

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

13TH APRIL 2014

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Blessings on him who comes in the name 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.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i>		<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Pauline Bowling, Emma Turner, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, John Barrett, Roy Smith, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Julie Smith, Ernie Little, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Joshua Almond, Jacqueline Kay, Wynn Elliot, Tom Wardle, Bob Taylor, Noel Gannon, Sheila Derbyshire, David Walton, Dr Bernard Higgins, Winston Shanley, Vera Casey Shaw, Heather Goil, Joni Horton, Mary Long, Teresa Hastings, Damien Rabbitt, Paul Angus. Marie Corner, Bill Jerstice, Walter Norris and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Monica Horvarth, Tom Roache</p> <p>Anniversaries: Eileen Gill, Harold Graham, Harry Mason, Patrick & Mary Doyle, Thomas & Evelyn Rabbitt,</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Margaret Doyle (for safe recovery from a hip operation), For the souls of Eileen & Victor Gill, Joe Cassidy, Patrick Murray, Theresa Murray, Hannah Kilroy, Bill Jerstice (sick), Harold Graham, Patrick & Mary Doyle, Thomas & Evelyn Rabbitt, A Special Intention, Walter Norris (sick), Safe delivery of Aidan John to Catherine Hilton, Thanksgiving to St Anthony, Successful surgery for Jane, Monica Horvarth</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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</p>
Sunday Missal: <i>Blessing of Palms page 596; Readings 608; Preface 41</i>		
Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Walk of Witness <i>[see overleaf]</i>	
Palm Sunday	2pm Walk of Witness <i>[see overleaf]</i>	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30-9pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (St Brendan’s) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	8.15am Mass (SC) 9.30am Yr 3 Mass in School (SJ) 1.30pm St Brendan’s School Easter Service (in church) 7.30pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Churches in Tonge Moor Holy Week Service (St Augustine’s). <i>All Welcome</i>	
Wednesday	9.15am School Mass in Church (SC) 9.30am School Mass in Church (SJ) 2pm St John’s School Easter Service (in Church) 7.30-9pm Churches in Tonge Moor Lent Course (St Augustine’s)	
<p>THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM</p> <p><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.” [Roman Missal]</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maundy Thursday 8pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper (SB) <i>Special Collection for our Parish SVP Groups</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Good Friday Day of Fasting & Abstinence 3pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (SC) <i>Special Collection for the Shrines of Palestine</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Holy Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter (SJ)</p>		
Next Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	
Easter Sunday	2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>A Day of Prayer for New Members of the Church</i>	

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Walk of Witness: The Palm Sunday Walk of Witness, organised by the Churches in Harwood, will begin with a short service at Christ's Church, Stitch-mi-Lane, Harwood at 2pm. We will stop for a moment of prayer at various points on the route as we make our way to St Brendan's for another short service. Our final destination is the Methodist Church Hall on Longsight where we will have Hot Cross Buns. We are grateful for the loan of a donkey for our procession and grateful to the RSPCA for providing a horsebox to transport the donkey. We hope that many of our parishioners will take part, including our schoolchildren and their families. You are all welcome to join in this walk of witness, even if you don't live in Harwood.

Could you run for CAFOD? CAFOD Salford are looking for runners for a 10k within the Diocese at Manchester on 18 May or Burnley on 22 June. Shorter events for younger children and walks are available too. Please see greatrun.org or runforall.com or contact us on salford@cafod.org.uk 0161 705 0605 once you have your place or for further details!

John Paul II: The canonisation of John Paul II takes place on Sunday 27 April (Divine Mercy Sunday). To celebrate this event, there will be an opportunity to watch a film of his life, spread over two nights, on 23 & 24 April (7.30-9pm) at St Brendan's. All are welcome.

Readers: If anyone would like to volunteer to read at the Easter Vigil service please speak to one of the priests or email office@sbsj.org.co.uk. Thank you.

Bromley Cross Library: This local library needs your support! If you are interested in becoming a member please pick up the list of opening times in the Patmos room or telephone 01204 332354 for more information.

St John's 200 Club

The February winners are:

£50 E Mingay (36)
 £30 W Dawson (15)
 £20 J Carter (212)



Golden Wedding: We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and Mass Intentions, also to Father Frank for a very special blessing. Thank you all. *Kath and Peter Carolan.*

Holy Week

Churches in Harwood Lent Course

Monday 7.30-9pm

14 April – St Brendan's

8.15am Morning Mass

St Columba's Church (Tuesday)

Churches in Tonge Moor Lent Course

Wednesday (7.30-9pm) In the Crypt at St Augustine's

Churches in Tonge Moor Holy Week Service

Tuesday 15 April, 7.30pm at St Augustine's

General Church Cleaning (SJ): Thursday 17 April (10am).

BRASS: The collection of food items during April will be held at St Columba's. Thanks for your continued support.

Think Vocation

The exhilarating welcome of Christ as Messiah contrasts with the overwhelming rejection of him by the same people on Calvary. As Catholics we will always experience some degree of welcome and some degree of rejection of faith in Our Lord. May we have the courage and confidence to face rejection and be appreciative of genuine affirmation and respect for the Lord.

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Come and Join Us!

Tea & Coffee is always served after the Sunday Masses at St John's (9.15am) and St Brendan's (11.15am).