



Seventh Sunday of Easter



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, Shaun Smith, Stafford Sashoua

Latently Dead: Fred Joosten, Peter Lupton, Dorian Rayner, Joanne Easy, John Oyewole Oyayoyi, Joseph Mather, Fred Greenhalgh, George Stewart

Anniversaries: Rosemary Jane Atkins

Mass Intentions: Gerard Lamoury (birthday remembrance), Rosemary Jane Atkins (A), Fred Joosten (LD), Peter Lupton (LD), George Michael Morrison (birthday remembrance), Joseph Mather (LD), Fred Greenhalgh (LD), George Stewart

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are a 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.

This week we pray for the parishes of St Joseph, Mossley, and Sacred Heart and St. William, Uppermill, for Fr James Clarke, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school.

Congratulations: To the children from St Brendan's who received Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. We pray that they will continue to grow in faith. We continue to pray for the children from St Columba's who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks.

Congratulations: to Sienna Vincenza Gomez-Hill who was baptised last week. We pray that both she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

Newsletter: Please let the office know by Wednesday if you have any items for the newsletter. Thank you.

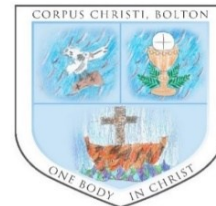


Today is the last Sunday in the season of Eastertide and we hear the final part of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus completes his teaching to the Apostles through a prayer to the Father for all who will follow Him. His time of sacrifice is now upon Him yet His thoughts, as always, turn to His followers and the trials they must endure for His sake. Whenever we say the "Our Father" we recall both the blessing of this prayer, which he has taught us through the Gospels, and these words at the Last Supper which repeat and expand the petitions of that prayer.

In the first reading the apostles take "a sabbath walk", a Sunday stroll, in the warm afternoon air. The mood is somber; silence is upon them. Their Lord has gone from them, ascended to His Father, and they are alone once more. We cannot imagine the mood; to have lost then regained their saviour and to have been parted from Him again, in what must seem a final time creates among them a feeling of sorrow but also of anticipation. Jesus has told them they are not as orphans, but members of a heavenly family united in spirit and truth, and though they will experience times of trial, times of joy, they will never feel alone and abandoned again. They return to the upper room, their place of safety. Instead of drowning in sorrow, they begin to pray. Whenever we feel lost and forgotten, their example should inspire us too, to turn to Our Father in prayer.

The psalms are the powerhouse of prayer passed to us from the Jewish scriptures. Today's psalm begins "The Lord is my light and salvation, whom shall I fear?" There are times when situations overwhelm us. We all know people who are living with dementia, and often the burden of this illness falls not only on the sufferer but on those who care for them. This psalm calls to the Lord that they may "live in the house of the Lord", when you enter into a prayerful communion with the Lord it can make it seem that you live in His house and His caring hands are holding you and giving you strength to carry on. The psalm ends with a beautiful phrase "Of you my heart has spoken, "Seek His face". The power of prayer is always there for us, in whatever situation we find ourselves, turn to the Lord. "Seek His face"


David Frank



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<p>SVP News: There will be Benediction and Afternoon Tea taking place at Our Lady of Lourdes Farnworth on Sunday 7th June at 3pm. Departure will be from St John's. If you wish to attend, please add your name to the list, which is , at the back of both churches. The next SVP coffee morning will be held after Mass on Wednesday 27th May in the Patmos room.</p>
<p>New Hymn Books: We have had to purchase a new set of hymn books for use at St Brendan's, as we now have only 70/200 books left. If you would like to sponsor a book, and include a dedication, please fill in a slip and place it in the envelopes provided along with your donation.</p>
<p>Marriage Preparation Course - Love for a Lifetime This course will be held on Saturday 5th September and Saturday 12th September 2026 from 2PM to 5PM at St John Fisher's Presbytery, Manchester Road, Kearsley. Attendance is required on both dates. For more information and to register please email Fr Bryan Cunningham at fr.bryan@schoenstatt.org.uk or Fr Herbert Opara at fr.herbert@schoenstatt.org.uk</p>
<p>Free energy bill advice from Caritas If you are worried about rising energy costs, our diocesan charity Caritas Salford runs a range of free drop-in advice sessions to help with everything from energy debt to making your home more energy efficient. You can find out more about these and other ways the team can help people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport</p>
<p>Children's Liturgy: The children in children's liturgy have been sowing vegetable and flower seeds to grow on in our raised bed at the front of church. Every Sunday after mass, any children who'd like to help tend to them and hopefully harvest in the summer are welcome to find me (Louise) after mass for a bit of gardening time</p>
<p>Congratulations: this week Bishop John has been elected President of Caritas Europa, and he will begin his four-year term in May 2027 alongside his continuing role as our Bishop. He said of receiving the honour of this appointment: "I will do my best to promote the work of Caritas in its European, and indeed global role" and described the impact of the organization as "truly impressive" We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Bishop John on his election, and we wish him the very best in preparing to take up this new responsibility next year.</p>
<p>Thanks: Bolton Community Kitchen would like to thank you all for the donation of 30 tins of baked beans and £10. A hot meal plus drinks and cakes was enjoyed by our 70+ clients who visit us each week.</p>

17th May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter Masses & Activities this week <i>Sunday Cycle A</i> <i>Readings: Page 275 of Mass Book</i>		
<p>Sunday 17th May 9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy 11.00am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy</p>		
<p>Monday 18th May 6.00pm Mass (SJ)</p>		
<p>Tuesday 19th May 10.00am Mass with Year three children attending (SB)</p>		
<p>Wednesday 20th May 9.30am Forward in Faith Mass with St John's children (SJ)</p>		
<p>Thursday 21st May 10.00am Mass (SB)</p>		
<p>Friday 22nd May 12.00pm Mass (SB)</p>		
<p>Saturday 23rd May 10.45am Adoration and confessions (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) 5.00pm Mass (SB) with children's liturgy</p>		
Readers 23/24 May 2026		
<p>5pm Vigil (SB) Nicola Bunting</p>	<p>9.30am (SJ) Guy Drabble</p>	<p>11am (SB) Cath Bridge</p>
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 24th May Pat McArdle/Julie Summerton		
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