



**Do join us for refreshments
after Mass today**

St Paul, King Cross, Halifax

Sunday 28 April 2024

This week:

Wednesday 1st May,
NO Craft Group this week

Thursday 2nd May

NO Mass this week as the Parish Room is
being used as a Polling Station

Next Sunday – 5th May – Easter 6
11.00am Parish Mass

*To help you prepare for our worship why not look up
the readings we will use: Acts 10:44-48
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-&17*

Friday 10th May at 7.30pm. £10

Talking Stock Productions present –

Le Grande Return

*A gentle comedy drama by playwright, Alan
Stockdill about love, remembrance, war & peace.*

*Talking Stock Productions have had seriously good
reviews for this play, so please come & support this
new initiative for our fund-raising programme 2024*

Quiz Night - Friday 17th May at 6.30pm

with Pie & Pea Supper in aid of Christian Aid

Choral Evensong & Benediction

Sunday 12th May at 5pm

**Peter Cain Guitar Recital – Music from
the Americas - Saturday 15th June at 7pm**

Summer Fayre – Saturday 29th June

*The usual items for tombola stalls – bottles, sweets,
good bric-a-brac, raffle prizes etc
will be most welcome!*

Many thanks indeed to everyone who has
returned the various Lent Boxes

The Candle by the Blessed Virgin Mary
burnt last week for Judith Kinnell and this week
in loving memory of Karen Browne

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**Welcome to our Parish Mass today
- on the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

A special welcome if you are visiting.
If you require Gluten free altar bread - please have a
word with one of the Welcomers at the door.

Hymns: 310; 115; 311; 112; 408

Readers: Steven Mudd & Victoria Bevan
Intercessions: Tom Oakes

*The contactless payment facility at the back of Church
if you are without cash for your offering.
If you pay tax please make use of the Gift Aid
envelopes – it helps us a great deal - Thank you!*

During the week please pray for:

For the people of Calder Avenue & Southowram

Among our congregation: Wendy Banks,
David Barker, Victoria & Shaughn Bevan

Monday – Give thanks for the Resurrection

Tuesday – Social & Care Workers

Wednesday – Peace in Ukraine & Middle East

Thursday – the Charities we support

Friday – housebound members of our congregation

Saturday – our sidespeople & welcomers

Those who are sick or in need:

Adam Rose, Louise Stewart, Paul Ainsworth,
Clifford Brown, Stuart Wade, Julian Haw,
Michael Benn, Katie O'Halloran, Richard Burns,
Paul Fawcett, David Hudson, Laraine Cowgill,
Bronwyn Crowther, Matt Bower, Harrison Stones,
Christine Palethorpe, Tim Forward, Gordon Peters,
Denise & Jim Keenan, Jane Brown, Elva Wood.

Those in long term sickness:

Sandra White, Paul Wright, Richard Dixon

Recently departed: Jack Dockerty

Anniversaries: Kathleen Pinder (29) Herbert
Birkhead, Frances Ramsey (30) Annie Gamble,
Rita Darcy (3)

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EASTER 5

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Acts 9:26-31)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 22)

**R: You are my praise, O Lord,
in the great assembly**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R:**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R:**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **R**

SECOND READING (1 John 3:18-24)

A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL (John 15: 1-8)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

