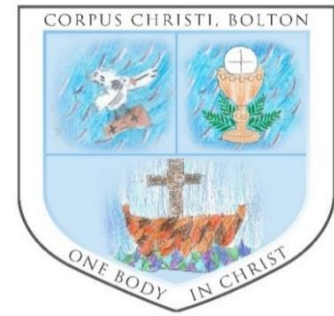


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

16 April 2023

Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy



We are moving from the season of Lent and the period of Passiontide and embarking on a new journey, a paschal journey with the early church, and an opportunity to re-discover the meaning of Community. Each year we seem to reach this point either exhausted by the intensity of the past seven weeks or exhilarated, ready for a joyous journey through the Easter season reinvigorated by our shared experiences. The early church could have hidden from view after the traumatic events of the last week but, filled with the spirit of God, they began to build, and so must we. We are faced with many problems but we should follow the example of the early church and aim to build not decline.

In today's passage from Acts we meet a vibrant community, working together, teaching each other, sharing their resources to build a church worthy to be called the Church of Christ. This period of activity made a deep impression on those who saw it. Many were drawn to the community because they could see the many acts of kindness, of healing, they had witnessed. This was a community, built on the love of Christ, united by the eucharist, the breaking of bread, and ready to proclaim Christ's message to the world.

Peter writes perhaps twenty years after this explosion of faith and joy that formed the early church. Over the coming weeks we dip into the treasury of his letters to the emerging, growing, communities building up the Body of Christ. His message today is as real and present as it would have been to the communities that received it all those years ago. It is powerful, assuring us that even though we live in difficult times we are held in the arms of our God who will guard and protect us.

John, we believe, was present in the room when Jesus appeared among His disciples. He is our witness to these events. Christ's appearance fills them with joy. The peace of Christ comes upon them to assure them that all will be well, and He gives them a mission, He sends them out to do His work in the world. They will not be alone; the Spirit will be with them, to guide, inspire, and protect them. Even those who are not present, like Thomas, will come to believe in Him. This message is passed on to us today, we are His disciples, we are sent into the world to speak of His love, and "believing this we may have life through His name." *David Frank*

Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office Week 2
Roman Missal: p 730; Gospel p 737*

Sunday 16 April

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

Monday 17 April

10am Requiem Mass for Fred Davies (SJ)

Tuesday 18 April

10am Mass (SB)
7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

Wednesday 19 April

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)
9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 20 April

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 21 April

No Mass Today

Saturday 22 April

11am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)
11.30am Mass (SJ)
12.15pm Baptism (SJ)
5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy

Sunday 23 April - Third Sunday of Easter

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

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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, **Anniversaries:** David Attwood, Ian Fazackerley, Thomas & Evelyn Rabbitt

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: David Attwood, Ian Fazackerley & the Fazackerley family, In memory of Kathleen Banks, the Banks family, Fred Davies, Ginette Daly Thomas & Evelyn Rabbitt

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

We pray for the people of the parish of St Dunstan and St John Vianney, Moston, for Fr Martin Saunders, their parish priest, for St Matthew's High School and its parish primary school. May they profess with Thomas 'My Lord and my God.'

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*

Newsletter: The next newsletter will be a 2-week edition. If you have any items or Mass Intentions for the weekend of 29/30 April, please could these be submitted before 12noon on Thursday 20 April. Many thanks.

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*

Readers' Rota: The new Rota will be available next week. 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.

St John's Piety Stall: Is having a card sale. All sale items are 10p per card!

Christian Meditation

Starting at 7.30pm, the next dates are as follows:

18th April St Brendan's
25th April St Brendan's
2nd May St John's
9th May St John's
16th May St John's
23rd May St Brendan's
30th May No Meditation. Half term.
6th June St Brendan's
13th June St John's
20th June St Brendan's
27th June St John's
4th July St Brendan's
11th July St John's
18th July St Brendan's



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

Murder Mystery Play

Friday 28 April at Dunscair Conservative Club
Who killed the Holiday Maker? or
Olive and Let Die

Tickets are now on sale at £7.50pp

This includes a pasty supper

Money raised will be for our Parish

There will be a raffle on the night. If anyone would like to donate a prize we would be most grateful. Thank you

Thought for the Week.....

"Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts."

Pope Francis

Readers For 22/23 April 2023

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
T Proctor	A Hayes	G Kearns