

## Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton



#### 1 April - Easter Sunday

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When the Word proclaimed, it is real and active the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious bγ selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to with her make momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is raised!



#### Masses, Feasts & Activities

**Sunday 1 April Masses** 9am (SJ); 11am (SB) - A Day of Prayer for New Members of the Church

Monday 2 April 9.30am Mass (SB)

Tuesday 3 April 7pm Mass (SJ)

7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday 4 April 9.30am Mass (SJ)

**Thursday 5 April** 9.15am Mass (SB); 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)

Friday 6 April 9.30am Mass (SJ)

Saturday 7 April 11am-12noon Adoration Reconciliation (SJ); 5pm Mass (SB)

Think Vocation: Through the power of the resurrection the Lord is at work in the world and in the Church urging us to serve him and trust him. On the biggest feast of the Church's year may we give thanks for the great gift of our faith in the Risen Lord as the Easter Gospel is proclaimed and the Easter Eucharist is celebrated this day.

Marriage Matters - A sign of new life: Today we celebrate the resurrection and new life in the Lord. In our marriage we too rise to new life when we put each other first in all we do and say. Let us live openly, honestly and truthfully so that we become a 'sign' to our families that Jesus is alive in our married love.

#### 8 April 2018 - Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2 Sunday Missal: page 730; Preface page 42

After the joys and exuberance of Easter Sunday and Easter Week, we settle down into the longest Season in the Church's Year - Eastertide. This period of fifty days is a time of sustained gladness, which comes through reading and reflecting on the Scriptures which describe the risen life of Jesus - not just his appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection, but the teachings from his ministry which reveal the risen life he now possesses. We also spend time hearing about how the Resurrection made a difference: how the timid and frightened disciples were able to leave Jerusalem and proclaim a message of life over death to the whole world, as we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles. We also linger over the first letter of Saint John, which ties together so many of the themes of Easter: life, faith, baptism, the Spirit - all brought together in the person of the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead. On this second Sunday, we continue to track through real time, by hearing what happened in Jerusalem on the Sunday after the Resurrection with the Lord appearing to Thomas - strengthening his faith and strengthening ours as we listen to the account.

#### Masses, Feasts & Activities

Sunday 8 April Masses 9am (SJ); 11am (SB); 2pm Baptism (SB) - Divine Mercy Sunday

**Monday 9 April** No Mass today; 7.45pm SVP (SJ) - The Annunciation of the Lord

**Tuesday 10 April** 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB); No Mass today; 7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday 11 April No Mass today - St Stanislaus

**Thursday 12 April** 9.15am Mass (SB); 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)

Friday 13 April No Mass today

Saturday 14 April 10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation Course (Patmos Room, SJ); 2pm Baptism (SB); 5pm Mass (SB)

**Sunday 15 April** Masses 9am (SJ); 11am (SB); 2pm Baptism (SJ)

Think Vocation: St Luke tells us that the apostles were given great respect. They were respected because they had been personally chosen by Our Lord Jesus. Let us reflect upon the respect we give to our bishop, a successor to the apostles, also chosen by Christ. Let us be aware of the responsibility he has in his pastoral care for the diocese. Let us ensure we find time to pray for our bishop and the work he has to do.

Marriage Matters - Doubt no longer: Sometimes we are asked to trust our spouse implicitly despite the doubts that plague us. Can we believe them when something really important depends on it? Thomas needed proof of Jesus' wounds before believing. Jesus said: "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe [and]...Doubt no longer but believe." It's important to believe and to decide to trust

#### **Prayers Please**

Sick: Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Father Francis McCauley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 8), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, Christine Everitt, Mark O'Brien, Sheila Derbyshire, Margaret Gibson, Kathleen & Arnold Banks, Andrew Rostron, Michaela (Sick child), Linda Marsh, Ross Smith (young person), Vernon Holt and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness

**Lately Dead:** Canon Tony Dorran, Finuala Philbin, Bernard Bickerdike, David Attwood

Anniversaries: Jessie Carter, John Reddy, Jim Smith, Bert Winstanley, Maureen Southworth, Thomas & Evelyn Rabbitt

Mass Intentions: John Reddy, Canon Tony Dorran, Jim Smith, Bert Winstanley, Bernard Bickerdike, Maureen Southworth, Thomas & Evelyn Rabbitt, Jessie Carter, Deceased members of the Carter & Mathen families, An Easter Mass for Fr McCauley

Cycle of Prayer Part 3 (of 6): We pray especially for: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers

### Hope in The Future

Let us pray, this Easter night/day, for the people of the parish of:

St Herbert, in Chadderton, with Fr Peter McKie, their parish priest. Sacred Heart parish, Darwen, with Fr Brian Kealey, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and for Blessed John Henry Newman College, Oldham.

May the parishes of our Diocese shine forth with the light of the Risen Lord.

#### During week beginning 7/8 April, let us pray for:

The parishes of St Wilfrid, Longridge, St Mary's, Chipping and Saints Peter and Paul, Ribchester, with Fr David Chinnery, their parish priest.

We pray for their parish primary schools and for St Cecilia's High School, Longridge, and for Longridge Community Hospital.

May we know the depths of Divine Mercy we receive in the Eucharist.

#### Walk With Me

The booklets & calendars for Eastertide are available (free of charge). Please take these to help with prayer and reflection at home.

#### Schools

Thank you to the children and staff from St Columba's St Brendan's and St John's for their services and Masses during Lent and Holy Week. As always, these were prayerful and thought-provoking.

#### Walk of Witness

Thank you to those who took part in the Walk of Witness through Harwood last Sunday afternoon. There was a very good turnout.

#### Lent 2018

In addition to the items mentioned above, thank you to all those who have supported any of our Lenten activities this year: the early morning Masses, Ecumenical Lent course, Deanery Station Masses, the Service of Reconciliation.

After a good Lent, now let us have a joyful celebration of Easter





#### Save the Date

Spring Concert Friday 11 May 2018

Tickets are now on Sale

#### Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

5pm-146; 9am-187; 11am-166; Total - 499

Offertory Collection

24/25 March: £1,175.09 Standing Orders (22 Mar-29 Mar) - £242

**Cheques:** Whilst we are in the process of establishing one new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to **St John's**. Thank you.

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#### Canon Tony Dorran - RIP

Canon Dorran was parish priest at St John's from 1970 to 1994. He then became parish priest at St Mary, Osbaldeston until ill health caused him to retire recently. He died on Thursday 22 March. May he rest in peace.

His funeral will take place at St Mary, Osbaldeston (Longsight Road, BB2 7HX), with Reception of his body into church on Wednesday 4 April at 7pm and Requiem Mass on Thursday 5 April at 12noon.

# Offertory Envelopes The new sets of Corpus Christi Parish envelopes are now available for you to take. The new start date is 8 April.

Congratulations: To Nicola Bunting who will be received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil this weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are with her as she continues to grow in faith.

Feast of Divine Mercy: There will be a special celebration for the Bolton area at St James the Great, Montserrat at 1pm on 8 April with exposition, confession, special prayers and a talk by Tony Hickey, Mass will follow at 3pm. All welcome!

Walsingham Pilgrimage: For those who have put their names on the list for the Walsingham pilgrimage on the 5 May, please could you pass your payment of £20 to the parish office before 8 April. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to SRCDTR. Thank you

Reignite (Young Adults Mass): St John Bosco, Charlestown Road, Blackley, Manchester, M9 7BD on Sunday 15 April at 5.30pm. Come and experience our faith as fun, engaging and transformative. Come along for great speakers, brill testimonies, guest homilists, our young adult's music ministry, reunion with friends, pub social time - on Sunday 15th (and every 3rd Sunday of the month) at 5.30pm. This month the Celebrant will be: Fr Peter Tierney; Homilist: Fr Michael Job; Speaker: Fr Pat Deegan

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 14 April (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's Church. Please contact the parish office if you wish to attend (01204 301927) or email: office@sbsj.org.uk.

**Christian Meditation:** April dates are: Tuesdays 10th, 17th and 24th and Thursdays 5th, 12th and 19th. All welcome

Evangelisation Workshop with Sherry Weddell: At St John Southworth Church, Nelson on Friday 11 May (2.30pm-8.00pm). Keynote address from Sherry Weddell on 'Forming Intentional Discipleship' and 'Fruitful Discipleship'. With a Question & Answers session, buffet meal and Adoration & Reconciliation. The cost is £15 (£10 for Guild Members & Priests) Register: guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com

The Northern Catholic Conference (22-24 June 2018): Is taking its theme this year from the words of Jesus to His disciples as he commissioned them to go and make disciples of the whole world. He assured them of His spiritual presence by concluding: "I am with you always, YES, to the end of time" (Matthew 28:20). Scripture tells us many times never to be afraid because God "...is with us always.", and here He re-affirms and stresses it adding, "YES, to the end of time". This should fill us all with hope that we are never alone in any of the situations in life in which we find ourselves, no matter how dire! Maybe it's been a while since you attended the conference or perhaps you have never been! We would ask all of you, including our faithful, regular guests. Why not come this year and bring a friend or family member with you to enjoy the NCC experience? It is always fresh and abounding in graces and We guarantee you won't blessings. disappointed! For more information contact (07543 Denise 800812) email: northerncatholic@outlook.com

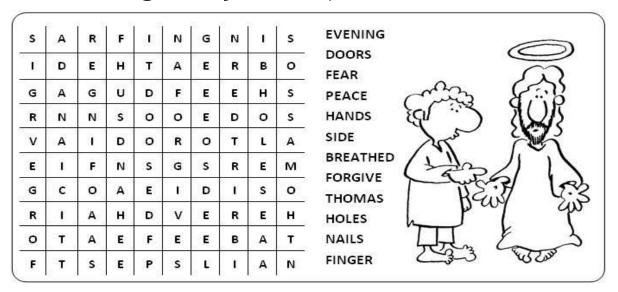
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Reade	rs & Eucharistic	Ministers for 7/8 April							
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers							
5pm (SB)	A Grundy	TBA							
9am (SJ)	P Margiotta	P McArdle, J Carroll, M Speed, E Rothwell, M Cropper, F Smith							
11am (SB)	K Wilkinson	T Proctor, T Smith, J Murphy							
Readers	& Eucharistic M	charistic Ministers for 14/15 April							
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5pm (SB)	M Maybury	TBA							
9am (SJ)	T Njokanma	M Russell, M Speed, A Gracie, A Grundy, S May, M Cropper							
11am (SB)	K Denton	T Smith, J Murphy, T Proctor							

## He is Risen, Alleluia!

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## Eight Days Later, Jesus Came



# Father Cooke and Father Parkinson wish you all A very Happy and Holy Easter.

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