

# Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

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

**5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

## Sixth Sunday of Easter



### Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 2

Roman Missal: p772; Readings: p 775

#### Sunday 5 May

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

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

#### Monday 6 May

**Bank Holiday**

10am Mass (SJ)

#### Tuesday 7 May

10am Mass (SB)

7.30pm Christian Meditation (SB)

#### Wednesday 8 May

9am Exposition & Adoration (SJ)

9.30am Mass (SJ)

6.30pm Vigil Mass for the Ascension of the Lord (SB)

#### Thursday 9 May - *The Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation*

9.15am Whole School Mass (SB)

9.30am Whole School Mass (SJ)

10.45am Whole School Mass (SC)

6.30pm Mass (SJ)

#### Friday 10 May

12noon Mass (SB)

#### Saturday 11 May

10am First Communion Mass (SJ)

5pm Vigil Mass (SB) *A Special Collection for the*

*Catholic Communications network*

#### Sunday 12 May - **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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

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

12.15pm Baptism (SB)

We all have a very basic need to belong. The welcome we receive when we encounter others especially when it is the first time, is so important. If that welcome is open and friendly, delivered with a smile and a word, then we begin that longed for feeling that we are coming home. Home can be a place we have never been before because it is a sense of warmth, of acceptance, of belonging. The way we welcome is a sign of how we love.

Peter's faith in Jesus led him to believe that Jesus was the Messiah that the prophets had foretold. and the Jewish people had longed for. He was a man of contradictions, very much, I suspect, like ourselves. He found the saviour but wanted to keep Him for the Jewish people. Chapter 10 in Acts is a very important passage because it contains the conversion of Peter as he moves from a Jewish conception of Jesus to a world-wide view. Cornelius and Peter were worlds apart, he was a Roman, Peter a Jew, they had nothing in common yet, when they met, Peter was treated as superior to Cornelius, a real reversal of positions. Peter however would have none of this, he realised that "God does not have favourites" and anyone who does right is acceptable to Him. The welcome between the men sets the scene for the conversion of the whole household and so the two factions, Jews and Romans, with their families and servants, became one through the Holy Spirit.

Through his letter and his Gospel, John speaks to us of the love that the Father has for the Son and how that love embraces all who follow the teaching of Christ. This love is only worthwhile if we share it with one another. The spirit of welcome in our communities is so important because it is a outward sign of our love for one another. The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, for our sins, is a sign to us that we are held in His love, and nothing can separate us from that love. If Jesus calls us his friends, then we must share that friendship with others and from the power of that love we can bring others to Him. Each of us were chosen to do some particular service for God, and it is in that service that we fulfil the commandment of love.

*David Frank*

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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, 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:** Nellie Shaw, David Barnes, Irene Clough, Colin Markland, Charles Vella, Teresa Smith, Irene Sheridan

**Anniversaries:** Alan Healey

**Mass Intentions:** Ellen Rothwell, Nellie Shaw, David Barnes, Irene Clough, Teresa Smith, Irene Sheridan, Irene Clough, A Special Intention, Colin Markland, Alan Healey, Charles Vella

**During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:** new members of the Church, vocations, the right use of the media, the Church and human work

*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.

**Dona:** We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.

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

**CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal:** In light of the war in Sudan which has forced millions out of their homes, with many people running out of food, water and medicines, CAFOD is appealing to parishes to hold collections for Sudan. We will hold an emergency collection at Masses this weekend. Let us pray for the people of Sudan as part of their emergency appeal. More information can be found at: [Sudan Crisis Appeal \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk) Thank you.

**Fr Frank McCauley Diamond Jubilee of Priesthood:** On the 23 May, Fr Frank will celebrate 60 years of priesthood. Most of you know that Fr Frank was parish priest at St Columba's for 25 years before his retirement. There will be a Mass celebrated to mark this occasion at St Brendan's on Sunday 19 May at 2pm The Mass will be followed by refreshments at St Brendan's school. All welcome.

**Thankyou:** To the very kind parishioner who left a vase of roses on the Altar at St John's on Easter Sunday; they lasted for 6 weeks! Your vase is ready to collect from the Patmos Room.

**Hanging Baskets:** The SVP will be selling hanging baskets on the weekend of Sunday 11 May. The baskets are purchased from a local grower and are of excellent quality. A few of these baskets were on sale last year (photos available in each church). All funds raised will go to our support for families in need in our Parish. The baskets are £15 and you can pre-order by adding your name to the list at each church, or you can buy on the day. Thank you for your continued support of the SVP.

**Piety Stalls:** Both our churches have a lovely selection of cards and small religious items. As we approach the time for First Communion and Confirmation, come and take a look at our cards and small gifts for these sacraments.

**Day Trip to Lytham:** St Osmund's Church have organised a coach trip to Lytham on Friday 7 June. The cost of the trip is £12 leaving at 9.30am and returning around 5.30pm. If anyone would like to go, please contact Fr Heakin at Blessed Dominic Barberi Parish 01204 522770. Or you can drop off your contact details with the cost of the trip (in an envelope) at St Osmund's Presbytery.

**Fr Billy Molloy RIP:** Bishop John will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Fr Billy at The Holy Infant & St Anthony Church, Astley Bridge BL1 6QH on Thursday 16 May at 7pm.

**Rosary around the Campfire:** Please join us for a peaceful hour of prayer and reflection as we host a special praying of The Rosary at our Laudato Si' Centre on Monday 20 May at 1pm. All are welcome to join as we settle on our tree trunks around the campfire to share in an ecological reflection on the Sorrowful Mysteries. Please register your interest at <https://tinyurl.com/rosaryLSC> and feel free to bring your own chair or blanket for additional comfort.

**Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation:** Each Sunday we profess through the Creed, "*He ascended into Heaven.*" Christ's Ascension was the culmination of God's Divine plan for Christ Jesus - his return to his Father with his "Mission Accomplished." Ascension is the grand finale of all Jesus' words and works done for us and for our salvation. It is a culmination, but not the conclusion. As Jesus is now with God in glory, so Jesus is with us now in Spirit: "*Lo, I am with you always.*" The feast of the Ascension celebrates one aspect of the Resurrection, namely Jesus' exaltation.

Readers for 11/12 May 2024		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
L Lamoury	M Morrison	T Proctor
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 12 May		
V & A Rawlinson		