

**24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**



On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story of the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i>		<p><b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard &amp; Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Emma Turner, Margaret Wood, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Emma Jiminez (baby), Bernard Cummings, Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Denise Carolan, Julie Smith and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Margaret Sharp, Vera Wilford, Eleanor Ladds, Edna Maycraft, Jane Patten, Vera Peet, May Gregory, Kathleen Goodman, Margaret Edge</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Daniel Evans, Brenda Riley, John French, Alfeo &amp; Bonifacia Doloroso, Clemente &amp; Bonifacia Gaela</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Joyce Knight, Daniel Evans, Margaret Sharp, Kathleen Goodman, Brenda Riley, John French, Cynthia Winstanley, The Tetlow Family, Alfeo &amp; Bonifacia Doloroso, Clemente &amp; Bonifacia Gaela, Gladys Hall (99<sup>th</sup> Birthday), Cecilia &amp; Allan Guest (Diamond Wedding Remembrance), Claire Self</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 3 (of 6)</b></p> <p>We pray especially for: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers</p>
<i>Sunday Missal: Blessing of Palms page 596 Readings 608; Preface [not in Missal]</i>		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 3pm Reconciliation Service (SC)	
<i>Palm Sunday</i>		
Monday	9am Requiem Mass for May Gregory (SB) 7pm Ecumenical Stations of the Cross (Christ Church, Walmsley) 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Course (St Brendan's) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	9.15am School Mass in Church (SC) 2pm St Brendan's School Easter Service (in Church) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am School Mass in Church (SJ) 1.30-3pm Harbour Room Book Club 2pm St John's School Easter Service (in Church) 7pm Reconciliation Service (SJ)	
<b>THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM</b>		
<i>"In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried and risen."</i>		
<i>[Roman Missal]</i>		
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>		
8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper(SB) followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm (SB) <i>Special Collection for our Parish SVP Groups</i>		
<b>Good Friday</b>		
<b>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</b> 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (SC) <i>Special Collection for the Shrines of Palestine</i>		
<b>Holy Saturday</b>		
Bolton "Easter Hope" Event <i>[See overleaf]</i> 8pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter (SJ)		
Next Sunday <b>Easter Sunday</b>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	

**British Summer Time: Clocks Go Forward One Hour Next Weekend**

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## Holy Week

### Reconciliation Services *[for all three parishes]*

Sunday 3pm at St Columba's

Wednesday 7pm at St John's

### Stations of the Cross *[Ecumenical]*

Monday 7pm at Christ Church, Walmsley

### Churches in Harwood Lent Course

Monday 7.30-9pm at St Brendan's

Materials downloadable from [www.ctbi.org.uk/lent](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/lent)

### Bolton "Easter Hope" Event

11am-2pm in Victoria Square *[See details opposite]*

### Easter Triduum

As discussed at the Parish Forum, this celebration will be spread across our three churches:

Maundy Thursday (8pm) at St Brendan's

Good Friday (3pm) at St Columba's

Holy Saturday (8pm) at St John's

### Easter Sunday

Morning Masses at usual time in each church

**Easter Transport:** Teresa Taylor is offering transport to anyone finding it difficult to attend services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and The Vigil on Saturday. Please ring 305832.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 March (1.30-3pm) to discuss the finer points of *Before I go to Sleep* by S. J. Watson. All welcome. The trip to the Imperial War Museum and the Lowry Retail Park on Wednesday 10 April leaves St Brendan's car park at 9.30am and returns approx. 3pm. Cost £5. There are a few spare places if anyone is interested. Please contact Sue on 407826 or Madeleine on 303505 if you would like to go (or leave a message).  
*Madeleine*

**General Church Cleaning (SJ):** 10am on Thursday.

**Catholicism:** The last presentation on the Catholic Faith, held at St James' Parish Monserrat, will be this Monday (25 March) at 7.30pm. See notice boards for further details.

### St Brendan's 100 Club

	<i>January winners</i>	<i>February winners</i>
£25	T Taylor (23)	E Patel (128)
£15	L & M Johnston (108)	J Grady (13)
£10	V Hodgkinson (87)	L Malley (65)

**St John's 200 Club:** Annual subscriptions are now due. Please pay at any Mass, cheques payable to St John's. Thank you for your continued support.

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## Easter Hope

"This Easter, we would love it if you would help out by "Being a good neighbour" and bringing "Gifts of Hope" to an event to be held on Saturday 30 March 11-2pm on the town hall square.

Local church initiatives are teaming together with agencies, other faiths and community groups to deliver an event which celebrates some of the good things going on in Bolton. Why not bring a tin of meat or vegetables or soup, some chocolate or juice or long-life milk for those who are struggling in the current austere climate. We are also collecting ladies' flip flops for street angels.

If you need help yourself or if there's someone you know who might benefit, bring them along on the day. Please note, however, that referrals cannot be taken and no food parcels can be given on the day.

There will be some fun activities for the children along with some practical support that may help you with finances, health or wellbeing. Local radio will be broadcasting live and interviewing special guests.

Come along, everyone is welcome, you will be glad you joined in!"

*Bolton Christian Community Cohesion Project*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** There will be a preparation session and commissioning of ministers on Thursday 25 April (7-9pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This is for new and existing Eucharistic Ministers who were unable to attend the session in February. If anyone else is interested in being a Eucharistic Minister, please have a word with Fr Cooke before April 25.

**Gift Aid Donors:** If you have not yet returned the form that was sent out in January, please do so as soon as possible so that we can update our records prior to the new tax year starting in April. Thanks to those who have!

**Offertory Envelopes:** The new sets of envelopes at St Brendan's and St John's are available this weekend.

**Golden Years Roadshow:** The Bolton, Wigan & Leigh 50 plus event will take place on Friday 26 April at the Holiday Inn, Bolton Town Centre, 1 Higher Bridge Street, BL1 2EW. For further information please visit the website [www.goldenyearsroadshow.co.uk](http://www.goldenyearsroadshow.co.uk) or email [daniel@goldenyearsroadshow.co.uk](mailto:daniel@goldenyearsroadshow.co.uk) (Tel 01204 398234).

### Think Vocation

At our baptism, the priest or deacon traced the cross on our forehead. The cross is a powerful sign of Christ's commitment to the Father and to the salvation of all people. It is a privilege for us to receive the sign of Christ, but our responsibility is to live up to the name of being a Christian. This involves a life of service, suffering and love for God and neighbour. On this first day of Holy Week, may we be proud of the cross which is the means to eternal life for us.

**Accommodation:** Together with the diocesan authorities, we have reviewed the arrangements for Fr Francis Parkinson and decided it would be best to develop St Brendan's Presbytery as his new home. Preparatory work has already begun and he should be able to move in in May. The Diocese is exploring an alternative use for St Columba's Presbytery.