

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

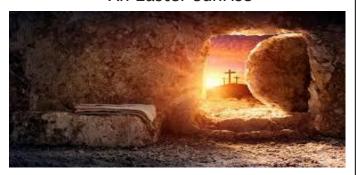
St John, the Evangelist, Bromley Cross, St Columba's, Tonge Moor and St Brendan's, Harwood

20 April 2025

Easter Sunday



An Easter Sunrise



When the first rays of light awaken the morning and the dark night of death has passed, there is a calmness which descends upon the world. The peace of early morning is shattered, first by bird song, then with the noise of human activity as alarms ring and lights go on and the day begins.

On the first Easter morning

the daylight broke on a very different scene.

There were many who did not wish to stir from their beds to face the day.

Since Friday, the world had changed, the earth had shaken, darkness had descended, and stories had been told of ghosts and spirits about in the streets.

The teacher from Nazareth was dead, killed by the Romans at the behest of the Jewish authorities.

Hanged on a tree, like a common criminal.

He who had healed so many, broken, by the words

The promise of a new tomorrow shattered in pettiness, jealousy, and anger.

There were some who made an effort, Mary walked to the tomb, eyes red with tears, but firm in her need to serve her Lord one last time. Imagine her face when she saw the stone rolled away, and the tomb empty of life, and death. Feet scrambling over stone to Peter and John. "Come, come quickly, the Lord has been taken".

John and Peter, blinded by unbelief, But face to face with truth, Not taken, but risen, Not ended but began And the sun rose high in the heavens

John 20: 1-9

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C

Sunday 20 April 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SB)



Monday 21 April

10am Mass (SB)

Tuesday 22 April

10am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 23 April

10am Mass (SB)

Thursday 24 April

10am Mass (SB)

Friday 25 April

12noon Mass (SB)

Saturday 26 April

10.45am Confession & Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5pm Mass (SB)

Sunday 27 April - Feast of Divine Mercy

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

Wishing all parishioners, families and friends a very happy and blessed Easter. Fr Alf

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We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends: Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Pat Margiotta, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Joyce Strickleton, Margaret Kay, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Dr Allan Needham, Margaret Roberts, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Arnold Banks, Terry Smith, Michael Kitching, Jane Manuel, Pope Francis

Lately Dead: Gerard O'Kane, Margaret Lily, Mary Webster, David Cummings, James Ellwood

Anniversaries: Marie Lamoury, Stan Dearden, Teresa Smith

Mass Intentions: Marie Lamoury, Stan Dearden, A special intention of thanksgiving, Peter McGawley, Gerard O'Kane, A special intention

We are asked to pray for these intentions: New members of the Church, vocations, the right use of the media, the Church and human work.

We pray for all the victims and their families after the recent, devastating earthquake in Myanmar.

We pray for healing, a peaceful solution and restoration in the Middle East and Ukraine.

We continue to pray for Pope Francis

The Jubilee Prayer: Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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.

Dona: We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to Corpus Christi. Thank you

Harbour Room Book Club Notices. The next meeting is on Wednesday 30 April to discuss Cold Comfort Farm by Stella Gibbons. Future dates are: Wednesday 28 May - The Phone Box at the Edge of the World by L.L. Messina

Wednesday 25 June. *The Franchise Affair* by Josephine Tey. Meetings begin at 1pm and all are welcome.

SVP News

Summer Hanging Baskets: Lists are available in each church for those interested. The baskets will cost £15 and will be available in early May. A precise date will follow.

Chistian Meditation: The next dates are as follows. All are welcome to come along. Each meeting begins at 7.30pm

29th April -St John's

6th May - St Brendan's

13th May - St John's

20th May - St John's

27th May - St Brendan's

Confirmation Course: The next date for the course (Thursday 1 May) has now been cancelled due to the Anniversary Mass for St Brendan's Church on the same evening.

Other News from Around the Diocese

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell: Join us for a prayerful pilgrimage this summer as we visit Our Lady's shrine at Ladyewell. Situated on the doorstep of our diocese, this day pilgrimage presents a wonderful opportunity to take up the Jubilee call to pilgrimage without travelling too far away from home. The pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 28th June. For more information and to register, please visit

https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ladyewell-pil

Mass to Celebrate Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? Join us on Tuesday 3 June at 7pm at St Bernadette's in Whitefield. Couples celebrating a Jubilee Wedding Anniversary during this Holy Year of Jubilee are invited to join us for this special celebration and to acknowledge this wonderful Sacrament. Friends and family are welcome, and everyone is invited to join for refreshments after Mass. For more information please email:

formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Pro-Life Coffee Morning And Q&A With The March For Life Team And Special Guest, Rachel Mackenzie: Come along to a pro-life themed coffee morning in the hall of Salford Cathedral on Saturday 10 May after the 10am Mass. Enjoy a hot drink with a biscuit/cake and ask any pro-life questions to our friendly team from March for Life UK and Rachel's Vineyard at the live Q&A session. For further details contact info@marchforlife.co.uk

Readers for 26/27 April 2025		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
C Molyneux	M Morrison	C Ezeogu
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 27 April		
M Cropper & A Gracie		