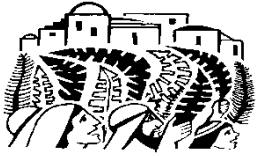



**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016 - 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 of the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<p><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i></p> <p><b>Sunday Missal:</b> <i>Blessing of Palms page 596 Readings 608; Preface [not in Missal]</i> <i>For Prayers in Latin: Number 670 in Hymn Book</i></p>		<p><b>Sick:</b> Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, Derek Crompton, Florence Toole, Roy Shepherd, Margaret Hatchman, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, Sheila Riley, Barbara Stoppard, Vera Evans, June Dawson and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Teresa Wilson, John Burke, Serge Legland, Patrick Donnellan</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Jack &amp; Mary Carroll, Lilian Dawson, Joan Margaret Lockton, Brenda Riley</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Teresa Wilson, Jack &amp; Mary Carroll, For a Special Intention, St Jude &amp; The Virgin Mary, Vera Evans, John Burke, Lilian Dawson, June Dawson (Sick), The safe arrival of Lilly Rose Hilton, Serge Legland, Patrick Donnellan, Brenda Riley</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> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Passion for Bolton</b></p> <p>Please come and support this wonderful event in our town next Saturday. Let's hope we have good weather and that as many as possible can come together to share in this production depicting the last days of Jesus' life.</p>
 <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; color: blue;">Holy Week</p>		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Walk of Witness in Harwood <i>[details overleaf]</i> <i>Special Collection for Passion for Bolton</i>	
Monday (21 <sup>st</sup> )	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (Longsight Methodist) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (22 <sup>nd</sup> )	9.15am School Mass in Church (SC) 2pm School Easter Service in Church (SB) 2pm St John's School Passion (in School) 6.15pm Stations of The Cross (SJ) 7pm Mass followed by Reconciliation (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Becoming Catholic Meeting (SJ)	
Wednesday (23 <sup>rd</sup> )	No Parish Mass today 11am Mass of the Sacred Chrism (Salford Cathedral)	
<p><b>THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM</b></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."</i> <i>[Roman Missal]</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maundy Thursday (24<sup>th</sup>)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (SB) followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm <i>Special Collection for our Parish SVP Groups</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Good Friday (25<sup>th</sup>) - Day of Fasting and Abstinence</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (SC) <i>Special Collection for the Shrines of Palestine</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holy Saturday (26<sup>th</sup>)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">12noon Passion for Bolton (Victoria Square, Bolton) 8pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter (SJ)</p>		
Easter Day (27 <sup>th</sup> )	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy	

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**Parish Meeting:** As part of the ongoing Diocesan Consultation Process, the Bishop met recently with all the priests of the diocese. As a result of this we will hold our own meeting on Wednesday 30 March, 7.30–9pm in the Patmos Room at St John's to discuss how we as a parish are putting the Mission of the Church into practice in our area. More details and agenda to follow.

**Special Collection for *Passion for Bolton*:** At the Palm Sunday Masses this weekend we will have a second collection for *Passion for Bolton*. This event would not happen without a great deal of organisation and expense, and each church in Bolton has been asked if they would help by contributing a donation towards the project. Please help if you can. *Thank you*

**Palm Sunday Walk of Witness in Harwood:** Starts at Christ's Church (2pm), stops off at St Brendan's and finishes at Longsight Methodist. All welcome

**St John's Primary School – The Passion of Christ:** During Holy Week, we would like to invite you on a tour around the school for a retelling of the *Passion of Christ* on Tuesday afternoon (22 March). It will convey the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, suffering and finally his crucifixion. We will start off with an introduction in the hall and then you will be guided through different classrooms where each class will re-enact one of the Stations of the Cross. Tea and coffee will be provided. As we can only accommodate a maximum of 10-15 people in any one group, it is important that you contact the school (333440) if you would like to attend. We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to welcoming you.

**Sacred Mass of the Chrism:** We have 5 tickets available for this special Mass on Wednesday 23 March (11am) at Salford Cathedral. Please telephone or email the Office (301927) [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk)

**Gift Aid:** We will shortly be starting a new financial year and new offertory envelopes will be available to use from the 6 April. Gift Aid can be claimed for any money given in the offertory envelopes, by standing order or by cheque, provided that we keep a record of it. In order to gift aid your donations, which costs you nothing but gets an extra 25p per £1 for the church, you simply need to fill out a Gift Aid declaration once. If you are a taxpayer, please do consider signing one of these forms so that we can boost our income in this way. Even if you are not a taxpayer, you might wish to make your contributions by standing order rather than envelope or loose money. Please speak to any of the Gift Aid Co-ordinators (below) who will be happy to answer any queries regarding the Gift Aid scheme. Kathryn Wilkinson (SB) 419213; Chris Molyneux (SC) 400472; Jack Donnelly (SJ) 852127.

**CAFOD Fast Day Collection:** The amount raised in our parishes at the recent collection was over £1800. Thank you for this fantastic response!

**Marmalade:** Thank you to everyone who bought marmalade at St Columba's. The amount raised was £56.50 and this will be sent to CAFOD.

**Destitution Project:** The collection continues for our parishes throughout March. Please support this project as much as you can as it really makes a difference to those who rely on the great work this charity does. Thank you, as always.

**Flower Festival: Will be held at St Brendan's Week ending 24 September 2016.** Please see Margaret Fazackerley for more information.

**SVP Festival Mass:** Will be held at Thornleigh College on Sunday 3 April at 2pm. Canon David Ryder will celebrate the Mass and there will be a short talk with refreshments afterwards. All are welcome!

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 9 April (10.30am-12noon) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This is for parents from any of our three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please let us know if you will be attending by telephoning the office (301927) or emailing [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

**Church Cleaning (St John's):** The general clean for Easter will take place at 10am on Thursday 23 March. All help is much appreciated, especially after all the dust from the recent building work!

#### Marriage Matters ([twainoneflesh.org.uk](http://twainoneflesh.org.uk))

The Kingdom of God is a lifestyle choice Today's readings are deeply moving, calling us to what? Can we stand up for our marriages; make lifestyle choices, putting our marriage first? Joseph of Arimathea stood up for what he believed in, when others had run away. He lived in 'hope of seeing the Kingdom of God'. This kingdom is among us; let us choose it today – for us.

#### Think Vocation

At our baptism, the priest or deacon traced the cross on our forehead. The cross is a powerful sign of Christ's commitment to the Father and to the salvation of all people. It is a privilege for us to receive the sign of Christ, but our responsibility is to live up to the name of being a Christian. This involves a life of service, suffering and love for God and neighbour. On this first day of Holy Week, may we be proud of the cross which is the means to eternal life for us.

#### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8pm (SJ)	TBA	TBA
9.15 (SJ)	TBA	E Rothwell, T Armstrong, F Smith, D Ramsden, M Cropper, A Gracie
10.15(SC)	F McDowell	P & F McDowell
11.15(SB)	TBA	J Proctor, T Proctor, T Taylor



#### Prayer for Palm Sunday

Lord, you set your face towards Jerusalem and walked alongside those who suffer. Be our vision that we too may walk the way of the cross and extend a hand to those we meet.

Lord, you stopped to heal the sick, cure the lame and give sight to the blind. Be our vision that we too may give time to others and respond to their needs.

Lord, you said, "The first shall be last and the last first." Be our vision that we too may work towards your kingdom when the exalted will be brought low and the lowly exalted.

Lord, you ate with tax collectors and sinners and heard their stories. Be our vision that we too may listen to the despised and rejected and value their lives.

Lord, you took time to pray and time to be silent. Be our vision that through our prayers, fasting and almsgiving we too may draw closer to you and find your way.

Lord, you entered Jerusalem with peace in your heart. Be our vision that we too may desire peace where others desire war, and may work for justice where injustice reigns.

*Amen*