

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

15 May 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter



How do you make creation new? How do you even begin?

Is there a light within you, that shines and casts out sin?

How do we build a new Jerusalem, in this sinful world of ours?

Where nations struggle to exist against the might of superpowers.

Can we shine with Christ's bright light and rebuild our world again

and wipe away the tears and sorrow for God's peace and love to reign

Stepping out into the unknown, clothed only with faith in Christ, Paul and Barnabas ventured into their first missionary journey. They took nothing with them but their faith, they had no safe havens to take comfort in, they, quite literally, put their trust in the Lord.

Have you ever thought about how you would have the courage to follow in the footsteps of Paul

and Barnabas? Is your faith strong enough to give up everything to follow Christ wherever that may take you? I do not think that I could do such a thing. I am by nature cautious; I try to get as much information as I can before embarking on something new but sometimes, I do make a small leap of faith; I cannot understand why I do so, but I know that something deep within gives me the courage. Of course, my leap of faith does not leave me open to angry mobs that want to silence and kill me. Thankfully my journey is not like that, but we all need to consider what do we do when our faith is challenged; do we speak out or do we remain silent.

Jesus tells us that that "By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples". He challenges us to show to the world our Faith in Him and our love for all His creation. This task may not appear to be as daunting as the challenges facing Paul and Barnabas but on a basic individual level it is a task that we are each called to fulfil. How do we appear to those in whom we come into contact: do they see in us true disciples of Jesus? If we have that love that Jesus speaks about then it will shine out and show, to those we meet, the love of Christ living within each of us. *David Frank*

Masses this Week

Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 1

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Sunday 15 May

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 16 May

No Mass Today (Due to Funeral on Friday)

Tuesday 17 May

9.30am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 18 May

No Exposition today

9.30am Mass (SJ) - with Yr3 & Yr 4 from St John's school

Thursday 19 May

9.30am Mass (SB)

Friday 20 May

12noon Requiem Mass for Robert Toole (SJ)

Saturday 21 May

12noon Baptism (SB)

1pm Mass (SJ) with Memorial for the Roe Family

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 22 May

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

Fr Alf will be starting his Easter break for 1 week

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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, Richard Crichton, Josephine Ward

Lately Dead: George Denton, Nell Etherington, Harry Johnson, Maureen Mullin, Nancy Chappelhow, Margaret Barrett,

Anniversaries: William Grimes, Robert Hall, Dave Badley, John Fitzgerald

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: A special Intention, Nell Etherington & family, William Grimes, Harry Johnson, Gerard Lamoury (Birthday Remembrance), Graham Taylor (Birthday Remembrance), James Wheeler (Birthday Remembrance), Robert & Rose Hall, Deceased members of the Heyes family, Maureen Mullin, Nancy Chappelhow, George Denton, John Fitzgerald, Gerard Dobson (Birthday Remembrance)

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: We pray for the people of the parish of the Holy Family, Denton, and for Fr Christopher Dawson. May people know them to be disciples of the Risen Lord in the love they have for one another

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>)

SUNDAY AND DAYS OF OBLIGATION

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist.

The Bishops have decided that from the 5th June 2022 (The Feast of Pentecost), we are now expected to return to Sunday Mass, as the Sunday Obligation and Holidays of Obligation are reinstated.

It is noted that 'Virtual viewing' of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, the Bishops recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>

Jubilee Garden Party

Sunday 5 June

3pm - 5pm

Christ's Church, Harwood

Tickets (£3 per adult and £1 per child) are on sale after Sunday Mass.

Please bring: Folding Chair & mug/glass.

Please wear: something red, white and blue (Fancy dress also an option).

What's required: Some help on the day, tents & tables, food preparation & prizes for the tombola. A list of food donations is on the church notice boards. If there are any special dietary requirements, and for any other information, please see Catherine Bridge

Thursday 19 May at St Brendan's

Tuesday 24 May at St John's

CAFOD 200k in Lent: Thank you to everyone who has contributed. So far, we have raised over £700 in sponsorship! If there are any outstanding monies, please hand in as soon as possible, so we can send the donation to CAFOD.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (29 July-4 August 2022: Booking via Joe Walsh Tours Ltd. www.joewalstours.co.uk with further enquiries to be forwarded to lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Christian Meditation 7.30pm: The dates for May are as follows:-

Readers For (21/22 May 2022)		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
C Molyneux	A Hayes	G Kearns