


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

**29TH MARCH 2015
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 |
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| <i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> | | |
| Sunday Missal: <i>Blessing of Palms page 596; Readings: page 608; Preface: p41</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 2pm Walk of Witness [see overleaf] 2-5pm World Youth Day Celebration (Cathedral Centre) | <p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Eunice Brierley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Dylan Crosby, Pat Hall, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, Rosemary Davies, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Andrew Hustwit and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Kathleen Gillett, Mrs Heaney, Mary Collins, Harry Locke, Arthur Roe</p> <p>Anniversaries: Brenda Riley, John Reddy, John French</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Bernard Burke (Birthday Remembrance), Jack Wakes, Margaret Barrett (Sick), Gladys Hall (In thanksgiving for 101 years), Kathleen Gillett, Brenda Riley, Mrs Heaney, John Reddy, John French, Mary Collins, Harry Locke, Arthur Roe</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> <p>Collections & Donations: <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i></p> <p>Gift Aid: <i>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></p> |
| Monday | 9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.45pm SVP (SJ) | |
| Tuesday | 2pm School Easter Service in Church (SB) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Churches in Tonge Moor Holy Week Service (St Columba's) | |
| Wednesday | 9.15am School Mass in Church (SC) 9.30am School Mass In Church (SJ) 2pm Liturgy on the Passion of Jesus (St John's School Hall) | |
| THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM | | |
| <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> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Maunder Thursday 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm (SB) <i>Special Collection for our Parish SVP Groups</i></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Good Friday Day of Fasting & Abstinence 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (SC) <i>A Special Collection for the Shrines of Palestine</i></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Holy Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter (SJ)</p> </div> </div> | | |
| Next Sunday Easter 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 <i>A Day of Prayer for New Members of the Church</i> | |
| <p>Parish Priest: Rev Canon Michael Cooke VG Assistant Priests: Rev Joseph Gee & Rev Francis Parkinson Parish Office: St John's Presbytery, The Crescent, Bromley Cross, Bolton BL7 9JP Tel: 01204 301927 E-mail: office@sbsj.org.uk Website: www.sbsj.org.uk <i>Salford Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered Charity – 250037 Diocesan website: www.salforddiocese.net</i></p> | | |

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CAFOD: Thank you for your generosity with the Fast Day collection. A fantastic total in excess of £1,800 was raised across our three churches.

Chrism Mass: A limited number of tickets are available for anyone wishing to attend the Chrism Mass at Salford Cathedral, 10.30am on Thursday. Please contact Fr Cooke.

Offertory Envelopes (SJ & SB): Are available to collect this weekend.

Thank you: For the Donation of £50 from the Brixii Singers, following their use of St Brendan's Church.

Cameo Group: Please note the next meeting (due to be held in 8 April) has now been rearranged for the following week (15 April). The afternoon will be a Lancashire themed event with a quiz, information from around the county and cakes! All welcome.

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all members who attended our last meeting with our first use of the DVD! Well done all round to those who contributed in any way in helping to make the meeting lively and most enjoyable. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29 April to discuss *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan. All welcome.

Trip to Houghton Tower: Wednesday 20 May. This is being arranged by the Book Club but you do not have to be a member to go. Departs St Brendan's 10.15 am and returns 3.15pm. Cost will be £10 which includes coach fare and admission (concession price). There are 32 places but they are booking very fast. Please ring Madeleine (303505) if you want to reserve a place.

SVP Outing (SJ): The Spring outing for the elderly, disabled and housebound will be held on Sunday 26 April and will be to our Lady of the Valley, Clitheroe.

World Youth Day: This Sunday (Palm Sunday) is the annual celebration of World Youth Day. There will be a special event at the Cathedral Centre in Salford (2-5pm) which will include the launch of preparations for the International World Youth Day in Krakow in 2016. Any young people (up to 35) are welcome to attend.

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. This year we will have a donkey (not a Shetland pony) for our procession. 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.

St John's School News: Sadly, the school says farewell to Mrs Atkinson who, after nineteen years of being school secretary has decided to retire after the Easter break. We wish her and her family well. It is also goodbye to Mrs Hunt who goes on to a promotion in a Catholic School in Middleton. We thank her for her hard work and for raising the profile of our catholic ethos. We are glad to welcome back Mrs Murphy, who will take Yr 6 on into the summer term.

Good Friday Service: In Victoria Hall (11am) followed by a procession to the Town Hall Square. All welcome.

Churches in Tonge Moor, Holy Week Service: Tuesday 31 March (7.30pm) – St Columba's

Salford Diocese Website: For up to date news and events that are happening around our Diocese, please visit www.salforddiocese.net.



Did you know that you can also reach the diocese on twitter? (@SalfordDiocese)

Manchester Serra Club: Invite you to a talk about *Catholic Manchester* given by Pauline Lloyd on Tuesday 14 April (7pm) at Our Lady & English Parish Centre, Urmston, M41 7DS.

EASTER FUN DAY

**Saturday 4th April 2015 (11am–2pm)
Victoria Square, Bolton Town Centre**

Bolton Christian Community Cohesion will lead a family orientated event in partnership with Christians Together in Bolton Town Centre (CTBTC) and other community groups.

There will be lots of fun activities, singers, dance groups, Bolton FM and actors from Passion for Bolton 2016.

The event also has a practical side to it, with help and support for families to tackle some of the challenges of life, such as debt or joblessness.

BRASS: The joint food collection across our three Parishes continues up to Easter Sunday. Any clean clothing items are also welcome. Thank you for your support.

General Church Cleaning: If there are any willing volunteers from across our three parishes to help with the cleaning at either St Columba's or St John's, please come along.

St Columba's - 1pm on Wednesday 1 April. Please see Ann Houghton if you are able to help.

St John's - 10am on Thursday 2 April.

Marriage Matters

www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk

Today is all we have: Today let us reflect on what is really important in our marriages. In this day and age the cost of living can create anxieties and tensions about making ends meet. So today, let's hold hands, look at each other, and celebrate our love, which joins us together as a 'sign' of God's love for everyone

Think Vocation

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 worthiness 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.