

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 Sheppard, Alan Arthington, West Hilton, Dorian Rayner, Fr Peter McGiveron

Anniversaries: Terry Smith

Mass Intentions: Terry Smith (A)

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are a 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 pray this week for the people of the parish of St Edward, Lees, for Fr. Callum Brown, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school.

Congratulations: To the children from St John's who received Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. We pray that they will continue to grow in faith. We continue to pray for the children from St Brendan's and St Columba's who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks.

Christian meditation: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday at 7.30pm at St John's.

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.



Easter is moving towards its close and in a few short weeks we will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost; the birthday of the Church. The readings for today contain a promise; one full of hope and commitment. Love is flowing from our heavenly Father, through his precious Son to the Holy Spirit raising our hearts, lifting us up, enriching our lives, creating a power within us that is from God.

Philip the Apostle felt this power; he goes to the land of Samaria; to a people despised by the Jews, whose only glimpse of the love of Jesus came through the Samaritan Woman; the one who found the living water of faith. He takes with him the Good News of Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, and the Samaritans accept his words and turn to Christ. Can you imagine how much courage and faith it took for Philip to make this journey?

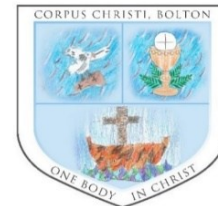
Saint Peter travelled the known world bringing the Good News to the pagans and to the Jews. His constant companion was the Holy Spirit. It enabled him to face all sorts of problems in his mission to bring the word of God to his people. The people he spoke to were searching; they lived from day to day without any real hope for the future.

Peter tells us how we too can become beacons of light to those who are without hope. "In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; do it with gentleness and respect". There are many in our families, our workplaces and our neighbourhoods who are without hope. Peter advises us to be courteous, respectful and conscientious in our dealings with others; there are many who will listen and walk away, we only sow the seed, the love of God brings it to harvest.

John's gospel is made for Easter. His words of encouragement are there for all. The promise, made by Jesus, speaks to our hearts. We are not orphans in this world. We have a heavenly Father who loves us, a Brother who is our saviour and a Spirit living within us whose power can strengthen and guide us. We are one with Christ.

Jesus promises us "In that day you will know that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you"; this is the encouragement we need to speak to others and remind them that God's love is there waiting for them to turn to Him and say "Abba Father".

David Frank



SVP News: Hanging baskets will be available for collection this weekend. The price has now been confirmed at £15
 Collections will be:
 Saturday 9th May from 1pm at St John's
 Sunday 10th May after 11am Mass at St Brendan's

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

Free energy bill advice from Caritas
 If you are worried about rising energy costs, our diocesan charity Caritas Salford runs a range of free drop-in advice sessions to help with everything from energy debt to making your home more energy efficient. You can find out more about these and other ways the team can help people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus: this is celebrated forty days after Easter and commemorates the moment when the risen Christ, in the sight of his apostles, ascended bodily into heaven (Acts 1:9-11). It marks the completion of his earthly mission and the beginning of his exaltation at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for us as our eternal High Priest. The Ascension is a reminder that heaven is our true home and that Jesus, fully God and fully man, has gone before us to prepare a place for us in the Father's house.

10th May 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Masses & Activities this week
Sunday Cycle A
Readings: Page 268 of Mass Book

Sunday 10th May
 9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy
 11.00am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Monday 11th May
 6.00pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 12th May
 10.00am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 13th May
 9.00am Adoration, 9.30am Mass (SJ)
 6.30pm Vigil Mass for the Ascension (SB)

Thursday 14th May – The Ascension of the Lord (Holy day of obligation)
 9.30am Mass (SB)
 12.00pm Mass (SJ)
 7.00pm Mass (SJ)

Friday 15th May
 12.00pm Mass (SB)

Saturday 16th May
 10.00am First Holy Communion Mass (SB)
 5.00pm Mass (SB) with children's liturgy
 The collection for the Ecclesiastical training fund will close this weekend. You can also donate by clicking the link below.
<https://donate.myдона.com/diocese-of-salford>

Readers 16/17 May 2026

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Chris Molyneux	Sheila Copley	Paul Brennan

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 17th May
 Michael Kitchen/Pat Partington

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