

The Fifth Sunday of Lent



There is a logical development in the readings this Sunday: In the Old Testament, God asks us to look forward to the "new deed he will do", when he will put "water in the wilderness"; we then see the new deed, which

Paul talks about, to be the "supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus", and sharing the "power of his resurrection"; so who is this Jesus, and how is he "water in the wilderness"? It is because he brings hope for the future and forgiveness of our sins, as the Gospel story relates. This Sunday's readings are there for our encouragement, to help us look forward to Easter, and the meaning of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection: that meaning is Reconciliation and a new creation (as we heard last week). We are driven on through Lent by a vision of the marvels that God has worked, and that God will work for us.

Marriage Matters

Let joy fill our hearts: Today is the first day of the rest of our lives! It is vital that we don't carry past hurts with us, and are able to forgive and move on. We need to look at our faults and failings and seek forgiveness of each other first. This gives life and hope for our relationship. Let us strive for perfection - together.

Think Vocation

"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." The whole point of the Passion and Death of Our Lord was for the forgiveness of sins. Every one of us commits sins but, like the woman in the Gospel, we are to take the opportunities that are offered to us to change our ways. We pray for future priests and Religious for the Church to remind us of the Gospel message of hope for sinners and to be the compassionate face of Christ to us.

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Sunday 7 April

9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 2pm Baptism (SB)
 3pm Stations of the Cross (SB)

Monday 8 April

9.30am Mass (SB)
 7pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB)
 7.30pm Lenten Course (Longsight Methodist)
 7.45pm SVP (SJ)

Tuesday 9 April

8.15am Mass (SC School)
 1pm St John's School Passion Play (In School)
 2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)
 6.30pm Reconciliation (SJ)
 7pm Mass (SJ)
 7.30pm Praying with Scripture Course (SJ)
 7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday 10 April

9.30am Mass (SJ)
 6pm St Columba's School Reconciliation Service (SB)
 7pm Deanery Station Mass (St Osmund's)

Thursday 11 April

9.15am Mass (SB)
 9.15am Easter Mass for St Columba' School (School)
 2pm Easter Service for St Brendan's School in Church
 7pm Property Committee Meeting (Harbour Room)

Friday 12 April

9.30am Mass (SJ)

Saturday 13 April

5pm Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*

Sunday 14 April - Palm Sunday

9am Mass (SJ) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 11am Mass (SB) - *with Children's Liturgy*
 2pm Walk of Witness through Harwood, starting at Christ's Church
 3pm Stations of the Cross (SJ)

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Prayers Please

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends. Bernard Holder, Fr John Ashton (SDB), Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Margaret Broadhead

Lately Dead: Keith Ridings, Noreen Connolly, Rose Beirne, Malcom Strange, Estella Latham, Jean Burke, Martin Stadden, David Procktor, Rose Astley

Anniversaries: Dominic Owen, David Christopher Attwood, Herbert Winstanley, Beatrice Winstanley, Ann Cunliffe, John Reddy, Rose Ann Hopkinson, Mark Rinaldo Villa, Jack & Mary Carroll

Mass Intentions: Herbert Winstanley, Beatrice Winstanley (50th Anniversary), Ann Cunliffe (1st Anniversary), John Reddy, Keith Ridings, Rose Ann Hopkinson, Noreen Connolly, Rose Astley, Deceased members of the Doloroso & Dalisay families, Romy Gaela, Rose Beirne, Mark Rinaldo Villa, Mary Joan Quinn, Mary Ann & William Quinn, Jack & Mary Carroll and deceased members of the Carroll family, Estella Latham

Cycle of Prayer Part 3 (of 6): We pray especially for: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers; survivors of sexual abuse

Hope in the Future

Let us pray for the people of the parish of the Holy Trinity, Worsley, for Mgr Canon John Dale, for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph and for the parish primary schools. We pray that St Ann's Hospice may be a beacon of God's healing love.

Facts and Figures for 30/31 March

Offertory Collection: £985.30

Standing Orders (29 March-4 April): £501

Mass Attendance:

5pm-146; 9am-167; 11am-148; Total 461

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you.



Congratulations: To Annie Samantha Margaret Ashworth who was baptised at St Brendan's last Saturday. We pray that she and her family continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 11 May (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is for parents from our parish who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please contact the Parish Office (01204 301927) or email office@sbsj.org.uk for more information.

Lent & Easter at Corpus Christi

Reconciliation Service 7pm
Wednesday 17 April at St Brendan's

Deanery Station Masses 7pm
10 April - St Osmund's

Churches in Harwood Lent Course
7.30-9pm (Monday Evenings)
8 April - Longsight Methodist
16 April - St Brendan's

Palm Sunday Churches in Harwood Walk of Witness (Starting at 2pm Christ's Church)

Maundy Thursday 8pm St John's; Good Friday 3pm St John's; Easter Vigil 8pm St Brendan's

Cyclone Idai Emergency Appeal: Thank you to everyone who donated to the emergency appeal. Corpus Christi has raised £1,590.41. Your generosity is amazing! Thank you.

Readers and Volunteers at Easter: We are looking for three of our readers for the Easter Vigil Mass at St Brendan's. We also are asking for 12 volunteers for washing of feet at the Maundy Thursday Mass (St John's). Please let the office know if you are available Thank you.

Fire Warden Training (SB): Thank you to all who have volunteered for this important role. A training session will take place at SB on Monday 29 April at 7pm. Any parishioners are welcome. Please contact Tony Proctor if you require further information.

Sacrament of Confirmation: As you are aware, pupils currently in year 6 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when they are in year 8 (Easter 2021). An invitation from Bishop John to the young people to continue their faith journey towards Confirmation has been sent out via our Catholic schools. If your child is not in a Catholic school and has not received an invitation, can you please speak to Fr David as he also has the invitation letters and register of interest forms.

Red Box Donations: Thank you for your continued care of our Church family through your support of the Red Box. Your prayers and gifts continue to sustain missionary priests and sisters as they share God's love with some of the most vulnerable, marginalised people throughout the world. In the last year, members of the Red Box family in our parish raised a fantastic £1,512.84. Thank you!

Corpus Christi

Upcoming Social Events:

**A Springtime Variety Show
Astley Bridge Conservative Club
Friday 26 April at 7.30pm.**

£5 per ticket with *Pastie supper* included. This price has been set low to encourage as many as possible to attend and enjoy each other's company. It will also help to bolster Church funds.

We are aware that some may have difficulty in attending because of lack of transport. With this in mind, we will try to organize a door to door, return, transport service. To do this however, we will need to know your requirements, well in advance.

Please try to support this initiative
Terry Smith---Parish Social Committee

Friday 14 June. Klezmer (music) concert at Dunscaer Conservative Club, *further details to follow.*

ACN Retreat Days for the Suffering Church

This year Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) will be offering four day-long retreats in the NW. These days will include Holy Mass, information sessions about the issues faced by Christians in other parts of the world, private and guided prayer, a chance to send messages to struggling Christians elsewhere in the world and more. The days run from 10am until 4pm. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch, but drinks and biscuits will be provided. The cost is £15 per person. Spaces are limited, so please book in advance:

ACN NW: 01524 388739; nw.office@acnuk.org.

Dates and Venues are:

Salford Cathedral - Saturday 25 May.

Sandymount House of Prayer, Liverpool -

Saturday 8 June

Our Lady & St Michael's, Workington -

Saturday 22 June

Lancaster Cathedral - Saturday 5 October.

We would love to see you there; bring a friend! Please pray for suffering and persecuted Christian communities in our world today.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday

(4 May 2019): Last May over 500 pilgrims from the Diocese gathered at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. This was the largest diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine in recent years. We are hoping this year's pilgrimage will be as successful. If you would like to take part in the pilgrimage, you can get more information regarding transport etc, by contacting: John Griffin - T: 0161 817 2214
E: John.Griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or
John Martin - T: 0161 653 7284
E: gregoryjohn1@outlook.com

Thank You: We have had a note from the Destitution Project thanking us for all the donations we sent in recently. They are always so very grateful for whatever we can donate.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 13/14 April Palm Sunday 2019		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	J O'Connor	TBA
9am (SJ)	M Roe	M Russell, M Speed, A Gracie, S May, J Carroll, M Cropper
11am (SB)	E Rankin	P Brennan C Owen, M Durkan

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**GIFTS, TALENTS & CHARISMS
TRAINING DAYS**

Training days are taking place throughout the year for people who are, or would like to be, involved in various areas of parish life. Details of the training taking place in April and May are shown below. If you would like to attend, you can find out more and book your place via the diocesan website where you can also find lots more information on the Hope in the Future initiative. We are always looking for more volunteers to get involved in all areas of parish life so if you feel you can help in any way please do not hesitate to speak to myself or any member of the Parish Enabling Team. Alternatively, you can contact me (Joanne Robinson) by email: joarob71@googlemail.com

PARISH CATECHESIS

Workshops for Parish Catechists

Saturday 27th April 2019, 10:00-15:00

Cathedral Centre, Salford, M3 6DP

PARISH MANAGEMENT

Workshops on Finance, Administration, Buildings and H&S

Saturday 18th May 2019, 10:00-15:00

Cathedral Centre, Salford, M3 6DP

**To register your place or for more information -
visit: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events**

Diocese of Salford - Vacancies

Lead Teacher/Innovator for Primary Religious Education (For September 2019 or earlier if possible)

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Competitive salary around UPS+TLR1 and benefits package.

This is a new role in the Department for Education and for the Diocese as a whole. Education represents one of the most important aspects of the mission of the Church. It is an essential role in ensuring consistency in standards of teaching and learning throughout the diocesan family of schools and colleges. We are seeking to recruit an exceptional individual to model innovative and creative teaching pedagogy within an impact driven environment.

Closing date for applications: 12noon Tuesday 23 April 2019.

Human Resources Manager

Appointment Type: Full time, permanent, 35 hours per week **Location:** Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Salary, pension and benefits: Competitive based on skills and experience.

The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit an exceptional individual to the newly created post of Human Resources Manager. This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced HR practitioner who thrives on driving change and promoting excellence. Reporting to the Director of Administration and Personnel, the post holder will act as the HR lead working closely with senior managers to support the development and implementation of effective HR solutions focussed on the current and emerging needs of the Diocese.

The successful candidate will: Be CIPD qualified and/or Chartered Memberships of the CIPD, have general HR experience of at least 5 years.

Closing date for applications: 12noon 29 April, 2019.

Operations Manager

Appointment Type: Full time, permanent, 35 hours per week

Location: Cathedral and Cathedral Centre Campus, Salford

Salary, pension and benefits: Competitive based on skills and experience.

The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit an experienced Operations Manager to provide appropriate leadership and management support for all areas of operational management (including housekeeping, facilities maintenance and catering services) across the entire Cathedral campus (including the Cathedral Church, House and Centre and an additional building currently under redevelopment).

Closing date for applications: Wednesday, 1 May, 12noon.

More details for the above positions can be found at:

<http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

For further information on the job descriptions and eligibility criteria or to request an application pack on these posts please contact:

The Director of Administration and Personnel Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP
0161-817-2203