



We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends:

Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Jane Manuel, Rita Margiotta, Pauline Dobson, Winifred Goodwin, Josie Doyle, Delia Ariff, Gwen Monk, a sick friend

Lately Dead: Joan Cranshaw, Alan Iddon, Polly Thompson, Nora Durham, Vera Holt

Anniversaries: Michael Joseph Whyte, Vincent Heron, John O'Connor

Mass Intentions: Norma Durham (LD), Vincent Heron (A), Michael Joseph Whyte (A) x 2, safe arrival of a first grandchild for the Keogh family - Baby Ada Kate, Alan Iddon (LD), John O'Connor (A),

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your kind donation, the parish will benefit at no extra cost to yourselves.

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

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

Lepra: We are very grateful for your donations. The total raised was £618.

We are asked to pray for these intentions: Let us pray for the parishioners of St. Stephen's, Droylsden, together with Fr. Bernard Wilson, their parish priest, Fr. Callistus Orjika, and their parish primary school.

CAFOD

The money raised from the sale of the marmalade has now been dispatched to CAFOD. The amount raised was £147.80. Peter wishes to thank everyone for their kind donations.

This weekend is the gather in for Family Fast Day, You can also donate online using the QR code or at cafod.org.uk



Turin Shroud: A unique opportunity to discover more about The Turin Shroud and see a replica copy as part of an exhibition at Blackburn Cathedral. This will take place on 11th and 12th April. See the link below or the posters at the back of church.

<https://www.bstsnewsletter.com/golden-jubilee.html>.



It is a long journey from the desert of the Temptations to the mountain of the Transfiguration and over the years we have followed Jesus through every step. What makes us do this? Is the love of God so firmly entrenched in our hearts that we feel we must follow him no matter what joys and trials we experience in our lives or are we still searching for that faith that others seem to have but which eludes us. I believe that, in truth, it is partly one and partly the other. We cannot have faith unless we have doubt, they are unlikely bedfellows, but as our life ebbs and flows we are tossed around on the sea of faith. Let us pray that we will be cast, at the last, upon the shores of heaven.

The first reading from Genesis is spoken to Abraham but the message is for each of us. We are asked to leave our homes and kin and follow Him. If we do this then we will receive the blessing that God promised to Abraham as we, too, journey to the home that the Lord has prepared for us. The psalm echoes the promise to Abraham; the Lord will lay His merciful love upon us if we hope in him. If you are going through a difficult time, then keep this psalm close to your heart, for the consolation it promises will help you in your troubles.

Paul's letter to Timothy was written, we believe, from prison and is pastoral in nature.

It reminds Timothy's people that though they may suffer for their faith in a crucified Christ they will find their consolation in the risen Christ for through Him death has been abolished and they, and we, have the promise of immortality through Christ our Saviour.

The Transfiguration is a foretaste of what is to come. Through this event Jesus shows to Peter, James and John how the covenant promise of the Old Testament, in the appearance of Moses and Elijah, is being fulfilled in Him. We hear, once again, the voice from the cloud, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: listen to Him. If the apostles needed any further assurance that Jesus was the Saviour, then surely this is the time. However, the passage ends with the warning, once again, that Jesus must suffer death and rise again so that the Word can be fulfilled.

David Frank



SVP News:

During Lent, as in past years, would like to support The Destitution Project by attempting to collect 40 of the following items during the Lenten period. As a parish your generosity continues to enable us to maintain our support for this vulnerable group. Thank you for continuing to support. Items suggested are:

- Vegetable or sunflower oil
- Tins of chopped tomatoes
- Kidney beans
- Chickpeas
- Long-life orange/apple juice
- Tuna in oil
- Sardines in oil
- Pasta/spaghetti-dried

The pick a date fundraiser which was very successful last year will be continued again this year. Over the next few weeks, we will be present after Mass on Sunday in both churches to give people the opportunity to participate and hopefully win some prize money. All the monies raised are used to support individuals and families in need.

200 Club Subscriptions: There are still some outstanding subscriptions. Please mark envelopes FAO Ann Gracie. If anyone requires additional numbers, please contact Ann on 07528027295. Thank you, *Ann*.

The Brixi Singers' next performance will be a special Lenten concert on March 8th, featuring John Rutter's Requiem and other seasonal music. The concert will take place at Harwood Methodist Church and begins at 3 o'clock. Tickets are available on the door at £12 (including refreshments), with free admission for under-16s,

Christian meditation: The next session will be held on Tuesday 3rd March in the Patmos room at St John's

Lourdes - Diocesan Youth Group

Are you a young person looking to take part in a pilgrimage this year? Do you want to make new friends, build community and grow in your faith? Why not join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It's simple to sign up and you can join a new "group" led by the Diocesan Youth Department. The pilgrimage and travel dates are 29th July to 6th August. The cost is £695 and this includes coach travel and full board hotel accommodation (Astoria Hotel). Young people can join in 3 age groups 13-15 (aspiring volunteers), 16-17 and 18+. If you are interested, please email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for details of how to register.

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1st March 2026

Second Sunday of Lent
Masses & Activities this week

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 155 of Mass Book

Sunday 1st March

9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy
 11am Mass (SB)
 12.30pm Baptism (SJ)
 Stations of the cross followed by adoration 3pm (SB)

Monday 2nd March

12pm Mass (SJ)
 9am Mass at St Columba's with Year 4

Tuesday 3rd March

Mass 10am (SB)
 6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (SB children) SB

Wednesday 4th March

9.30am Mass (with Years 5 and 6 from St John's) SJ
 6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (SC children) SJ

Thursday 5th March

Mass 10am (SB)
 6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (SJ children) SJ

Friday 6th March

No Mass

Saturday 7th March

Confession and adoration 9.30am (SJ)
 Mass 10am (SJ)
 Mass 5pm (SB) with children's liturgy

Sunday 8th March

Mass 9.30am (SJ)
 Mass 11am (SB)
 Stations of the cross followed by adoration 3pm (SJ)

Readers: 7/8 March 2026

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Susan Mikolajewski	Anne Hayes	Kathryn Wilkinson

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 8 March

Mary Cropper/Ann Gracie

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