

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

4 April 2021

Easter Week



Why does Easter Sunday always seem like an end instead of a beginning? It seems, sometimes, that all the spiritual energy we put into Lent and Holy Week is spent and the Easter Season comes as a kind of holiday. I cannot imagine that this was the spirit among the disciples in that first Easter. The euphoria of the empty tomb following the dreadful, fearful days of last Thursday and Friday will have evaporated as they tried to make sense of what was happening. What did resurrection really mean? Where was Jesus? What were they supposed to do next? Those who followed Christ must have been confused and frightened. By the time Peter spoke to Cornelius and his household many of these questions had been answered and he was very different from the man who ran away and denied Jesus on Holy Thursday. The Easter experience had changed him; he was now confident in the true nature of his mission. The mantle of leadership had fallen on his shoulders and this burly fisherman was now prepared to carry that responsibility. (If you can, read the whole of chapter 10 of Acts which begins with two visions, one to Cornelius and one to Peter, and see how, even at this stage Peter, like us, still has a lot to learn). The passage from Colossians on Easter Sunday reminds us that the way in which one comes to the church is always through the invitation of Christ and that, although he is unseen, he is always at the shoulder of those who come to find Him in our communities. Christ is always revealing Himself to us throughout our lives; He is the light by which we can find the way to our heavenly reward. The Easter season is an opportunity not to be missed, especially this year, when we are waking from the desolation of Covid into, hopefully, a brighter future. It is a time for renewal, a time to move on from the past. There is much to be done, things will change, and new ways need to be found, if we are to build a church relevant to all. We need to engage with our young people, inspire our adult parishioners so that they can take a role in our future and care for our elderly, both in their homes and in our church. If we approach the future with an open mind then the Spirit, which is always close to us, will enter and transform our lives in a special and beautiful way. *David Frank*

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Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1

Divine Office Week 1

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-9



Sunday 4 April

Easter Sunday

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 5 April - Easter Bank Holiday

10am Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 6 April

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 7 April

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 8 April

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 9 April

Churches Closed Today

Saturday 10 April

11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

6pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 11 April - Of Divine Mercy

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)



Happy Easter!

With every blessing
and best wishes to you
and your families and

Friends

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Thank you to all who have helped prepare
the Churches for the Easter Season



We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends: Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Anne Hurst, Margaret Padfield, Anne Killeen, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Emily Martin, Madeleine Evans, Barbara Pearl, Terence Gillett, Pat Margiotta, Mary Bagg, Vernon Holt

Lately Dead: Howard McArdle, Debbie Tiene,
Anniversaries: Eileen Gill, Rose Anne Hopkinson, John Cranshaw, John Reddy, Jim Smith, Herbert Winstanley, Ellen Doona

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Eileen & Victor Gill, Howard McArdle, Isabelle Owen (Birthday Remembrance), Rose Anne Hopkinson, Ernest John Peacock, John Cranshaw (1st Anniversary), Jim Smith, Herbert Winstanley, John Reddy, Ellen Doona, Betty Finn (Birthday Remembrance)

We continue to pray for victims of the Covid-19 virus, and for all those who are still working tirelessly to keep us safe.

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

We pray for the parish of the Three Martyrs: St Sebastian, St Boniface and St Thomas of Canterbury, for Fr David Macfarlane, their parish priest, for the Spiritans, the Christian Brothers, the parish primary schools, and for the chaplaincy to HMP Forest Bank. May the Risen Lord, who has passed over from death to life, lead them into the fullness of life.

Offertory

We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. Donations can be made by posting through the presbytery letter box, by post or alternatively donations can be made through Salford Diocese website, or by setting up a bank standing order. Thank you

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you

Prayer Resource - For those at home to attend the Liturgy Office has prepared a service called "*The Lord's Day at Home*", based on the Sunday Scriptures, that you can pray on your own or with your family. It is particularly aimed at those not able to follow a Mass on the internet. Please click on the following links:

[LDAAH Easter Sunday](#)

The Liturgy Office has also prepared single sheet versions of key offices for the Paschal Triduum:

[The Office of Readings for Easter Sunday](#)

Offertory Envelopes: The new Offertory envelopes are available at both churches this weekend. If you are not able to collect your box, and wish to have it delivered, please let us know and we can arrange this. Thank you for all your support.

Marmalade: The Marmalade, recently sold by Peter Barnes, has raised the sum of £51 for parish funds. Peter would like to thank everyone who bought the marmalade and, in particular, he is very grateful to all those who made additional donations. *Thank you!*

Alpha Online: On 13 April, Youth 2000 will begin running the next instalment of Alpha online. We have been amazed at the fruit from our first three Alpha courses. We are inviting parishes across the country to join Youth 2000 by bringing their youth groups or parish groups to Alpha Online. The sessions are organised over Zoom. The evening begins with a welcome from the Youth 2000 team, followed by the watching of the video, and then we go into small group discussions using the Zoom 'Breakout Room' feature; as a parish youth group, you have the option of either having the discussion online in a breakout room. The Online Alpha Course will run for 9 weeks on Tuesday evenings, starting on Tuesday 13 April (7.30-8.30pm). For more information, please contact Liam at liam.riley@youth2000.org.



200 CLUB: Subscriptions are now due (£12 per number). These can be handed in by the following ways:

1. Post/deliver to the Parish Office
 2. Leave at the front of either church in the basket provided.
 3. Contact me on 01204 302912/ 07528027295.
- For options 1 and 2 please place your subscription and your details in an envelope F.A.O Ann Gracie. **New Subscriptions are Welcome. If you want to find out more please ring!** All cheques made payable to *Corpus Christi*. *Many Thanks, Ann.*

Conference: *Rerum novarum* 130 Years On: Inspired by Pope Leo XIII's encyclical addressing working conditions, St Mary's University Twickenham are hosting an international online conference: *Rerum Novarum 130 Years On - The Future of the World of Work*. **Wednesday 5th - Saturday 8th May 2021.** Open to all and free of charge. To register contact the Rev Dr Ashley Beck: ashley.beck@stmarys.ac.uk

11 April 2021

Second Week of Easter

Activities this Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1</i> <i>Divine Office Week 2</i> Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-21
Sunday 11 April - Of Divine Mercy 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)
Monday 12 April 7pm Mass (SJ)
Tuesday 13 April 9.30am Mass (SB)
Wednesday 14 April 9am Adoration; 9.30am Mass (SJ)
Thursday 15 April 9.30am Mass (SB)
Friday 16 April Churches Closed Today
Saturday 17 April 11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) 6pm Mass (SB)
Sunday 18 April 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)

GM Mayoral Assembly invitation: The Diocese of Salford and Caritas are founder members of Greater Manchester Citizens - a community organising alliance dedicated to challenging injustice and building stronger communities. **On Tuesday 27 April (6-8pm) via Zoom**, GM Citizens will be hosting the *Greater Manchester Mayoral Assembly*. This is a key opportunity for us to join in solidarity with other communities from across Greater Manchester to seek specific pledges from GM Mayoral candidates, including current GM Mayor, Andy Burnham. GM Citizens will also be launching their agenda, based on an extensive listening campaign, to improve mental health, reduce pollution and eradicate child poverty in our region. This is not a public hustings event. Online attendance is via invitation from member organisations (like ourselves) to join together as community, acting in support of the common good. The Diocese of Salford and Caritas are inviting our parish communities within the Greater Manchester region to be part of this unique and important online event. To register for the online Mayoral Assembly, please go to: https://actionnetwork.org/events/citizens-uk-greater-manchester-assembly-2021-2?link_id=2&can_id=ee4e98c8f4d10f9b97b13d8b7b5282a7&source=email-mayoral-assembly-registration&email_referrer=email_1115443&email_subject=mayoral-assembly-registration It will also be helpful if you can please notify us if you will be attending by emailing k.ansley@caritassalford.org.uk

Caritas Job Vacancies

Social Workers

3, 4 or 5 days per week, Term time only (39 working weeks, 13 non-working weeks) SCP19-26, Qualification Bar at SCP24

We require Social Workers to provide a high quality social work service in schools across the Diocese of Salford. You will work directly with children and young people, their parents, carers and schools in order to further the child's welfare and provide the interventions necessary to enable them to use their learning opportunities to the full.

[To view a full job advertisement, please click here](#)

Closing date: Tuesday, 6 April 2021 at 10am
Interview: Tuesday, 13 April 2021. *Due to the pandemic interviews will be conducted via Zoom*

Bank Counsellors

We require a bank Counsellor to provide a counselling and family support service in schools across the Diocese of Salford according to each school's formal agreement. You will work with pupils referred to the Caritas Schools' Service on a variety of issues, providing a non-judgemental, caring and confidential environment for them to work through their problems and difficulties. For the position you will have experience of individual counselling and Therapeutic/group work with children. You will also be flexible and have competent IT skills.

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DiSAN Update: The Diocese of Salford Social Action Network (DiSAN) brings together charities and outreach groups across the Diocese of Salford to share information, strengthen and facilitate the network and develop the capacity for voluntary and community action within the diocese. The group is open to all parishes, organisations and individuals who support its aims. It has been pleasing to welcome a growing number of parish representatives to our DiSAN meetings as our parishes continue to build on their social action activities. The most recent meeting was held online on Thursday 25th March and taking inspiration from the priorities identified by the Vatican's Covid-19 Commission, the focus was on positive opportunity and collaboration. [Please find a summary of the meeting attached here.](#)

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