

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**9 April 2023**

## Easter Sunday



Memories are so important; they connect us to the story of our lives. When we recall the events, we have lived through, the joys, the sorrows, we remember people who are precious to us and we can relive those moments of love, and of heartache, and treasure them and keep them close. Over the last days we have revisited the events surrounding the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Our Blessed Lord, we have listened to many extracts from the scriptures which have formed the patchwork which is the story of our faith journey.

Each of the events described, the ideas formed in the minds of those who were present, are part of the memory of individuals whose stories they have touched. The Gospels, the Old Testament, the Letters, taken together are the basis of our belief. When Paul recalls the words Jesus used at the Last Supper he touches the memories of those who were present and makes that meal present in the minds of those gathered today round the altar of the Lord. When Isaiah speaks of the suffering servant, whose treatment at the hands of his enemies are so vividly described, yet who triumphed over His adversity, he reminds us that whatever we may face we have Christ as our support through even the most difficult of times.

We also have Easter, the spring that follows winter, the day of resurrection when the promise of Christ "I am with you, yes to the end of time" rings loudly and joyfully in our lives, and we know that our story, like His, can only end in joy if we follow Him. Today we have the memories of Peter as he baptises the household of the Roman, Cornelius, and his statement of faith in his friend and redeemer, Jesus Christ. Finally, in the Gospel, we meet the last character in our Lenten and Easter journey, Mary of Magdala. The faithful, trusting, lady who has the courage to go to the tomb where they have laid her beloved friend to give Him the final rites of His earthly life but instead finds an empty tomb, a risen Lord.

We need to place these events in our own memories: we have grown up with these stories, our lives have been changed by the insights we have gained. Our faith is built not just on the stories but on our reflections and the understanding that we have gained. Jesus died so that we may have life, full and overflowing, and that life, faithfully lived, will lead us, one day, to eternal life. *David Frank*

### Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1  
Divine Office Week 1  
Roman Missal: p. 723; Readings p. 724



9.30am Mass (SJ)- With Children's Liturgy  
11am Mass (SB)

#### Monday 10 April

11am Mass (Holy Infants)

#### Tuesday 11 April

9.30am Mass (Holy Infants)  
7pm Mass (St Osmund's)

#### Wednesday 12 April

9.30am Mass (Holy Infant's)

#### Thursday 13 April

9.30am Mass (Holy Infant's)

#### Friday 14 April

9.30am Mass (Holy Infant's)

#### Saturday 15 April

No Exposition today due to Wedding  
11.30am Mass (SJ)  
5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy

#### Sunday 16 April - Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy  
11am Mass (SB)  
12.15 Baptism (SB)



**Wishing all  
parishioners, families  
and friends, a happy  
and blessed Easter.  
Fr Alf**

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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, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Pat Margiotta, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Philip Anderson, Vincent Hopkinson, Irene Clappison, Dorothy Killoran, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Irene Sheridan, Thomas Baker, Kathryn Browning, Rachel Edge, Fr Leo Heakin, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Mary Fitzgerald, Helen Fraser, Peter Reilly, Helene Draper, Terry Scott, Ken Goodwin, Michael O'Connor, Daniel Cockton, Joyce Strickleton,

**Lately Dead:** Mary McStay, Fred Davies, Ginette Daly, Fr Bernard Charnock, Greta Barlow,

**Anniversaries:** Lubbine Susol, Margaret Mary Moss, Jack Gallagher, Bernadette Gargan, John Cranshaw, Eileen Gill, Dominic John Owen

### May They Rest in Peace

**Mass Intentions:** Fred Davies & Family, Ginette Daly & Family, A special Intention, Margaret Quayle, Jack Gallagher, Bernadette Gargan, Greta Barlow, Mary McStay, Eileen & Victor Gill, The Owen family, Isabelle Owen (Birthday Remembrance), John Cranshaw

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

*We continue to pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine*

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St Stephen, Droylsden, and for Fr Bernard Wilson, their parish priest, together with their parish primary school. May they experience the fullness of Easter joy.

**Financial Support:** We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially. Thank you

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

**Standing Order:** Please contact us if you would like to set up a direct payment. *Thank you*

Please see alternative Mass times for the coming week in our neighbouring parishes. **Please check their websites beforehand in case of any changes.**

<https://www.holyinfant.co.uk/>

<https://www.blesseddomicbarberi.org.uk/>

**Father Bernard Charnock RIP:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Father Bernard Charnock who has died in McAuley Mount at the age of 85.

Fr Charnock was born in Salford in 1937; he grew up in St Columbas Parish in Bolton and attended Thornleigh College from 1948 to 1953, and studied for the priesthood at Upholland, and Ordained 23 May 1964. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Lourdes Petitions:** Fr Alf will be visiting Lourdes for five days on retreat. He will be taking any petitions and be praying for our parish. Let us wish him a wonderful pilgrimage and a safe journey. *Holy Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, Pray for us.*

### Murder Mystery Play

Friday 28 April.

Who killed the Holiday Maker? or Olive and Let Die

Tickets are now on sale at £7.50pp

This includes a pasty supper

Last year was a sellout, let's hope for the same again!

Money raised will be for our Parish

**200 Club Subscriptions:** There are still some subscriptions outstanding. Please could these be submitted as soon as you can. Many thanks. All cheques made payable to **Corpus Christi**. Thank You. *Ann*



### Feast of Divine Mercy

Sunday 16 April

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

St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Heaton  
1pm-3.30pm

Exposition, Confessions, Special Prayers and  
Talk by Sean Booths

3pm Holy Mass

Refreshments & All Welcome

**Readers' Rota:** The new Rota will be available in the next couple of weeks. If anyone would like to consider reading, especially at the Saturday Vigil, please contact the office. Similarly, if you are no longer able to read, please let us know.

### Readers For 15/16 April 2023

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
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