



**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:** James Ball, Jean Philbin, Lynne Pilkington, Gemma Vassello, Patricia Derby

**Anniversaries:** Dorothy Killoran, James Mathew, Tony Coop,

**Mass Intentions:** Dorothy Killoran (A), Lynne Pilkington (LD), Gemma Vassello (LD), a sick baby, James Mathew (A), Tony Coop (A), Barbara Grimes (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

**We are asked to pray for these intentions:** This week we pray for the parish of St. Clare, Blackley, for Fr Jeremiah Budau, OFM Conv, and the Franciscan community. We pray for their parish primary school and Our Lady's High School, for the Good Shepherd Sisters and for the chaplaincy to the Romanian community.

Congratulations to the year 3 children, from our schools, who received the sacrament of Reconciliation this week. We ask you to pray for them as they continue their sacramental journey.

**Flatcappers:** A big thank you to The Flatcappers for providing the entertainment at our recent Parish event. We would also like to thank the people who volunteered to make this such an enjoyable evening. We will give an update on the amount raised when the final total is in.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April. See the link below or the posters at the back of church.

<https://www.bstsnewsletter.com/golden-jubilee.html>.



***In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, and God's spirit hovered over the water. God said, "Let there be light" and there was light. Genesis 1: 1-3.***

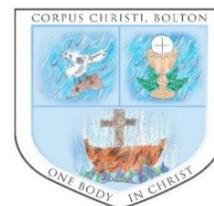
Water is an absolute necessity for life. It is central to God's creation of the earth as this quotation from the beginning of the Book of Genesis tells us. Water is a living thing, it flows through our rivers and our streams, it is replenished by the rain that falls on the earth, and it refreshes our seas and oceans. All living creatures depend on a supply of water, and our human bodies are mainly composed of this precious liquid. Jesus knew the power of water, when he encounters water, as at His baptism, something is about to happen.

The passage from John telling the story of the meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has hidden depths. It begins simply enough with a request for a drink but as a simple, sometimes combative, discussion continues we are drawn deeper into the scene. There are taboos, which are broken in the passage, men do not speak to women they do not know, Jews do not speak to Samaritans and rarely would such a conversion happen with its religious undertones. The story teaches us about the nature of God, we are told that buildings and places are not important, that we should seek God in spirit and truth. That through Jesus we too can drink of living water which will gush up to eternal life.

It is through the passage that Jesus reveals himself as the Messiah to those outside the Jewish world. He uses the Samaritan woman as the vessel through whom others will come to belief. Are there people that you know who have brought you closer to faith?

Today we should reflect on those we have encountered at the well of life. Those whose words and actions inspired us to think more deeply about our own spiritual journey. We need to ask ourselves, are our hearts filled with the living water of Christ, how do we respond to its urgings, and more importantly, how do we pour that living water into the hearts of those we meet.

David Frank



**SVP News:**

During Lent, as in past years, we would like to support The Destitution Project by attempting to collect 40 of the following items during the Lenten period. As a parish your generosity continues to enable us to maintain our support for this vulnerable group. Thank you for continuing to support. Items suggested are:

- Vegetable or sunflower oil
- Tins of chopped tomatoes
- Kidney beans
- Chickpeas
- Long-life orange/apple juice
- Tuna in oil
- Sardines in oil
- Pasta/spaghetti-dried

The pick a date fundraiser, which was very successful last year will be continued again this year. Over the next few weeks, we will be present after Mass on Sunday in both churches to give people the opportunity to participate and hopefully win some prize money. All the monies raised are used to support individuals and families in need.

**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, *Ann*.

**February Winners:**

**£50:** Arnold Banks (the family have asked that this be donated to SVP in his memory)

**£25:** Kath Edwards

**£15:** Kath Carolan

**The Brixi Singers'** next performance will be a special Lenten concert on March 8th, featuring John Rutter's Requiem and other seasonal music. The concert will take place at Harwood Methodist Church and begins at 3 o'clock. Tickets are available on the door at £12 (including refreshments), with free admission for under-16s,

**Lourdes - Diocesan Youth Group**

Are you a young person looking to take part in a pilgrimage this year? Do you want to make new friends, build community and grow in your faith? Why not join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It's simple to sign up and you can join a new "group" led by the Diocesan Youth Department. The pilgrimage and travel dates are 29<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August. The cost is £695 and this includes coach travel and full board hotel accommodation (Astoria Hotel). Young people can join in 3 age groups 13-15 (aspiring volunteers), 16-17 and 18+. If you are interested, please email [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) for details of how to register.

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Third Sunday of Lent  
Masses & Activities this week**

*Sunday Cycle A*

*Readings: Page 158 of Mass Book*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy  
11am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy  
Stations of the cross followed by Adoration **2pm** (SJ)

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

12pm Mass (SJ)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

10am Mass (SB)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

9.30am Mass (with years 2 and 3 from St John's) SJ

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

9.15am Full school Mass (SB)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

No Mass

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Confession and adoration 10.45am (SJ)  
11.30am Mass (SJ)  
5pm Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy  
11am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy  
Stations of the cross followed by Adoration 3pm (SB)

**Readers: 14/15 March 2026**

| 5pm Vigil (SB) | 9.30am (SJ) | 11am (SB)    |
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| Chris Molyneux | Steve May   | Paul Brennan |

**Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 15 March**

Pat McArdle/Julie Summerton

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