known to me. I am quite staggered that anyone would put someone down as a referee without bothering to either ask or at least inform them. Obviously, I will be leaving the parish shortly but that just makes it all the more important to remind you that anyone applying for jobs and putting the new parish priest down as a referee should make themselves known to him before doing so. *Fr Cooke*

Needles: There will not be a meeting of Needles on Monday 30 April or 7 May. The next meeting will be on Monday 14 May. All parishioners are welcome to come and join us. We have cross stitch, embroidery, tapestry as well as knitting and crochet.

St Brendan's School: As you know, the school had its Religious Education Inspection at the end of March, just before breaking up for the Easter holiday. Consequently, it has taken a little longer than usual to receive the report from the diocese. The inspection covers five areas - The overall effectiveness of the school, the quality of Catholic leadership, the Catholic life of the school, the quality of Religious Education and the quality of worship. Each of these was judged to be Grade 1 which means the school is outstanding in all areas. The report sums this up by saying "Since the previous inspection, which also graded the school outstanding in all areas, the identified areas for development have been met in full and the school has continued to develop and move forward as a result of exceptional leadership." This is a great legacy for our headteacher, Mrs Kwiatkowski, as she moves to new pastures after the summer holiday. Governors are continuing the recruitment process and are pleased to inform you that Mrs Brindley will be Acting Head Teacher from September. Well done to everyone concerned in achieving this great inspection outcome.

Receive - Pentecost Youth Celebration: Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL on Sunday 20 May 2018 (2pm-6.30pm) "*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you*" Acts 1:8. More details can be found on the poster at the back of each church

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine 18 June 2018: Price (£599 per person sharing) includes flights with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, transfers, four nights in Knock House Hotel with full Irish breakfast and four course dinner. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Come and Join Us: Tea and coffee is always served after Masses at St John's (9am) and St Brendan's (11am). All welcome!

World Meeting of Families: Pope Francis has now confirmed that he will be attending the World Meeting of Families in Dublin. There are still some places available to accompany Bishop John. The dates are 21 Aug - 27 Aug 2018 (7 days). The cost per person is £690.00 (adults) and £545 (children aged 4 - 12).

Cost Includes:

- All travel by luxury air-conditioned coach.
- Return ferry crossing Holyhead - Dublin.
- 6 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the 4* Hotel Plaza
- Attendance to the 3-day congress plus guaranteed ticket for the festival of families and ticket for the final Mass with Pope Francis
- Coach transfers in Ireland to/from the event.

What Is Extra:

- Single room supplement £109.00
- Travel insurance £45.00 per person no age limit but medical screening required if people are on medication.

Contact: formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Mark Time: 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

Vocations Weekend for Young Women (20s and 30s): *Discerning God's Call in My Life* on 25-27 May in Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Thy Kingdom Come - The Global wave of Prayer 10-20 May: *Praying that people come to know Jesus Christ.* At the heart of this global action is the desire that Christians pray in the special days between Ascension and Pentecost; there is a simple intention uniting the prayer and it is the desire for more people to come to know Jesus. These intentions will be published on the newsletter for reflection on that special week.

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. Please register your attendance by telephoning Cathedral House on 0161 817 2210 or cathedral@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. All are most welcome

Manchester and Salford Whit Walks - an Ecumenical Act of Witness: The Manchester and Salford Whit Walks organisers are keen for the participation of other denominations.

To find out further information please contact the organising secretary the Revd. Canon Daniel Burton on 07985 640803 or ashworthburton@hotmail.com

The walk takes place on Spring Bank Holiday Monday - 28th May. All are most welcome. The timings are as follows:

- 9.30am Assemble behind Manchester Cathedral
- 10am Procession sets off to march to Albert Square
- 10.45am Act of Worship in Albert Square
- 11.30am Procession sets off from Albert Square to return to Manchester Cathedral

Bishops Conference - Prayer for Peace

At last week's plenary the Bishops Conference issued the below prayer for peace:

At this time of heightened international tension, we ask our priests and people to pray daily for peace in the world and for a greater collaboration between all nations. We recommend that, in the coming months, the following Prayer be used at Mass:

Let us pray, through the intercession of Mary Queen of Peace, for peace on earth and an end to violence and terrorism in our world, for a new spirit of trust and collaboration between nations, for the gift of wisdom for our politicians and leaders, and especially for the resolution of long-standing conflicts in Syria, Gaza and Ukraine, and in other countries around the world.