



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, a sick baby

Lately Dead: James Ball, Jean Philbin, Ann Derby, Norma Durham, Fr Bob Morrow

Anniversaries: Teresa Wilson, Alfred and Bonifacia Doloroso and family, Lillian Dawson

Mass Intentions: Teresa Wilson (A), Alfred and Bonifacia Doloroso and family (A), Lillian Dawson (A), James Ball (LD) a sick baby, a special intention, Norma Durham (LD)

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

We are asked to pray for these intentions: Let us hold in prayer the parishioners of St. Anne's parish, Openshaw, Fr. Churchill Emeghera, MSSCC, their parish priest, and their parish primary school.

Littleway Healing Ministries: Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gregory's church is hosting a Parish Healing Mission from Thursday 23rd April until Sunday 26th April. On Saturday 25th April there will be Mass at 9.30am followed by an Open Healing Event from 10am – 4.30pm, all welcome. If you wish to attend, please see Fr Alf after Mass for a ticket. More details are available on the poster at the back of the church.

Exploring our Lenten Gospels

Each Tuesday during our Lenten period, a series of reflections will be given online by various speakers, exploring the meaning of our Lenten Gospels and their implications for our lives today. The series will continue on Tuesday 17 March with Sr Joan Kerley reflecting on The raising of Lazarus and will close with Bishop John reflecting on the Palm Sunday readings.

For more information on how to book your free place, please visit the diocesan

website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-readings-for-lent/>



1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7,10-13 Psalm 22 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9: 1-41

Faith can cause struggle and turmoil; it can literally turn your world upside down. It is a powerful force changing your life and can lead you down unexpected ways where beauty and ugliness exist side by side in disharmony. It is God given, a measure of the love He has for every part of His Creation. It can find us anywhere in our busy lives or prove elusive as we seek to find meaning. It brings light into even the darkest corners and, when it begins to grow, it leads us towards a place of peace. Faith never leaves us, even in the darkest hour it waits patiently until we are ready to move on.

Faith had a major impact of the life of David. He was raised from a young shepherd boy to be King of the people of Israel. His life was never a simple easy passage. At times, he fell from God's favour because he was human and suffered from the frailties that effect all of us. He made and lost friendships, he was loved and hated, he was a saint and a sinner. He was human. Sometimes blinded by circumstances he turned away from God, but God chose him to be His anointed one and was always waiting for him to open his eyes and see clearly again.

Paul is an example of how faith in Christ can change people. A devout Jew he upheld the principles of the Law against a blasphemous sect, formed by the Nazarene, Jesus, and persecuted them without pity. Struck blind on the road to Damascus his eyes of faith were opened by Christ, and he became the Apostles to the Gentiles. Today he reminds us that "You were darkness once, but you are light in the Lord", a phrase spoken from the depths of his heart as he pleads to the Ephesians to become "children of light" and "try to discover what the Lord wants of you".

John's Gospel builds on our need to find firm ground for our faith to grow. His words give an insight into faith through human stories woven into his Gospel. The passage of the Blind man speaks to us at all sorts of levels. We begin in the spittle and dust of healing and move, in the company of the blind man, through the stirrings of his faith, to rejection by family, neighbours and authorities until he emerges from his journey and sees the Lord, perhaps clearly for the first time, and comes out of the darkness into the light of faith.

David Frank



SVP News:

Thank you for your support, collecting items for the Destitution project, we are well on our way to our target. The items that we are still short of are:
Vegetable or sunflower oil
Chickpeas
Long-life orange/apple juice
We are very grateful for all your donations.

200 Club Subscriptions: There are still some outstanding subscriptions. Please mark envelopes FAO Ann Gracie. Parishioners at St Brendan's can hand theirs to Peter Carolan. If anyone requires additional numbers, please contact Ann on 07528027295. Thank you, *Ann*.

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>

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Father, thank you for mothers and for all the joy of family life. Be with those who are grieving for their mothers; be close to expectant mothers and those who are not yet mothers; be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.
Let your love be present in every home and help your eyes to see and ears to hear all who come. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen
Thank you to the ladies who helped prepare the daffodils for today.

Youth Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne
Following on from the success of last year's pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, we are offering young people in Years 7, 8 and 9 another opportunity to go to Lindisfarne from Friday 22 May – Sunday 24 May 2026. The cost is £120, which includes travel by coach and full board accommodation. We will be staying on the island at the SVP Camp. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

CAFOD:
Our Family Fast gather in raised £865.50. We will be sending this off this week. We are extremely grateful for all your contributions.

15th March 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent/ Laetare Sunday
Masses & Activities this week
Sunday Cycle A
Readings: Page 164 of Mass Book

Sunday 15th March
9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy
11am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy
Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration 3pm (SB)

Monday 16th March
11.30am requiem Mass for James Ball (SB)

Tuesday 17th March *St Patrick*
10am Mass with Year 1 children attending (SB)

Wednesday 18th March *St Cyril of Jerusalem*
9.00am Adoration (SJ), 9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 19th March *St Joseph*
10am Mass (SB) 10.30am confessions (SB)
12.15pm Funeral service for Ann Derby (SB)

Friday 20th March
12.45pm Requiem Mass for Jean Philbin (SB)

Saturday 21st March
11.30am Mass (SJ) No Adoration or confession
5pm Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Sunday 22nd March
9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy
11am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy
Stations of the cross followed by Adoration 3pm (SJ)

Readers: 21/22 March 2026

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Nicola Bunting	Helen O'Donnell	Cath Bridge

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 22nd March
John Carroll/Steve May

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