

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

10 April 2022

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Peter's Prayer

Lord,
You call me to be your disciple,
to go out into the world and spread your word,
you promise me a disciple's tongue,
so that I will know how to speak.

You need me to do this every day,
when I awake, I hear your voice,
through the day, I feel your presence,
when evening comes, your peace surrounds me,
when sleep comes, I know you are watching,
until daybreak.

But I am so small,
I am unworthy of your faith in me,
unworthy of your love
I try, I fail, but I persevere, for I know your faith
in me is beyond my understanding.
I do not turn away from those who do not listen,
nor turn my back on those who despise me,
I accept whatever comes because I know you are
always at my side.
Wherever I walk, I follow you,
Whenever I speak, your voice is heard,
When I reach out to one of my brothers or sisters
it is your hands, your touch, that they feel. Amen

We meet Peter in today's Gospel. He is a man who is headstrong, full of bravado, given to sudden insights of faith, and very, very human. Jesus recognises his giftedness and his faults. He is a good judge of character and in Peter he sees something of every man, every woman, who has ever walked the earth.

Jesus uses Peter's impetuousness, his humanity, to bring us to a better understanding of ourselves. We want to be Peter; we want to say to our Lord; "Lord, I will never let you down, I will never deny you." Jesus knows that within the human spirit there is a generosity of love which always tries, often fails but always perseveres.

In today's passion narrative Peter denies Christ and across a crowded courtyard Jesus looks at Peter and for a moment time stands still. Jesus could have condemned Peter at that moment, and, like Judas, Peter may have never recovered from that experience. But Jesus does not; instead, He uses the moment to teach Peter perhaps the final lesson on his journey to understanding.

Forgiveness is a gift of God and when God forgives, we are made new. **David Frank**

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Sunday 10 April

9.30am Mass (SJ)
11am Mass (SB)
2pm Churches Together in Harwood Palm
Sunday Walk [see inside]

Monday 11 April

No Mass Today

Tuesday 12 April

9.30am Mass (SB)
10am General Church Clean (SJ)
6.30pm Stations of the Cross with Exposition &
Confession (SJ)

Wednesday 13 April

9am Mass (SJ) Due to Chrism Mass at
Cathedral

Easter Triduum

14 April Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper & watching at the
Altar of Repose until 10pm (St John's)
A Special Collection for our SVP Societies

15 April Good Friday

10.30am Stations & Confession (SB)
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(St John's)

A Special Collection for Shrines of Palestine

16 April Holy Saturday - 8pm

The Easter Vigil (St Brendan's)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Sunday 17 April - Easter Sunday

9.30am Mass (SJ)
11am Mass (SB)

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We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends: Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Anne Killeen, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Emily Martin, Pat Margiotta, Mary Bagg, Frances Skemp, Kathleen Banks, Penelope Booth (poorly infant), Colin Markland, Joan & Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Frank & Pat McDowell, George Denton, Richard Crichton, Josephine Ward

Lately Dead: Audrey Lunn, Tom Parker, Mark Strickleton, Terry Gillett, Fr John McNamara, Kathleen Birchall

Anniversaries: Lubbine Susol, Dominic Owen, Bernard Ramsden, Bernadette Gargan, Jack Gallagher, Tom & Evelyn Rabbit, Eileen Gill

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: Audrey Lunn, Tom Parker, James McGrath (Birthday Remembrance), Bernard Ramsden, Tom & Evelyn Rabbit (10th Anniversary), Eileen & Victor Gill, Intentions of the Owen Family, Terence Gillett, Bernadette Gargan, Jack Gallagher, Mark Strickleton, Philip Anderson (sick)

During Ordinary Time; we pray for: Candidates for the Sacraments; women; the needy & hungry of the world; penitents & wanderers.

At this present time, we pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine *Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil, and do thou prince of the Heavenly Host by the Power of God thrust down to Hell Satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of soul. Amen.*

Hope In The Future We pray for the Catholic Chaplaincy to the University of Manchester, the Manchester Metropolitan University and the Royal Northern College of Music. We pray for the Jesuit Community at the Church of the Holy Name. May they ever more confidently acclaim Jesus as Lord in the glory of God the Father.

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 they 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 the best resource for Sunday worship at home is through the **Universalis website** (<https://universalis.com/mass.htm>)

Congratulations: To Cara Louise Gandy who was Baptised last week. Let us pray that Cara and her family continue to grow in faith.

Offertory Envelopes: The envelopes for the next financial year are now available for you to take. Thank you for all your contributions.

Churches Together in Harwood Palm Sunday Walk: Meeting at Christ's Church, Harwood, Stitch-Mi-Lane (with a short service) at 2pm, the walk will continue down Hough Fold Way to St Brendan's for a short reflection, then on to Harwood Methodist for Hot Cross Buns. All are most welcome!

A Message of Thanks from Sister Aurora: *I treasure the moments of my visit to the parish and the tremendous kindness of the ladies who were so kind in providing the meals. Father Alf has been very good and very kind indeed. My prayers for each one of you and all your families. Wishing you all a very Happy Easter. Sr Aurora (Comboni Missionaries).*

The donations will be counted over Easter, and we will inform you of the total on the next newsletter.

Harbour Room Book Club. Early notice: The next few meetings are as follows: -

27 April- The Salt Path by Raynor Winn. (non-fiction)

25 May- The Keeper of Lost Things by Ruth Hogan.

29 June- Circe by Madeleine Miller.

Meetings are always on the last Wednesday of the month and begin at 1pm. Everybody is welcome.

CAFOD Fast Day: The total collected for the Lent Fast Day was £921.30. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

Who Am I?

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then, surely, I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
Of all four-footed things

The tattered outlaw of the earth
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout around my ears,
And palms before my feet.

The Donkey by G. K. Chesterton



**A Murder Mystery Play
Who Killed The Farmer?**

Friday 29 April at Dunscair Conservative Club (7.15pm) with supper and prizes for the winning table. Tickets are on sale after each Mass at the very reasonable price of £6 (numbers are limited). Please support if you possibly can. God Bless, Terry Smith 01204 305832

St John's Coffee Morning: We have had another donation for the Caritas (Salford) Ukraine appeal, which takes the amount to £225.50. This has now been sent off to Caritas. Thank you

St Brendan's After Mass Coffee: Would you be able to spare some time to help with coffee after Sunday Mass at St Brendan's? We are struggling so if you are interested, please contact the parish office. Many Thanks.

Christian Meditation 7.30pm: The Next dates are as follows:-

Thursday 28 April at St Brendan's

Tuesday 3 May at St John's

Tuesday 10 May at St John's

Thursday 19 May at St Brendan's

Tuesday 24 May at St John's

Tuesday 7 June at St John's

Thursday 16 June at St Brendan's

Tuesday 21 June at St John's

Thursday 30 June at St Brendan's

Tuesday 5 July at St John's

Thursday 14 July at St Brendan's

Tuesday 19 July at St John's

Thursday 28 July at St Brendan's. We will then have a break for August and resume in September.

Journey to the Cross: Social media reflections on The Lord's Passion: Follow in the steps of Our Lord this Holy Week as our Youth Ministry team leads us in thoughtful reflections on the final walk of Jesus. Each minute-long reflection takes a closer look at different characters from St Luke's Gospel - from Peter denying Jesus, to the two criminals that were crucified with Christ - to help immerse us in the story of The Lord's Passion this Holy Week. Watch on our social media channels or visit

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/journey-to-the-cross/> from Palm Sunday.

Formation Series: Fr Gerard Kelly - Personal Encounter with Jesus: Wednesday 27 April, 7.30pm - 9pm. Cathedral Centre, Salford, M3 6DP and via Zoom. We will have several opportunities to explore our faith and role as missionary disciples through our formation series. Fr Gerard Kelly will lead a reflection about having a Personal Encounter with Jesus. Tea and Coffee from 7pm and following the talk there will be time for questions. To register, please visit

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/personal-encounter-with-jesus/

Divine Renovation UK Open House: Salford: Cathedral Centre (3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP), Saturday, 14 May, 9.30am - 5pm. Explore ideas on how to breathe new life into your parish with this day-long event. Connect with other parishes, hear inspiring stories, and be encouraged to start renewing your parish.

Cost: £35 per person, including lunch and refreshments. Discount available for parish teams of 4 or more (including parish priest) by using the code **PARISH4** at checkout.

Find out more and register at:

<https://www.divinerenovation.org/openhouse-druk>

Date for the Diary: The first ever *Caritas Lancashire 3 Peaks Challenge* hiking fundraiser takes place on Saturday 25 June (8am-6pm) over 37km (23 miles) and 870m ascent. It will raise money for people across our Diocese who are facing crisis and disadvantage. Due to the challenging nature of this event, there will be a maximum of 50 adult-only participants. For more information and to register visit:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/caritas-lancashire-3-peaks-challenge-fundraising-event/>

SVP Manchester Central Council Annual Festival - "True North": Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton, Sunday 24 April, 2pm. Bishop John will celebrate Mass in the chapel, followed by refreshments, a short meeting & discussion in the adjoining hall. It's our first meeting for a couple of years and it would be lovely to see as many friends as possible alongside SVP members. It is a chance to meet our two new Membership Support Officers, and to look at how we take forward our ambition for a dynamic, growing Society, as we emerge from Covid restrictions.

Ancient Byzantine Iconography course

A seven-day immersion in the spirituality and discipline of writing an icon in the Byzantine style, led by Deacon Nikita Andreyev. Residential and non-residential options, from Saturday 25 June to Friday 1 July at the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. For more info and to book, <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/iconography-course/>

Gardening for Wildlife: The Laudato Si' Centre is launching a two-day foundation course in wildlife gardening at Wardley Hall (Saturday 21 May & Saturday 1 October). The course will include practical activities to encourage wildlife and create specific habitats for wildlife corridors. The full course fee is £60 but if you only want to attend one day this will be £45. To book or for more information please see

<https://northernschool.info/wildlife-gardening-laudato-si>

17 April 2022

Easter Sunday

Masses this Week

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Divine Office Week 1

Readings: Acts 10:34.37-43; Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

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Sunday 17 April
9.30am Mass (SJ)
11am Mass (SB)

**Wishing you all a
very Happy and
Holy Easter**
Fr Alf

When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active - the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make - with her - a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, He is Risen!

Easter Monday 18 April

10am Mass (SJ)

Easter Tuesday 19 April

10am Mass (SB)

Easter Wednesday 20 April

10am Mass (SJ)

Easter Thursday 21 April

10am Mass (SB)

Easter Friday 22 April

No Mass Today

Easter Saturday 23 April

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

12.30pm Baptism (SB)

5pm Mass (SB)

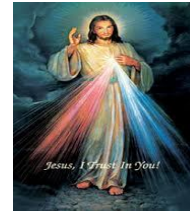
Sunday 24 April - Divine Mercy

Sunday/Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

12.15pm Baptism (SB)



Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday 24 April 2022

A Special Celebration for the Bolton Area at
the Parish of St Cuthbert

St Thomas of Canterbury Church

Lonsdale Road, Heaton

1pm-3pm

Exposition, Confessions, Special Prayers and

Talk by Tony Hickey

Hosted by Dr Charles Arewa

3pm Holy Mass

Celebrated by Fr Eamon Mulchay

Refreshments & All Welcome

Fr John McNamara RIP

Fr McNamara was in his ninety first year, the sixty-fourth year of his Sacred Priesthood. May he rest in peace.

Fr John was born on 4 June 1931 in Farnworth, Bolton and baptised on 28 June at St Gregory's Church, Farnworth. He was educated at St Gregory's Elementary School and De La Salle College, Pendleton. He was accepted as an Ecclesiastical student for the Diocese of Salford in September 1952 and studied at St Cuthbert's College, Ushaw. Father John McNamara was ordained to the Priesthood at Our Lady of Lourdes, Farnworth on 27 July 1958 and served the Diocese of Salford in the following appointments:

1958-1964: St. Edmunds, Little Hulton

1964-1971: St Hugh of Lincoln, Stretford

1971-1974: St Columba's, Tonge Moor,

1974-1977: Immaculate Conception,

Haslingden

1977-1995: St Charles, Rishton Parish Priest

1995-2009: Ss Peter and Paul, Bolton

In 2009, Fr John retired.

Readers For (16/17 April 2022)

8pm Easter Vigil (SJ)	9.30am (SJ) Easter Sunday	11am (SB) Easter Sunday
TBA	M Caton	M Day

Readers for 23/24 April 2022

5pm (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SJ)
C Molyneux	S Copley	K Denton

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