

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

24 April 2022

Second Sunday of Easter



*Blessed are you,
who have seen me,
have seen the wounds,
have touched my side,
but blessed more
are those who believe
by faith alone
in Jesus Christ.*

We all have something of Thomas the Apostle in ourselves. We want to believe but we have the need to see, to touch. This is, of course, part of what it means to be human, we do not automatically accept, we need to be convinced. Faith however is something different, it is a leap into the dark, a journey towards a distant place on unfamiliar roads which somehow become familiar as we travel and then, at journey's end we shall see the face of Christ.

The Apostles were set on this path, walking alongside our Lord and Saviour; daily they sensed a growing awareness of a closeness to God that they had never experienced before. In today's reading there is a community of believers, gathered together by the spirit of Pentecost, meeting, just like our own parish communities, to worship and to spread God's Word. This first community should be the template upon which our communities should grow, each individual was important, the strongest looked after the weakest and the entire group was united, body and soul, in following Christ.

One phrase stands out to me in the passage from Apocalypse, "Do not be afraid: it is I". We each have a personal relationship with Jesus, when we are in need, we can turn to Him, and He is there for us. We need to deepen this relationship through listening to His Word and in prayer.

Thomas is one of those voices we hear in the Gospels who always looks for meaning behind the word he has heard. He wants to know "Where are we going" he wants to be ready "shall we go and die with him" and today he cannot be convinced in the risen Lord until he can touch and see the wounds. His prayer is our inspiration, we cannot see but our faith leads us to belief and, through faith, his prayer becomes ours and together we proclaim. "My Lord and my God" **David Frank**

Masses this Week Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2 Divine Office Week 2 Roman Missal; Page 730; Readings page 735 Preface: Page 42
Sunday 24 April - Divine Mercy Sunday 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) 12.30pm Baptism (SJ)
Monday 25 April - St Mark 9am Mass (SJ) (This week only as Fr has a previous engagement in the evening and a funeral in Manchester in the morning).
Tuesday 26 April - St George 9.30am Mass (SB)
Wednesday 27 April 9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ) 9.30am Mass (SJ) 3pm Funeral Service for Mark Strickleton (Overdale)
Thursday 28 April 9.30am Mass (SB) 10.30am Funeral Service for Margaret Radatz (SB)
Friday 29 April - St Catherine of Siena No Mass Today
Saturday 30 April 10am Baptism (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) (no Adoration this week) 1.30pm Wedding of Ryan Aspinall & Paige McLenaghan (SB) 5pm Mass (SB)
Sunday 1 May 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB) 12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

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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 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: Catherine Duffen, Cristina Quirante Barnachea, Gerry O'Malley, Margaret Radatz, Mark Strickleton, Baby May Yvonne Yolo

Anniversaries: Margaret Moss, Ian Fazackerley, Celirina Quirante Cabarron, Marie Lamoury, Rose Heron

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: David Gracie (Birthday Remembrance), Catherine Duffen, Cristina Quirante Barnachea, Celirina Quirante Cabarron (1st Anniversary), Marie Lamoury, Joseph Oldroyd (sick), Gerry O'Malley, For the people of Ukraine, Frank & Betty Finn (Birthday Remembrance), With thanks for prayers answered, Rose Heron

During Easter; we pray for: New members of the Church, vocations, the right use of the media, the Church and human work

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: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Bernard, Burnage, for Mgr Michael Kujacz, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school. May their prayer ever be 'Jesus, I trust in You.'

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

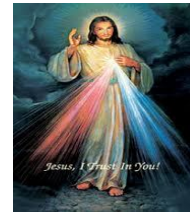
Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you

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 two of our parishioners who were received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. We pray with them as they continue on their journey of faith.



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

Thank you: For your generosity with our recent collections: SVP £295.80 and £229.95 for Shrines of Palestine.

Fair Trade Stall: There will be a stall selling Fair Trade items after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 1 May. Money spent at the stall will help producers in the developing world many of whom have had a significant fall in income during the pandemic. The goods are from Justicia, a social enterprise in Bolton, who also have a selection of goods on-line at www.boltonjusticia.co.uk

Churches in Harwood
Invite you to a

Jubilee Garden Party

On Sunday 5 June, 3pm to 5pm
At

Christ's Church, Harwood

Tickets £3 per adult and £1 per child are on
sale after Sunday Masses.

Afternoon Tea will be served and guests are
free to bring their own wine and glasses if
they wish.

There will be games, music, tombola etc

So please come along and join us for this
wonderful community event!

Please note, some catering will be required,
please let us know if you are willing to help.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham led by Bishop John Arnold Saturday 7 May. Coaches are available from each deanery, leaving around 7am and arriving back around 10pm. The cost for the day trip is £20. Those wishing to make their own way are welcome to join the pilgrimage in Walsingham. To book your place on the pilgrimage and on a coach, please download and return the [Pilgrim Booking Form](#). The Booking Form and further information can be found at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-pilgrimage-2022/.

For more information about pick up times/locations, please contact the coach leader for Salford & Bolton: Helen - 0161 817 2214 For more information contact: T: 07436 077 509

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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/

Formation Series: Dr Jessie Rogers: Lessons from the First Synod in the Early Church - Acts 15. Wednesday 11 May, 7.30pm: Throughout our Synodal Journey and Stage Four of Hope in the Future, we will have several opportunities to grow in faith and as missionary disciples through our formation series. Jessie Rogers will be leading a session called 'Lessons from the First Synod in the Early Church - Acts 15' exploring what we can learn for our Synod from the Council of Jerusalem. Jessie is the lay Dean of the Faculty of Theology at the Pontifical University Maynooth. She is a Scripture scholar specialising in the Old Testament and brings with her experience of facilitating several Diocesan Synods. **This event will take place on Zoom only.** To register, please visit

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synod-lessons-early-church/

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

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.

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.

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>

200 Club Winners for April :
£50 F Smith (60); £25 E Baker (110);
£15 M Cropper (20)

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Readers For (30 April/1 May 2022)		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
J O'Connor	L Fakunle	F Doloroso