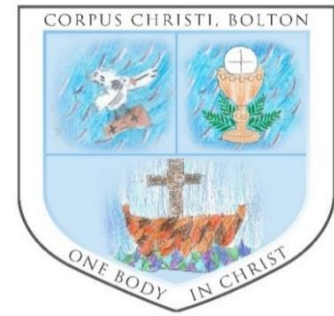


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

23 April 2023

Third Sunday of Easter



There is a great deal of interest in the church today in the scriptures. Breaking open the Word of God either as individuals or part of a group helps those interested in scripture to come to a clearer understanding of the Word they listen to each Sunday.

We carry the Word of God wherever we go. We may not be aware of this, but, as believers, the Word is on our lips, in our minds and in our hearts, at all times. We absorb the Word during Holy Mass, during private reading and in discussion and our lives are somehow changed by the Words we hear. How often do we find that our reactions to different situations reflect the actions of Our Lord. Have you ever faced a situation and asked yourself "What would Jesus do here, how would He react?", then try to find the courage to do as He would do.

Each passage we read contains words or actions that are scripture based. In today's passage from Acts we find Peter using the words of Psalm 15 and a passage from 2 Samuel to remind his listeners that the death and resurrection of Jesus was foretold in the Old Testament. Peter is standing up before this huge crowd, speaking boldly and sincerely of his faith in the Risen Christ and, through his action, the people listen and believe. When we are questioned about our faith do we speak as Peter spoke on the day of Pentecost or do we use platitudes or stay silent? Do we have the courage to believe that what we say is, as Peter believed "the outpouring of the Spirit".

The road to Emmaus is the way we must walk seeking an understanding of the Word of God. Just as the disciples listened to the stranger on that dusty road so must we as we listen at Mass or read in our private places. Through scripture our eyes can be open to the God who loves us. The mystery of the breaking of bread invites us to listen to Him and through the gift of the Mass we too become present on that road, and in the room, where Jesus opened the eyes of Cleopas and his companion. There are many things in this world which cannot be explained in human terms. Our reactions are spirit led, we sometimes do things which we thought were beyond our capabilities. This is the power of the Word of God. *David Frank*

Masses & Activities this Week

*Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1
Divine Office Week 3
Roman Missal: p 739*

Sunday 23 April

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

Monday 24 April - St George

11am Requiem Mass for Susan Connaughton (SB)

Tuesday 25 April - St Mark

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

Wednesday 26 April

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)
9.30am Mass (SJ) followed by Coffee Morning
1pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)

Thursday 27 April

10am Mass (SB)
5.30pm Confirmation Course (Thornleigh)

Friday 28 April

No Mass Today

Saturday 29 April - St Catherine of Siena

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

Sunday 30 April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy
11am Mass (SB)
12.30pm Baptism (SJ)
A Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund - which supports the formation of seminarians and candidates for the permanent diaconate

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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, 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: Susan Connaughton, Maureen McManus, Brenda Brook

Anniversaries: Marie Lamoury, Mark Rinaldo Villa, Margaret Quayle

May They Rest in Peace

Mass Intentions: David Gracie (Birthday Remembrance), Mark Villa, Maureen McManus, Brenda Brook, Arnold Doloroso, Elma Hoyle, Margaret Quayle

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 St Anne's parish, Higher Openshaw, and for Fr Chris Lough, the parish priest and area dean, together with the parish primary school. May they always know the Lord in the Breaking of Bread.

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*

Congratulations: To Frankie Junior Barlow who was Baptised last weekend. Let us pray that both he and his family continue to grow in faith.

Readers' Rota: The new rota is now available.

200 Club Winners for April:

£50 P McArdle (23)

£25 E O'Donnell (17)

£15 M Settle (87)

Thank you for all your subscriptions. *Ann*

Murder Mystery Play: Friday 28 April at Dunscair Conservative Club. Tickets are now on sale at £7.50pp including a pasty supper. Money raised will be for our Parish.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26 April beginning at 1pm. The book under discussion is *The Dutch House* (A Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2020) by Ann Patchett. All welcome.

**30 April 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1

Divine Office Week 4

Roman Missal: p 752

Sunday 30 April

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

11am Mass (SB)

12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

Monday 1 May

First May Bank Holiday

10am Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 2 May - St Athanasius

10am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SJ)

Wednesday 3 May - Ss Philip & James

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 4 May - The English Martyrs

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 5 May

No Mass Today

Saturday 6 May

9.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Vigil Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy



**The Coronation of
King Charles III
and his wife Camilla**

Sunday 7 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

11am Mass (SB)

12.30pm Baptism (SJ)

Fair Trade Stall: Before and after the 9.30am Mass) at St John's on Sunday 30 April. Justicia stocks over 2000 items so we are always happy if customers make suggestions as to what items we bring to the stall.

I hope everyone is doing well. As we continue to journey through the Easter season, it is a good chance to thank everyone who kindly offer their time and talents for the good of our parish and those who contributed to make the celebration of the Sacred Triduum such a special celebration.

Last week I had a blessed time in Lourdes and all petitions were submitted at the Grotto, and candles lit for our parishioners' intentions. With every blessing Fr Alf

Readers For 29/30 April 2023

5pm Vigil (SB)

9.30am (SJ)

11am (SB)

A Grundy

S May

L Lamoury

Readers For 6/7 May 2023

5pm Vigil (SB)

9.30am (SJ)

11am (SB)

J O'Connor

P Barnes

P Brennan