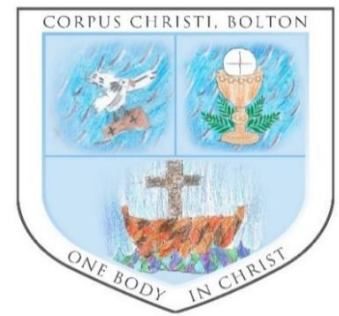


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

31 March 2024

Easter Sunday



Today is a special day, it is a day of joy, a day of celebration. In order to fully understand the meaning of this day we must go back to the first Easter day over two thousand years ago.

John's Gospel tells us that in the early morning of that Sunday Mary of Magdala set off to go to the tomb of Jesus. She must have been a very courageous lady. The men, the apostles, were in hiding, afraid to venture onto the streets but Mary, knowing that the body of Jesus required anointing according to the Jewish tradition, before being sealed in that tomb forever, was prepared for that final act of love. She must have known that a great stone had been placed across the entrance to the tomb, but she went anyway, hoping that someone would come to her aid. When she arrives, to her horror, she finds that stone has already been moved and the tomb is open. Fearing that the authorities have moved the body she rushes back to Peter.

Peter and another disciple race to the tomb. The other disciple sees the grave clothes scattered on the ground, then Peter goes into the tomb and sees the cloth from around the head of Jesus rolled up, the other disciple goes in and sees the tomb is indeed empty. He sees, and he believes, Jesus, as he promised, has risen from the dead.

Our faith is ultimately based on the empty tomb; we believe that Jesus was the Son of God and he rose from the dead on Easter day. Peter and the other disciples believe because they can see, we believe because of our faith.

Saint Paul tells us that *"we have been brought back to true life with Christ"* Our life of faith sets us apart from those with little or no belief; it is now our responsibility to go out, as the apostles and disciples did after Easter day and proclaim the good news to the world. Last night at the Easter Vigil we welcomed the light of Christ into our lives for Christ is truly risen, and through Him we can rise also to eternal life.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 1

Roman Missal: p723; Readings: p 724

Sunday 31 March

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

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 1 April

No Mass Today

Tuesday 2 April

10am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 3 April

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 4 April

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 5 April

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 6 April

5pm Vigil Mass (SB)

Sunday 7 April - Second Sunday of Easter

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

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



Wishing all parishioners, families and friends, a happy and blessed Easter. Thank you for all your birthday cards, good wishes and gifts (a little nearer retirement)! Fr Alf

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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, Irene Clappison, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Irene Sheridan, Kathryn Browning, Fr Leo Heakin, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Joyce Strickleton, Christine Gardner, Margaret Doreen Kay, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Dr Allan Needham, Margaret Roberts, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Peter McGawley

Lately Dead: Jesus Espiritu, Joan Grogan, Kenneth Greer, Gerald Ramsden, Alan Baxter, Anne McNicholas, John O'Connor,

Anniversaries: Fred Davies, Jessie Carter, Jim Smith, Jack & Mary Carroll

Mass Intentions: St Anthony, Fred Davies (1st Anniversary) and family, Jessie Carter, Jim Smith, John O'Connor, Jesus Espiritu, Joan Grogan, Jack & Mary Carroll

During ordinary time (winter), we are asked to pray for these intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers.

We pray for healing, a peaceful solution and restoration in the Middle East.

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

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially.

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

Contactless Donations: We now have a contactless payment system installed in each church. Thank you for all you contribute to our upkeep.

Fair Trade Stall: There will be a fair-trade stall open before and after the 9.30am Mass at St John's on Sunday 7 April. Each sale helps to give dignity to producers in the developing world.

Needlework Group: Starts Monday 8 April (6.30pm-8.30pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's for needle work crafts such as knitting, cross stitch and embroidery. Each session costs £2 including refreshments and proceeds are to be given to the parish. Anyone interested would be very welcome.

200 Club Subscriptions: Thank you to all who have sent in their subscriptions for this year. Unfortunately, now the deadline has passed, any outstanding numbers will not be included in the monthly draw.



Feast of Divine Mercy: A special celebration for the Bolton area will be held on Sunday 7 April at the Parish of St Cuthbert (St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Heaton, Bolton). The celebration begins at 1pm with Exposition, Confessions and Special Prayers followed by Mass at 3pm. Refreshments after and all welcome!

Talks on the Four Constitutions of Vatican II In response to Pope Francis' invitation to revisit the Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council, the Diocese of Salford is holding a series of four evening talks after Easter. The first talk takes place on Wednesday 10 April when Bishop John will explore a little more about *Lumen Gentium*. The talk begins at 7pm at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Find out more about the series and register your interest at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/constitutions-talks/>

Diocese of Salford Job Vacancies:

Education Administrator - The Diocese of Salford (replacement role)

Appointment Type: Full time, permanent (term time only will be considered)

Working Hours: 35 hours per week, Mon - Fri.

Salary: £24,983 - £28,668 per annum

Chef - Salford Cathedral House (replacement role) Appointment Type: Part time, permanent

Working Hours: 12 hours per week over 3 days (Fri - Sun)

Salary: £21,840 - £24,343 FTE (subject to pro rata)

Parish Finance Business Partner - The Diocese of Salford (replacement role)

Appointment Type: Full time, permanent

Working Hours: 35 hours per week (Mon - Fri)

Salary: £45,423 - £55,836 per annum

Head of Human Resources - The Diocese of Salford (replacement role)

Appointment Type: Full time, permanent

Working Hours: 35 hours per week, Mon - Fri

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Salary: £51,101 - £58,639 per annum

For all the above vacancies, please find out more and apply at:

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

Readers For Easter 6/7 April 2024		
7pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
S Mikolajewski	L Fakanule	F Evans
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 7 April		
A Gracie & M Cropper		