



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday/World Day of Prayer for vocations



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: Mavis Noblett

Anniversaries: Rose Moron

Mass Intentions: Rose Moron (A), a special birthday Mass, Greta Barlow birthday remembrance, a sick friend, a special intention, in thanksgiving to Our Lady, The Sacred Heart and The Holy Spirit, in thanksgiving to St Jude and St Anthony, David Gracie birthday remembrance

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

SVP collection: The collection on Maunday Thursday raised £320.80, that you for your support

Shrines of Palestine: The collection on Good Friday raised £302.15, thank you for your generosity

This week we pray for the parish of the Holy Cross and St Helen, Ashton, and for Fr Jude Lemeh, and Fr. Joachim Nwaorgi, of the Vincentian Fathers, together with the Missionary Sisters of St. Michael the Archangel. We pray for the chaplaincy to Tameside General Hospital, for the parish primary schools and for St. Damian's Science College.

Christian meditation: The next session will take place on Tuesday 28th April at St John's at 7.30pm

Service of Prayer:

We would like to invite you to **St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, Heaton, Bolton (BL1 5TR)**, where we are holding a **Service of Prayer: "The Stations of the Resurrection"** every **Thursday evening at 7.00 p.m.**, followed by the celebration of **Holy Mass**.

Everyone is warmly invited to join us.



When I was a boy my father sent me into the hills outside Bethlehem to look after his flock of sheep. There were a group of shepherds who walked those hills caring for the sheep and keeping them from harm. They taught me how to watch for wild animals that came to take the sheep, how to build sheepfolds to keep the sheep from harm and how to talk to the sheep so that they became familiar with my voice. I have never forgotten that wonderful night when that bright star appeared and we were woken by the sound of heavenly music in the skies above Bethlehem. I still do not understand what that was all about, but I remember following the shepherds into the town and to the stable and that beautiful baby boy.

It was many years later when I heard about Jesus the carpenter; my father had passed away, and the flock was now mine. I was their shepherd. I was watching my sheep one day when I came across a large crowd sitting in a green valley and I stopped to listen to the man who was speaking to them. Shepherds carry the smell of their sheep with them and are not welcomed into polite society, so I stayed on the outside of the crowd.

The man, Jesus, looked across and saw me, he waved and called to me, reluctantly I walked through the crowd until I was standing beside him, He smiled and greeted me with a kiss and put his arm round my shoulder: I have never felt so at ease, so welcome, in my entire life. Then he started to tell the people about a Good Shepherd and everything he said rang true. He told the crowd how the shepherd cared for his sheep and used his rod and his staff to protect them from harm. How they listened for his voice, and, if any of the sheep went astray, he would leave the others and search and find him and bring him back, on his shoulders, to the flock.

There are many things that can harm you in this life. Each of us needs someone to take care of them, a shepherd who will watch over them and find them when they are lost. We are each called to be shepherds, caring for our families, our friends and our neighbours. When we follow the shepherd's example we are following Christ.

*Lord, teach me to be your shepherd today
Amen.*

David Frank



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SVP News: Lists are still available in both churches for those wishing to order hanging baskets. The price has now been confirmed at £15
Collections will be:
Saturday 9th May from 12 noon at St John's
Sunday 10th May after 11am Mass at St Brendan's

Our next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 29th April after Mass

Catholic Social Teaching (CST)
Caritas Salford is offering a free online webinar to introduce the basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) in an accessible way, with a particular focus on building hope, homes and a positive future for all. This will take place on Thursday 30th April 2026 from 6PM to 7:15PM. With local elections approaching in May, the time is right to raise our awareness of CST and reflect on how it can help to inform the decisions and choices we make in life. Register for your free place or find out more at: www.caritassalford.org.uk/events

May Day at St John Fisher:
You are invited to join us for our May Day celebrations. This will take place on Sunday 10th May at St John Fisher Kearsley Bolton BL4 8QQ. The theme is Mary, Queen of peace (Let it begin with me). The afternoon commences at 1pm with Holy Mass and the crowning of Our Lady in the Schoenstatt Shrine. This will be followed by Holy Hour meditation with Divine Mercy prayers. There will also be an opportunity for input and discussion. Light refreshments will be served, and the day is scheduled to end at approximately 5.30pm. If you would like to attend, please let Fr know so that we pass on numbers of those attending.

Harbour room book club:
Wednesday April 29 - *The Light Years* by E.J. Howard
Wednesday May 27 - *Instructions for a Heatwave* by Maggie O'Farrell.
We start at 1pm and all are welcome.

Bolton Community Kitchen. This is a voluntary organisation which provides a hot weekly meal for homeless and vulnerable people from their base at Bolton Rugby Club. They are collecting tins of beans and would be very grateful if you could pop an extra tin in your trolley when you do your weekly shop. Please leave your donations at the back of church. Thank you for your support.

26th April 2026
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Masses & Activities this week
Sunday Cycle A
Readings: Page 262 of Mass Book

Sunday 26th April
9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy
11.00am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Monday 27th April
6.00pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 28th April
10.00am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 29th April – Saint Catherine of Sienna
9.30am Mass followed by SVP coffee morning (SJ)

Thursday 30th April
10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 1st May
9.15am Mass with whole school attending (SB)
12.00pm Mass (SB)

Saturday 2nd May – Saint Athanasius
9.00am Confessions and Adoration (SJ)
9.30am Mass (SJ)
5.00pm Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend for the Ecclesiastical training fund. This will remain open for donations for two weeks. You can also donate by clicking the link below.
<https://donate.myдона.com/diocese-of-salford>

Readers 2/3 May 2026		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Lisa Lamoury	Nicola Bunting	Chris Owen

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 3rd May
Veronica Rawlinson/Arthur Rawlinson

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