

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: Joseph Walsh, Pamela Baxendale, James Lloyd, Gordon Clements, Seamus Roddy,

Anniversaries: Dominic Owen, Ginette Daly, Jim Smith, John Cranshaw

Mass Intentions: Jim Smith (A), John Cranshaw (A), Gerard Cambridge (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: This week we pray for the parishioners of Christ the King, Newton Heath, for Fr. Derek McCartney, their parish priest, and for 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.

Deanery Walk to Rivington:

Come and join us for a walking retreat, starting with Mass at St Mary's in the morning followed by prayer and conversation in God's beautiful creation.

After Mass we will set off on our 4-mile round trip to Rivington Pike. Stopping along the way, we will contemplate the Canticle of the Sun by St Francis of Assisi, as well as reflecting on the inspiring words of Pope Francis in his encyclical, Laudato Si. Start time 9.30am

All are welcome, even if you cannot walk the whole route.



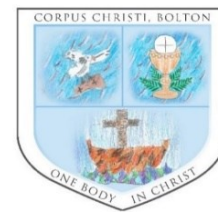
One approach to the Easter Sunday scriptures is to begin at the Gospel and work your way back to the first reading. Using this approach, you find a new way to look at familiar passages and discover a depth to the readings you may not have noticed before.

Mary of Magdala comes to the tomb early and in darkness. When we began to discover what our faith was about, we were, perhaps, very young and willing to accept what we were taught. After a time, and this happens I suppose to everyone, the darkness of the world that surrounds us begins to hide those early beliefs and can lead us away from God. Last night we celebrated the Mass of Light; light came into the world to banish the darkness. This light is the light of faith and just as it allowed Mary to see that the stone had been rolled away so too this light enables us, and all who seek for Christ, to see and understand, to banish the darkness in our own lives.





Peter and John must have been devastated by the events of the last few days; despite their good intentions; their frail human spirits have let them down. Now they see that something is happening and they race towards it at breakneck speed. Can you imagine the thoughts that are tumbling through their minds; what new torment they are going to endure. The tomb is open; the grave clothes lie empty but carefully wrapped and, instead of fear, their hearts are filled with hope. This is no grave robbery; the tomb is empty, Jesus is risen, and death is defeated because, in truth, death cannot overcome love.

Peter lived through the days of Christ, he walked those dusty ways with Him, every experience is written into his memory. Now he begins to understand and that understanding fills him with the need to tell, everyone he meets, of his life with Jesus. In today's passage he meets Cornelius who represents the Gentiles; he is a Roman official who is coming to faith, the flickering light he sees is fanned into a flame through his meeting with Peter and by the power of God's grace that has entered his life. Just as last night's converts found their courage to say yes to the invitation from Christ to join his church so Cornelius, in his day, adds his acceptance of the way, the truth and the life offered by Our Risen Lord.

David Frank



<p>SVP News: Lists now available in both churches for those wishing to order hanging baskets. We will confirm prices and delivery dates as soon as they become available.</p>		
<p>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, <i>Ann</i>.</p>		
<p>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</p>		
<p>Christian meditation: the next session is on Tuesday 7th April at 7.30pm at St John's.</p>		
<p>Deaf Awareness and Conversational British Sign Language Course Caritas Salford has developed a brand new 12-week course for parishioners, to equip them with basic British Sign Language skills and greater awareness of accessibility and inclusion in parish life. The course will commence on 14 April, and sessions will be held weekly on Tuesday evenings at St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, M4 5HF (with parking available in the Caritas Salford car park adjacent to the church). Places for the course are strictly limited. To find out more and book a place, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/deaf-awareness-bsl</p>		
Readers 11/12 April 2026		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Alyson Grundy	Marie Roe	F Evans
<p>Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 12th April Mary Cropper/Ann Gracie</p>		
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<p>5th April 2026 Easter Sunday Masses & Activities this week <i>Sunday Cycle A</i> Readings: Page 251 of Mass Book</p>		
		
<p>Easter Sunday 5th April 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)</p>		
<p>Easter Monday 6th April 11.30am Mass (SJ)</p>		
<p>Easter Tuesday 7th April 10am Mass (SB)</p>		
<p>Easter Wednesday 8th April 9.00am Adoration 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>		
<p>Easter Thursday 9th April 10.00am Mass (SB) 1.45pm Requiem Mass for James Lloyd (SJ)</p>		
<p>Easter Friday 10th April 12.00pm Mass (SB)</p>		
<p>Easter Saturday 11th April 10.45am Confessions and Adoration 11.30am Mass 5.00pm Mass (SB)</p>		
<p>Wishing all parishioners, families and friends a very happy and blessed Easter.</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; color: #FFD700;"><i>Fr Alf</i></p>		
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