

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

18 April 2021


Third Week of Easter



We hear the Word proclaimed at Mass in different ways. For example, one listener may hear something from the first reading that strikes him or her, while another is caught by a phrase from the Psalm or the second reading, and a third may hear a sentence from the Gospel which, on that day, may bring a response that lights a fire in their heart. We each hear the word from our own place, at certain times in our lives, and we are called to respond; we are all different, and God speaks to us as individuals.


Last week the Gospel was from John and spoke of the resurrection appearance of Jesus to his disciples gathered in the upper room. This week we have the same event described in the Gospel of Luke. There are similarities but there are differences. Two witnesses see and hear the same event, yet their recollection is based on their own individual memories. Three things however are clear from the two reports; Jesus begins with “shalom”, Peace be with you, he did not ask “Why did you run away”, he does not blame them for their individual failings, instead he welcomes them back, rather like the father with the prodigal son, and forgives them for their actions. He then bridges the gap between doubt and belief by showing them His hands and His feet and sharing with them a piece of grilled fish; He is risen, not a ghostly apparition but the same man who lived with them for three years on the roads and in the villages of the Holy Land. Finally, He gives them a commission. He cannot stay, he must go to His Father in heaven, but His spirit will always be with those who believe in Him.

The commission is to prepare all nations for the coming kingdom of heaven through repentance of their sins. The apostles, filled with the Spirit of Christ, now have the courage to go out and evangelise to their own people, the Jews, but also the whole world. The passage from Acts reminds us of this: their courage in the face of opposition, is what wins the people for Christ. John's letter also reminds us that we must turn away from sin and seek repentance, for when we do so, “God's love comes to perfection” and we are reconciled to the Father. If we take the Word to heart then, in the words of the psalm, our sins will be forgiven and the Lord will “Lift up the light of his face on us”. *David Frank*

Activities this Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1</i> <i>Divine Office Week 3</i> Acts 3: 13-19 1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48	
Sunday 18 April	9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)
Monday 19 April	10am Mass (SJ)
Tuesday 20 April	9.30am Mass (SB)
Wednesday 21 April - St Anselm of Canterbury	9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 9.30am Mass (SJ)
Thursday 22 April	9.30am Mass (SB)
Friday 23 April - St George, Patron of England	Churches Closed Today
Saturday 24 April	11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) 6pm Mass (SB) <i>A Special collection for the</i>
Sunday 25 April	9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) <i>Ecclesiastical Education Fund</i>
	Vocations Sunday
	Weekly Eco thought In one of the Easter Prefaces we pray “for, with the old order destroyed, a universe cast down is renewed.” Note the breadth of vision; not just people, not just the earth, but a UNIVERSE is renewed in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. How can I be an instrument of that renewal?

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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: Jill Steward, Howard McArdle, William Burke, HRH Prince Philip The Duke of Edinburgh, Fr M McCoy, Shirley Williams, Richard Garcia

Anniversaries: Dominic Owen, Alex Strickleton, Marie Lamoury, Bishop Marshall

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Jill Steward, Marie Lamoury, In memory of Margaret Gibson, Alex Strickleton, William Burke, Sor a speedy Recovery

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

Over the next weeks we will pray for the parishes of St John Vianney Deanery. This week we pray for the Dean, Fr Simon Stamp, together with the parishioners of the parish of St Anne and St Joseph, Accrington, where he is Parish Priest. We pray for their parish primary school and the Accrington Victoria Hospital and the Mount ESM. May they be a vibrant sign of the Risen Lord in their local community

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, and not able to attend Mass, the Liturgy Office has prepared a service called "The Lord's Day at Home", 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. [LDAH - Easter 3B](#)

Offertory Envelopes: The new Offertory envelopes are available at both churches. 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.

200 CLUB: April Winners

1st prize £50 J Ainscough (116)

2nd prize £25 M Speed (9)



CAFOD: We have received a letter from CAFOD to say thank you for our recent collection for the Lent Fast day. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

Best Wishes: We have received an Easter letter from Stafford Shashoua. He wanted to say hello to all his friends at St John's and to thank them for all their support during his reception into the Church. He also writes to say he has settled very well in Yorkshire but misses you all.

Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst: Are hosting A Series of Talks Exploring some of the great themes of Catholic Christianity in writing (old and new) with Catholic scholars and contemporary authors. These talks are held every second Thursday (7.30pm) from the 29 April. For information and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/logs-and-literature/>

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

GM Mayoral Assembly Invitation: 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