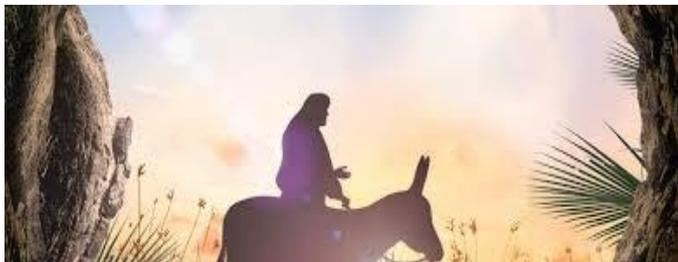
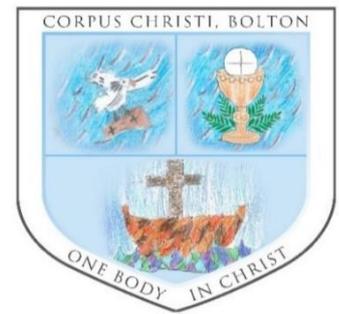


Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

St John, the Evangelist, Bromley Cross, St Columba's, Tonge Moor
and St Brendan's, Harwood

24 March 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Son of Man, Word made flesh, came down from above,

Taught us faith, taught us truth, gave us hope and love.

But our sin fell on him, He was born to die,

We scorned His words, turned our backs, ignored his anguished cry.

Just a man, just a man, just like you and I.

So we nailed him to a tree, left Him there to die.

Left him there to die.

Lamb of God, Lord of all, how can you forgive?

Take us to your heart again, teach us how to live.

Is your love strong enough, can it conquer all,

Can it teach this foolish heart to listen when you call.

Just a man, just a man, just like you and I,

He died for us but rose again. Never more to die.

Now He reigns on high.

This piece was written many years ago but, as with the whole message of Passion Sunday, it contains an unquestionable truth. Jesus died for each and every one of us so that we may live, not in our light, but in His light. Let us take this Holy Week journey and set out to change our lives so that we may serve the God of Love in the way that leads to a better world. *David Frank*

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2

Divine Office Week 2

Mass as per Booklet



Sunday 24 March

9.30am Mass (SJ) - *With Children's Liturgy*

11am Mass (SB) - *With Children's Liturgy*

2pm Walk of Witness starting at Christ's Church

Monday 25 March

9.15am St Columba's School Mass (In School)

Tuesday 26 March

10am Mass (SB)

1.30pm St Brendan's School Easter Service (SB Church)

Wednesday 27 March

9.30am Easter Church Cleaning (SJ)

11am Chrism Mass with Bishop John (Collyhurst)

6pm Mass (SJ)

The Easter Triduum

28 March Maundy Thursday - *A Special Collection for the SVP*
7.30pm (St John's)

29 March Good Friday - *A Special Collection for the Holy Places, which supports the work of the Church in the Holy Land*

9.30am Confessions (St Brendan's)
10.30am Stations of the Cross (St Brendan's)
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (St John's)

30 March Holy Saturday

7pm Easter Vigil (St Brendan's)

Sunday 31 March - **Easter Sunday**

9.30am Mass (SJ) - *With Children's Liturgy*

11am Mass (SB) - *With Children's Liturgy*

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We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends: Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Pat Margiotta, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Irene Clappison, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Irene Sheridan, Kathryn Browning, Fr Leo Heakin, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Joyce Strickleton, Christine Gardner, Margaret Doreen Kay, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Dr Allan Needham, Margaret Roberts, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles

Lately Dead: Kenneth Greer, Gerald Ramsden, Alan Baxter, Anne McNicholas, Dorothy Killoran, John O'Connor, Margaret Jones, Ann Mitchell, Helen Frazer

Anniversaries: Howard McArdle, Terence Gillett, Bernadette Gargan, Mary McStay, Daniel & Veronica Evans
Mass Intentions: Terence Gillett, John O'Connor, Frank McDowell (Birthday Remembrance), Dorothy Killoran, Gerald Ramsden, Bernadette Gargan, Anne McNicholas, Mary McStay, Daniel & Veronica Evans, Jack & Nellie Shechter (In memory), A special intention

During ordinary time (winter), we are asked to pray for these intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers.
We pray for healing, a peaceful solution and restoration in the Middle East.
We continue to pray for peace and an end to the conflict in Ukraine.

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially.
Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to *Corpus Christi*. Thank you

Destitution Project Lenten Gathering: This weekend is our last collection. Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated items. The SVP will be taking all you have contributed down to the Destitution Project before Easter.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 27 March at 1pm. The book under discussion is *The Unknown Bridesmaid* by Margaret Forster. All welcome!

Contactless Donations: We will soon have a contactless payment system installed in each church. Both machines should be up and running next weekend. Thank you for all you contribute to our upkeep.

Needlework Group: Starts Monday 8 April (6.30pm-8.30pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's for needle work crafts such as knitting, cross stitch and embroidery. Each session costs £2 including refreshments and proceeds are to be given to the parish. Anyone interested would be very welcome.



Why do we Veil Images in Passiontide?

The practice of veiling images alerts us that something is different, it can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veils are hard to miss, and they serve as a reminder to get ready! The veiled images build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. The veils seem out of place, and even counterintuitive. It can seem strange that the crucifix is covered up during Passiontide. Through this absence of images, our senses are heightened, and we become more aware of what is missing. Similarly, the suppression of the Alleluia during Lent effectively demonstrates that we are in exile from our true Home, where the angels sing Alleluia without ceasing.

When images are unveiled before the Easter Vigil, we are reminded that we, in a sense, live in a veiled world. It is through our own death that we are able to see our true home, and the veil is lifted. Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection.

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. John 11:25-26

Feast of Divine Mercy: A special celebration for the Bolton area will be held on Sunday 7 April at the Parish of St Cuthbert (St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Heaton, Bolton). The celebration begins at 1pm with Exposition, Confessions and Special Prayers followed by Mass at 3pm. Refreshments after and all welcome!

Easter Newsletter: Next week, the newsletter will be published on Wednesday 27 March. If you have any items or Mass Intentions to include, please hand in by Tuesday 26 March. Thank you.

200 Club Winners - March
1st Prize: (£50) H O'Donnell
2nd Prize: (£25) J Flanagan
3rd Prize: (£15) B Loynd

Readers For Easter 30/31 March 2024		
7pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
TBA	G Drabble	F Doloroso
Eucharistic Minister's 9.30am (SJ) 31 March		
J Carroll & S May		