

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2012**

**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 – the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

In Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of Salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his earthly life, from his Messianic entry into Jerusalem, until his blessed Passion and glorious Resurrection. Lent continues until Maundy Thursday. With the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday begins the Easter Triduum, which includes Good Friday of the Lord's Passion and Holy Saturday, centres upon the Easter Vigil, and concludes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection.

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<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2 Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		
Sunday <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) No Stations of the Cross today (but Monday at 7pm at SJ)	<p><b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bill Kay, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Judith Oldham, Kathleen Humphreys, Betty Boyle, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, Bill Sharples, George Cowley, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Karen West, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Alf Isherwood, Bernard &amp; Rita Holder, Michael (six year old), Baby Rose, Calum Russell (baby), Margaret Edge, Frank Brazel, Graham Roberts, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Tommy Lenihan, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Graham Turner, Jim Birch, Jane Dent, Emma Turner (12yrs old), Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Patrick O'Donnell (new-born baby), Joan Rankin, Bernard Cummings, Guy (3yrs old), Fr Francis McCauley, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Fabrice Muamba and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> James Sharples, Joan Walker, Fred Latham</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> George Green, Jim Smith</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> James Sharples, George Green, Joan Walker, Maureen Eyckman (Birthday Remembrance), Fred Latham, Bernard Burke (Birthday Remembrance), Jim Smith</p> <p><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 3 (of 6):</b> We pray especially for: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7pm Ecumenical Stations of the Cross (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	10am Requiem Mass for Joan Walker (SJ) 2pm St Brendan's School Easter Service (in church) 7pm Reconciliation Service (SJ) <i>[for both parishes &amp; St Columba's]</i> 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) – followed by general cleaning of church 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	10.30am Mass of Chrism (Salford Cathedral) 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm (both churches)	
Friday <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence</b> 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (both churches)	
Saturday <i>Holy Saturday</i>	8pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter (both churches)	
Next Sunday <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SJ) 6.30pm Passion for Song (Victoria Hall)	
<b>Collections, Donations, Gift Aid</b> <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's or St John's as appropriate. If you are a tax-payer, the parish can claim back the tax you have paid on any donations you make if you simply sign a Gift Aid form once. Please ask. Thanks.</i>		<b>Baptism or Marriage</b> <i>By appointment and with preparation You must give six months notice for Marriage See Fr Cooke to arrange</i>
<b>Please try to take as full a part as possible in the ceremonies of Holy Week</b>		

## Holy Week

Monday 2 April 7pm at St John's  
**Ecumenical Stations of the Cross**  
All are welcome

Tuesday 3 April 7pm at St John's  
**Reconciliation Service**

*[This will be for both our parishes & St Columba's]*

*Since Fr Netto's hip operation has been postponed,  
the Triduum will now be celebrated at both parishes:*

Thursday 5 April 8pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose (till 10pm)

Friday 6 April 3pm **Good Friday Liturgy**

Saturday 7 April 8pm **Easter Vigil**

**Offertory Envelopes:** The new sets of envelopes (which begin on Easter Sunday) are now available. Some of the numbers allocated at St John's have changed from last year.

**CAFOD:** The *Thirst for Change* cards are available so that you can join in with this campaign.

**Vision Aid Overseas:** Thank you to all those who donated old pairs of glasses to this appeal. Across both parishes and both schools, we received a total of 402 pairs.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** Thank you to all members who attended the last meeting despite the tempting lovely sunshine! It was a lively and interesting discussion. Many thanks also to Maureen for the delicious honey cake! Please note that all places for the trip to Cheetham's Library and Manchester Cathedral on April 18 are filled and there is a waiting list for anyone still interested in going. With thanks, *Madeleine*

**Jubilee Club:** Monday afternoons (1.30pm) fortnightly from 2 April at Cornerstone Baptist Church – for over 55s. Afternoon Tea and short mat bowls, games & quizzes, guest speakers, handicrafts and much more. £1.50 a week.

**St John's 200 Club:** Annual subscriptions are now due. Please make cheques payable to St John's. Thanks.

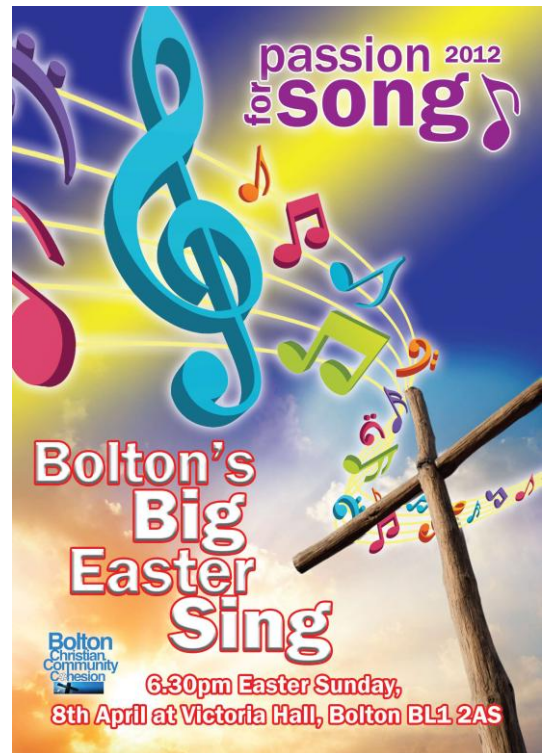
**Turton Tigers:** Year 1 football coaching with an FA licensed coach. Thursday evenings (5-6pm) outside at St Brendan's. £3 a session. Contact Andy on 07742 443693

**Coalition for Marriage:** Please sign the petition at [www.C4M.org.uk](http://www.C4M.org.uk) or in paper form at the back of church.

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**Easter Sunday – 8 April – 6.30 to 8pm**  
**Come and join this celebration!**

There will be drama and lots of opportunity to sing, with a message from Bolton Wanderers Manager, Owen Coyle, to highlight the opportunities of Bolton's Year of Sport. Everyone is welcome and the event is free, but seats cannot be reserved so come early.

The finale of the Big Sing will be the Hallelujah Chorus and anyone who wants to join in that is invited to a rehearsal at Victoria Hall at 4pm on Easter Sunday.

Anyone who would like to volunteer as a steward for this event or to help with refreshments is asked to arrive at Victoria Hall for a briefing at 4.30pm.

For more information contact Bolton Christian Cohesion on 01204 546139 or [info@boltonccc.org](mailto:info@boltonccc.org)

### Think Vocations

St Paul tells us that Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death on a cross. Many people feel unworthy to respond to the call to serve in the Church as a priest or religious. None of us are of course, worthy but the gap between our own unworthiness is made up for by the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ who died for our sins so that we can enjoy eternal life. May those who are discerning their vocation within the Church, have the humility and trust, to accept the Lord's invitation to serve him.

**Please Remember: Reverence and Respect should be our watchwords when we are in Church**

A number of people have spoken to me about the difficulty of finding quiet time in church, especially at St John's. Some people who would prefer to come along early for Mass don't do so because the level of noise in church is often too much for them to be able to concentrate on their prayers or they become irritated by the fact that people are not showing proper reverence and respect for the Blessed Sacrament. It would be good if we could develop an atmosphere of prayer before Mass and reserve our talking to each other until Mass is finished. If there is a need to have a conversation before Mass, please go into the Patmos Room (at St John's) or the Harbour Room or church porch (at St Brendan's). Thanks.

*Fr Cooke*