




5TH APRIL 2015 - EASTER SUNDAY



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 raised!

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i>		
Sunday Missal: <i>Easter Vigil page 677; Morning Mass page 723; Preface page 42</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 <i>A Day of Prayer for New Members of the Church</i>	<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, 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: Kath Gillett, Rowland Igwenagu, Joseph Geever, Barbara Tonge</p> <p>Anniversaries: Dominic Owen, George Green, Thomas & Evelyn Rabbitt, Maureen Southworth, Jim Smith</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Thomas & Evelyn Rabbitt, Kath Gillett, George Green, Joyce Knight, Rowland A Igwenagu, Maureen Southworth, Joseph Geever, In thanksgiving for favours received, Barbara Tonge, Jim Smith, Joseph & Leila Parker</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>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) Bank Holiday	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	11am-3.30pm ACTA Conference <i>[details overleaf]</i> No celebration of Reconciliation this week 5pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next 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 Baptism (SJ) <i>A Day of Prayer for New Members of the Church</i>	

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***Fathers Cooke, Gee and Parkinson wish you all
A very Happy and Holy Easter.***

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 St Brendan's and St John's for the Easter Reflections offered on Tuesday and Wednesday. 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.

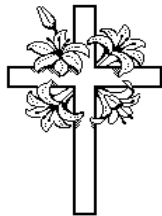
Churches in Tonge Moor

The ecumenical Holy Week service went well on Tuesday night.

Lent 2015

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, Ecumenical Lent course, Deanery Station Masses, the Service of Reconciliation.

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



Marriage Matters

www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk

(Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9)

A sign of new life

Today we celebrate the resurrection and new life in the Lord. In our marriage we too rise to new life when we put each other first in all we do and say. Let us live openly, honestly and truthfully so that we become a 'sign' to our families that Jesus is alive in our married love.

CAFOD Group: The next meeting of the CAFOD Group is Thursday, 16 April in the Harbour Room from 7.30pm until 9.00pm, so if you are interested in getting to know more about CAFOD and/or becoming more involved in parish life do come along!



The CAFOD Group also invite you to a Ceilidh, with *Francis Roe and the Riot Act* at Walmsley Parish Hall on Friday, 29 May 2015 (7.30pm - 11.00pm). Tickets are £10.00 each, including supper and are now available. Please note the change of date from that originally given out.

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

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.

Trip to Hoghton 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 10.15am 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 Party (SB): The SVP party for parishioners will be held in the school hall at 2.30pm on Sunday 19 April.

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.

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.

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.

ACTA Conference: ACTA (A Call To Action) gathered in Salford Diocese are holding a conference next Saturday (11 April) from 11am to 3.30pm at Holy Name Chaplaincy, Oxford Road, Manchester. The guest speaker is Dr Ann Marie Mealey on the theme To your own self be true: Conscience in the post-Vatican II Church. There is no charge for the day (though donations are welcome). Tea, coffee and cakes are provided but bring a packed lunch.

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.