

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, Shaun Smith

Lately Dead: Graham Shoppard, Alan Arthington, West Hilton, Dorian Rayner

Anniversaries: Rose Heron, Jean Crompton

Mass Intentions: Rose Heron (birthday remembrance), Rose Heron (A) Shaun Smith (sick), Graham Shoppard (LD), Alan Arthington (LD), Jean Crompton (A), West Hilton (LD), Mass in thanksgiving to Rosa Mystica

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

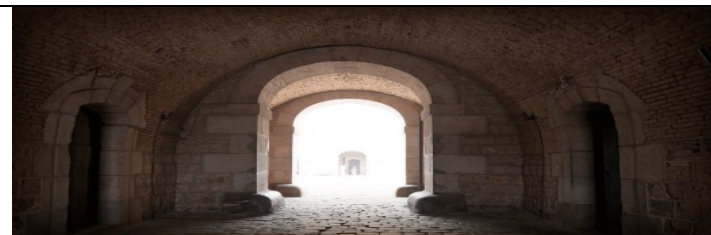
This week we pray for the parish of Let us pray this week for the people of the parish of the Divine Mercy, Chadderton and Hollinwood, and for Fr. Lawrence Imoisili, CM. We pray for the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King, for the parish primary schools and for St. John Henry Newman College.

Congratulations: To Goldie Grady who was baptised recently. We pray that both she and her family may continue to grow in faith

Newsletter: Please let the office know by Wednesday if you have any items for the newsletter. Thank you.

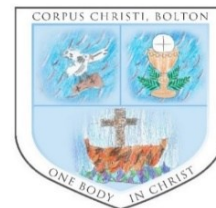
Service of Prayer:

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.



For many years now the church has been quietly changing; in my youth the church was mainly a place of worship, there were numerous priests serving the community and the opportunity for lay service was limited, today the lay people are called more and more into service. The place of the priest at the centre of worship is still paramount but the lay people are called now into roles as Deacons, Ministers, Catechists and Volunteers by a church which recognises their contribution in both pastoral and spiritual dimensions. This is nothing new. In today's first reading we hear that the apostles are being overwhelmed by the many calls on their time. The church was growing and those in positions of responsibility were finding it difficult to cope. One answer was to appoint deacons who would be responsible for the distribution of food and for the pastoral needs of the people. The second answer was for priests called from the temple to be part of the growing "Jesus" movement. From these beginnings we can see the infant structure of the church changing the lives of its believers; that response to emerging problems continues in our church today. We must never forget that at the centre of our spiritual and pastoral life is Jesus, the cornerstone. Peter reminded his readers in his day and speaks to us today across the centuries. We are baptised as "*a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession*" and we are called to live out that role. The need for service in the church in all sorts of ways, humble and great, is growing and you are part of that need. Peter speaks of being "*called out of darkness into his marvelous light*"; it is for each of us to share that light with those around us. I find it comforting to know that the apostles, who were close companions of Jesus, always had questions and doubts. The questions they ask are questions I need the answer to; "Lord how can we know the way", "Lord show us the Father". John in this beautiful passage explains so much to us about Our Lord; John sees our doubts and questions and throughout his gospel he tries to reassure us. "There are many rooms" takes on a significance far beyond our local church; the words have a cosmic dimension which opens for us a vision of a church which has no boundaries to worship and service. This is the church of the first and the twenty first century.

David Frank



SVP News:

Hanging baskets will be available for collection next weekend. The price has now been confirmed at £15
Collections will be:

Saturday 9th May from 12 noon at St John's
Sunday 10th May after 11am Mass at St Brendan's

Thanks to all who supported the coffee morning. The total amount raised was £224.

200 club:

April Winners:
£50 J Corcoran
£25 C Gracie
£15 Annie O'Brien

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.

New Hymn Books:

We have had to purchase a new set of hymn books for use at St Brendan's, as we now have only 70/200 books left. If you would like to sponsor a book, and include a dedication, please fill in a slip and place it in the envelopes provided along with your donation.

Marriage Preparation Course - Love for a Lifetime

This course will be held on Saturday 5th September and Saturday 12th September 2026 from 2PM to 5PM at St John Fisher's Presbytery, Manchester Road, Kearsley. Attendance is required on both dates. For more information and to register please email Fr Bryan Cunningham at fr.bryan@schoenstatt.org.uk or Fr Herbert Opara at fr.herbert@schoenstatt.org.uk

National Deaf Awareness Week - Free Resources

From 4-10 May it's national Deaf Awareness Week. Did you know that Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, has a range of resources and tips on its website to help you make your parish even more accessible to people locally? You can access these and a range of other free resources, prayers and other documents on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/resources

**3rd May 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Masses & Activities this week**
Sunday Cycle A
Readings: Page 265 of Mass Book

Sunday 3rd May
9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy
11.00am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Monday 4th May (Bank holiday)– The English Martyrs
10.00am Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 5th May
10.00am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 6th May
9.00am Adoration, 9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 7th May
10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 8th May
12.00pm Mass (SB)

Saturday 9th May
10.00am First Holy Communion Mass (SJ)
5.00pm Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

The collection for the Ecclesiastical training fund remains open for one more week. You can also donate by clicking the link below.
<https://donate.myдона.com/diocese-of-salford>

Readers 9/10 May 2026

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Susan Mikolajewski	John Carroll	Kathryn Wilkinson


Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 10th May
Mary Cropper/Ann Gracie

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