

The Most Holy Trinity



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, Stafford Sashoua

Lately Dead: Fred Greenhalgh, George Stewart, Geraldine Leigh, Dorothy Holt

Anniversaries: Rosemary Jane Atkins

Mass Intentions: Fred Greenhalgh (LD), George Stewart (LD), special intentions

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 for the people of the parish of St. Francis of Assisi, Oldham, for Fr Kevin Tierney, their parish primary schools and the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph.

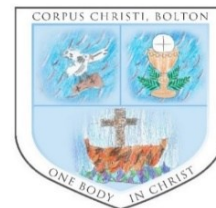
Donate in memory this Father's Day

Donating to our diocesan charity Caritas Salford in someone's name is a special way to honour their memory while supporting people experiencing poverty, homelessness or isolation in our parishes. This Father's Day, if you'd like to make an in memory donation, please visit the special space on the Caritas Salford website for remembering a loved one. This also includes setting up a funeral collection in lieu of flowers and creating a personalised tribute memory page to save photos and messages. Please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/InMemory to access the relevant links or contact Kirstie Davidson for more information on 0161 817 2281.



Often, in the Lectionary, the readings seem out of sync. The first reading and the Gospel are arranged to complement each other but the second reading is different; if there is nothing that speaks to you in the first reading and the Gospel there well may be something in the second reading; this is why we must listen at mass and not just follow the words in a book. Listening is a different form of communication from reading. This week, however, I sense symmetry between each of the readings. There is a common thread and that thread is the love of God. The Israelites, in the desert were a stubborn people, when you read the passages of Exodus their moans and groans rise from the pages; who could love such an ungrateful lot. They turned away from God so often. However, God loved them and through Moses, his prophet, He came to them time and again to ease their suffering and bring them back to Him. We are not very different today from those Israelites of old; how often do we begin to moan and groan when things do not go our way. How many of our fellow Christians have turned away from Him and followed the false gods of selfishness and money. Still God loves us all, just as He loved the people of the desert. Nicodemus, in today's Gospel, comes to Jesus in secret, at dead of night. He wanted to know more about the man, Jesus, and needed reassurance that he was God's chosen one; but he also wanted to hold on to his status, his standing in society. The words of this Gospel passage must have stayed with Nicodemus for the rest of his life. It was only through the death of Jesus that Nicodemus could come out of the dark into the light. Is there some part of our life story that we keep hidden; not wishing for ridicule but frightened to stand up for our beliefs. Paul, as ever, understands our human nature and brings together Father, Son and Spirit in a beautiful prayer for unity and peace. We share this prayer at the beginning of Mass "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all". He calls us to seek perfection through rejoicing, comforting one another and living in peace. This must be the basis of our community for when we live in Grace, Love and Fellowship we live in harmony with the Blessed Trinity.

David Frank



SVP News: There will be Benediction and Afternoon Tea taking place at Our Lady of Lourdes Farnworth on Sunday 7th June at 3pm. Departure will be from St John's. If you wish to attend, please add your name to the list, which is, at the back of both churches.

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


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

Caritas Volunteer Week
 From 1 to 7 June it is national Volunteer Week, with various celebrations and activities taking place across the UK. Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has a wide range of volunteering opportunities available to help support their work with people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire who are experiencing homelessness, poverty and discrimination. If you have a passion or skillset you'd like to share with others, you can find out more about the volunteering opportunities available on their website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer or contact Matt Yates at m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk

Congratulations: to Lauren Wilcock who was baptised and received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. Also, to Michelle Ludwig who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them both in your prayers as they continue their journey of Faith



31st May 2026 Seventh Sunday of Easter Masses & Activities this week <i>Sunday Cycle A</i> <i>Readings: Page 81 of Mass Book</i>		
Sunday 31st May 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11.00am Mass (SB)		
Monday 1st June – St Justin 6.00pm Mass (SJ)		
Tuesday 2nd June 10.00am Mass		
Wednesday 3rd June – Saints Charles Lwanga and his companions 9.00am Adoration (SJ) 9.30am Mass (SJ)		
Thursday 4th June 10.00am Mass (SB)		
Friday 5th June – St Boniface 12.00pm Mass (SB)		
Saturday 6th June 10.45am Adoration and confessions (SJ) 11.30am Mass (SJ) 5.00pm Mass (SB)		
Readers 6/7 June 2026		
5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Alyson Grundy	Ann Gracie	Fely Dolorosso
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 7th June Veronica Rawlinson/Arthur Rawlinson		
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