



## Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy



**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:** Joseph Walsh, James Lloyd, Gordon Clements, Seamus Roddy, Vincent Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Jean Singleton, Mary Vosper

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Gill, Christopher Polak, Lubbine Susol, Stan Deardon

**Mass Intentions:** Vincent Morrison (LD), Eileen (A) and Victor Gill, Isabelle Owen (birthday remembrance), Christopher Polak (A), Mr. and Mrs. Jean Singleton (LD), Mary Vosper (LD), Stan Deardon (A)

**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

**During Easter we pray for:** new members of the church, vocations, the right use of the media, the Church and human work.

**Holy Father's intention: For Priests in Crisis:** Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**Littleway Healing Ministries:** Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gregory's church is hosting a Parish Healing Mission from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April there will be Mass at 9.30am followed by an Open Healing Event from 10am – 4.30pm, all welcome. If you wish to attend, please see Fr Alf after Mass for a ticket. More details are available on the poster at the back of the church.

Just a polite reminder to be considerate of people wishing to pray before Mass. This should be a quite time of preparation for the Lord's sacrifice.

This week the readings speak to us of the new life that has sprung from the death and resurrection of Jesus. They are full of optimism for the future and reveal to us today the joy and wonder of a people who have emerged from deep darkness into the light of the promises of Christ.

The first reading gives us a picture of the emerging community life of the church; a church which is a benchmark for our parish today. Here we have a vision of a community which is faithful to the teaching of Christ handed down to his apostles. A community of real brotherhood where all, male and female, slave and free have a dignity and a standing in the church. A community where the Eucharist and prayer are at the heart of everything they do.

This new community is born through Baptism; a concept which, though not unknown to the Jewish people, is renewed in the Baptism of Repentance led by John in the Jordan river and brought to a new significance through the teaching of Jesus. Peter explains the great gift of the sacrament; it is a new birth as the children of God the Father made possible through the sacrifice of his son. This event in our lives confers upon us a sure hope and a promise of an inheritance; eternal life, which can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away.

The Gospel passage reminds us that Jesus is always there when believers meet; that his gift to us of peace is the source of all our joy. The Book of Acts speaks of the Eucharist, Peter speaks to us of Baptism, the Gospel takes the sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation as its theme. All these gifts, which are poured out on us to show us the way to Christ, are the flood that took the early church and gave it the spirit to grow into the world-wide church of today. Thomas reminds us that sometimes doubt can enter our hearts and minds. If you are unsure of your faith, just take these Easter readings as your guide, recognise the spirit behind the words and pray to Jesus in the words of Thomas, "My Lord and My God"

**David Frank**

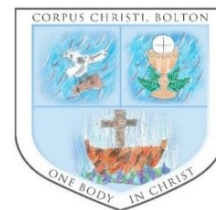
**200 Club Subscriptions:** There are still some outstanding subscriptions. Please mark envelopes FAO Ann Gracie. Parishioners at St Brendan's can hand theirs to Peter Carolan. If anyone requires additional numbers, please contact Ann on 07528027295. Thank you, Ann.

**March 200 club winners:**

**1<sup>st</sup> prize £50** - J Cowan

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize £25** - S McArdle

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize £15** - L White



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### Deaf Awareness and Conversational British Sign Language Course

Caritas Salford has developed a brand new 12-week course for parishioners, to equip them with basic British Sign Language skills and greater awareness of accessibility and inclusion in parish life. The course will commence on 14 April, and sessions will be held weekly on Tuesday evenings at St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, M4 5HF (with parking available in the Caritas Salford car park adjacent to the church).

Places for the course are strictly limited. To find out more and book a place, visit:

[www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/deaf-awareness-bsl](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/deaf-awareness-bsl)

### Readers 18/19 April 2026

<b>5pm Vigil (SB)</b>	<b>9.30am (SJ)</b>	<b>11am (SB)</b>
Catherine Grundy	Julie Summerton	Lisa Lamoury

### Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 19<sup>th</sup> April

Pat McCardle/Julie Summerton

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### 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](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/events)

### Red Box 2025: Thank you!

In 2025 the parish of Corpus Christi raised £807 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at Corpus Christi is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries like the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who feature on this year's Red Box Thank You Poster, rely on your support so they can continue to flourish. [Visitmissio.org.uk](http://Visitmissio.org.uk) to find out more

**12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Easter Sunday**

**Masses & Activities this week**

*Sunday Cycle A*

*Readings: Page 255 of Mass Book*

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11am Mass (SB)

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

6pm Mass (SJ)

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

10am Mass (SB) Year 6 attending

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am Adoration

9.30am Mass (SJ)

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am Mass (SB)

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

12.00pm Mass (SB)

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

10.45am Confessions and Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5.00pm Mass (SB)

Children's liturgy will start again on 19<sup>th</sup> April. We are looking for volunteers to help on Sunday mornings at St John's 9.30am. If anyone feels that they can help, please let us know.

### Catholic family holidays in the Lake District:

Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> **stay with us** or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711

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