

Third 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

Lately Dead: Joseph Walsh, Vincent Morrison

Anniversaries: Margaret Mary Moss, Marie Lamoury

Mass Intentions: Special intention, a special birthday, Marie Lamoury (A), Annie O'Brien (sick)

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 23rd April until Sunday 26th April. On Saturday 25th 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.

Service of Prayer:

We would like to invite you to **St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, Heaton, Bolton (BL1 5TR)**, where we are holding a **Service of Prayer: "The Stations of the Resurrection"** every **Thursday evening at 7.00 p.m.**, followed by the celebration of **Holy Mass**. Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

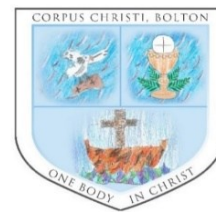


The Road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35) is a crucial revelation of Christ in terms of the Sacraments. The passage is an important reflection on both the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is also a powerful example to illustrate to the children that nothing in Sacred Scripture is random - everything has a deeper meaning - this passage explained to the children should help ignite an inquisitive view on Scripture.

Firstly, Jesus walking with the disciples on the road could allude to Jesus being with us during our life - often we don't recognise Jesus or don't search carefully enough for him. The lack of faith expressed by the disciples and potential sin, meant that they did not recognise him, in other words, it is sin and unfaithfulness that puts obstacles in the way of our knowing of Jesus. Crucially, Jesus did not distance himself from the disciples, rather the obstacles were so great and thus Jesus seemed far from them. However, when the disciples, 'urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over"', we receive an illustration of the faithful asking for forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Of course, Jesus, 'went in to stay with them', or granted us forgiveness. Once this 'atonement' was accomplished, it allowed the disciples to 'recognise' him 'when he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them'.

Ultimately, Jesus may seem distant from us on our journey of life when we, sinners, place obstacles in the way (the crucial word here is seem). We can remove these obstacles through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and consequently allow ourselves to know Jesus, to recognise Jesus, to be close to Jesus and to receive Jesus. You could also explain it as attempting to view an image on a screen with low resolution. The image is there; it won't physically come closer or move further away yet it seems far. The removal of these obstacles (the greater the resolution), the clearer the image becomes and consequently we can see, know and therefore receive the image.

This passage explains to the children the importance of the two Sacraments but also gives them a visible, tangible idea to help them understand how the Sacraments work.



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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*.

SVP News: Lists are now available in both churches for those wishing to order hanging baskets. We will confirm prices and delivery dates as soon as they become available. Pick a date winners:
£75 – Catherine Grundy
£50 – Michael Wright
£25 – Mary Brooks
After giving out the prizes we raised £170 for the SVP. Thank you for all your support
Our next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 29th April after Mass

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

May Day at St John Fisher:

You are invited to join us for our May Day celebrations. This will take place on Sunday 10th May at St John Fisher Kearsley Bolton BL4 8QQ. The theme is Mary, Queen of peace (Let it begin with me). The afternoon commences at 1pm with Holy Mass and the crowning of Our Lady in the Schoenstatt Shrine. This will be followed by Holy Hour meditation with Divine Mercy prayers. There will also be an opportunity for input and discussion. Light refreshments will be served and the day is scheduled to end at approximately 5.30pm. If you would like to attend please let Fr know so that we pass on numbers of those attending.

Christian Meditation:

The next session will take place on Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm at St John's.

19th April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter Masses & Activities this week

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 258 of Mass Book

Sunday 19th April

9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy
11am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Monday 20th April

10.00pm Mass (SB)

Tuesday 21st April

10am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 22nd April

10.00am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 23rd April - St George

10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 24th April

12.00pm Mass (SB)

Saturday 25th April – St Mark

10.45am Confessions and Adoration (SJ)

11.30am Mass (SJ)

5.00pm Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Children's liturgy. 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.

Please note Fr Alf will be away this week on retreat.

Readers 25/26 April 2026

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Gerard Kearns	Peter Barnes	Ann Moore

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 26th April

John Carroll/Steve May

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