

20TH APRIL 2014 - EASTER SUNDAY



Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make – with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!

.Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i>		Prayers Please
Sunday Missal: <i>Easter Vigil page 677; Morning Mass page 723; Preface page 42</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>Missing, Presumed Dead: Damian & Evan McManus (Brother & Nephew of Mrs Latham who taught at St John's). They were hiking in the Colorado Mountains. The search has been called off. Please remember the family in your prayers.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Kate Moore, Sheila McGuire, Edward Inglis</p> <p>Anniversaries: Monica Shuker, Marie Lamoury, Jack Jordan, Ian Fazackerley</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Monica Shuker, Deceased members of the Cambridge and Carter families, Cynthia Winstanley, In honour of St Anthony, St Jude and the Sacred Heart, Lucy Hesford (very poorly), George & Agnes Beeching, Marie Lamoury, Tom Sheridan Snr, Tom Sheridan Jnr, Mark Shepherd, Dennis O'Hara, Mary & Thomas Watson, Martin Feeney, Kate Moore, Sheila McGuire, Jack Jordan, Damian & Evan McManus, Ian Fazackerley, Edward Inglis, Mary Brooks (on the occasion of her retirement)</p>
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 Baptism (SJ) <i>A Day of Prayer for New Members of the Church</i>	
Monday <i>Bank Holiday</i>	12 noon Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr Fasnacht's 40 years of Priesthood (Holy Infant, Astley Bridge))	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30pm-9pm John Paul II DVD (SB)	
Thursday	9.15am (SB) 7.30pm-9pm John Paul II DVD (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	11am Baptism (SC) 5pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	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) Canonisation of Popes John XXIII & John Paul II	
A HAPPY & HOLY EASTER TO YOU ALL		

Congratulations: To the five adults from across our three parishes who will be received into full communion with the church at the Easter Vigil this weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they continue to grow in their faith.

Many Thanks: To all those who have helped, in any way, to prepare our churches for the services this Easter.

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.

Mount St Joseph School Re-Union: Did you leave Mount St Joseph's in 1964? – 50 years ago this summer!! Do you remember Pauline, Cecilia, Margaret, Mary, Maureen and Pat? Were you in that year?

If so we would like to invite you (and any other school friends who you may still be in touch with) to a re-union planned for a Saturday afternoon in June at the Retreat Restaurant. For further details, and to book a place, please ring 01204 523479.

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

Fr Michael Fasnacht: Will be celebrating 40 years in the Priesthood on Monday 21 April. There will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Infant's (12noon) and everyone is welcome to join him.

Think Vocation

Through the power of the resurrection the Lord is at work in the world and in the Church urging us to serve him and trust him. On the biggest feast of the Church's year may we give thanks for the great gift of our faith in the Risen Lord as the Easter Gospel is proclaimed and the Easter Eucharist is celebrated this day.

Collections & Donations: *All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.*

Mass Intentions: *Cheques should be made payable to St John's*

Gift Aid: *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*

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Palm Crosses

The palm crosses that we had last weekend came from a company called African Palms which was founded in 1965 with the aim of giving people living in a very poor part of Tanzania the possibility of earning some extra money. The people's daily work is the planting of maize, millet and some ground nuts to feed themselves and their families. The important thing about the Palm Cross project is that it does not interfere with their work of producing the food they need to live. The palm crosses are made in seven villages in the Masasi area of Southern Tanzania. The dwarf palms grow wild (not cultivated), are cut into strips and woven into the cross shape by hand. The crosses are taken on foot by the villagers to a centre in Masasi. They are then transported by road to the nearest port which is either Mtwara or Dar-es-salaam, where they are loaded into containers for shipment to the UK and USA. Any profit made from their sale is put into an educational trust. For further information see www.africanpalms.co.uk

Schools

Thank you to the children and staff from St Columba's School for the narration and enactment of the Passion Story at the 5pm Mass for Palm Sunday, repeated at Wednesday morning's Mass. Parishioners have commented on how wonderful it was. Thanks also for the Stations of the Cross produced by the children and currently on display in the church. Thank you to the children and staff from St Brendan's and St John's for the Easter Reflections offered on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons; as always, these were prayerful and thought-provoking.

Walk of Witness

Thank you to those who took part in the Walk of Witness through Harwood last Sunday afternoon. There was a very good turnout. You may have heard that the donkey we were supposed to have for the procession was replaced by a Shetland pony and one child was overheard saying "They might have had a donkey in Jerusalem but this is Bolton!" There was a good account of the walk in the Bolton News last Monday (also available on their website).

Churches in Tonge Moor

The ecumenical Holy Week service went well on Tuesday night. However, it was very disappointing that not a single parishioner from any of our three parishes attended – apart from Fr Cooke!

Lent 2014

In addition to the items mentioned above, thank you to all those who have supported any of our Lenten activities this year: the early morning Masses, Stations of the Cross, Ecumenical Lent course, Deanery Station Masses, the Service of Reconciliation.

After a good Lent, now let us have a joyful celebration of Easter