


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

**10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



The rest of the world has settled “back to normal” after Easter holidays now, but we continue to dwell on the resurrection of Jesus and the growth of the Church. Today’s Gospel, which many people consider the most beautiful of the resurrection stories, has many themes: the failed fishing trip, the inability of Peter to recognise the risen Jesus, the miracle of the 153 fish and the simple, powerful reassuring words of Jesus to his confused disciples: “Come and have breakfast.” We can all find ourselves a place in this Gospel story, as we continue to wonder at the resurrection.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 739; Readings 746; Preface (at priest’s choice) <i>For Prayers in Latin: Number 670 in Hymn Book</i>		<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, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Jim Carney, John James McLaughlin and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Bernard Ramsden Vincent Mullarkey, Bert Winstanley, Leonard Ward, Veronica Evans, Patricia Brandwood</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Dominic Owen, Eileen Gill, Evelyn &amp; Thomas Rabbitt, Maureen Southworth, Jim Smith, George Green</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Bert Winstanley, Bernard Ramsden, Eileen &amp; Victor Gill, In thanksgiving for favours received, A Special Intention, In thanksgiving to St Jude, St Anthony &amp; St Theresa (exam success), In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart, Our Lady &amp; the Holy Spirit (exam success), Vincent Mullarkey, Evelyn &amp; Thomas Rabbitt, John James McLaughlin, Ann Hayes, Maureen Southworth, Jim Smith, Patricia Brandwood, George Green</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6)</b></p> <p>We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work.</p>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	
Monday (11 <sup>th</sup> )	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
<i>St Stanislaus</i>		
Tuesday (12 <sup>th</sup> )	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (13 <sup>th</sup> )	9.15am Mass (SC) 1pm Funeral Service for Leonard Ward (SC)	
Thursday (14 <sup>th</sup> )	9.15am Mass (SB) 2.30pm Cremation of Veronica Evans (Radcliffe Cematorium)	
Friday (15 <sup>th</sup> )	No Mass today	
Saturday (16 <sup>th</sup> )	11am Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) <i>A Special Collection for the Priests</i>	
Next Sunday (17 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Vocations Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children’s Liturgy Baptism 2pm (SJ) <i>Training Fund</i> <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Vocations</i>	
<b>Change to Weekday Mass Time</b>		
When we altered the pattern of Sunday and weekday Masses at the beginning of Lent, we introduced a Wednesday morning Mass at St Columba’s. This has not proved popular, with very few attending compared to the numbers who used to attend that Wednesday morning Mass at St John’s. Consequently, from next week (20 <sup>th</sup> April) the Wednesday morning Mass will revert to being at St John’s. For that particular Wednesday, there is already a Mass arranged for 10am but in subsequent weeks it will be at 9.30am.		
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### Parish Meeting

Thank you to all who came to the meeting on Wednesday 30 March. It was good to see a representation from across our three churches who took part in a frank and honest discussion. The minutes of the meeting were passed on to Mgr Dale (Rural Dean), along with those from other parishes, for discussion at the Deanery meeting held on Tuesday. Details of which, can be seen in the statement below

#### Statement for the Parishes of the Deanery of St Joseph

As part of the ongoing diocesan consultation, the priests of Bolton Deanery met with Bishop John on Tuesday, to consider the best possible future sacramental and pastoral provision for the people of this deanery. The discussions were very positive and constructive - all were concerned that any changes should be considered as 'pruning for future growth'. A proposal about the way forward was submitted to Bishop John by the priests of the deanery.

Included in this was a discussion about the provision of Sunday Masses, with an agreement that there is a need to reduce the number of Masses across the deanery. And so, a proposed schedule of Masses will be submitted to the Bishop in May which will provide Masses at a variety of times across the whole deanery, allowing priests to supply for one another in case of illness or absence.

It was thought important that our deanery proposals should not be considered in isolation but rather should wait until a comprehensive diocesan plan is offered for consultation. When all the other deaneries have submitted their own proposals, Bishop John will present his plan for the whole Diocese, hopefully in June, which will be open to everyone for comment and suggestions, before a final decision is made by the Bishop, and then gradually implemented over time.

As the planning by the eight deaneries continues, the Bishop asks that we continue to pray for our openness to mission as we grow in that sense of Discipleship to which Pope Francis is calling us. *Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.*



**Congratulations:** To Tony and Irene Clappison who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We send them our very best wishes.

**Tanzania Project:** Two of our young parishioners who are going to Tanzania with Thornleigh in the summer will speak to us at the Masses on the weekend of 23/24 April. We will have a special collection that weekend to support this project.

**Trip to Salmesbury Hall:** On Wednesday 18 May. This is the Harbour Room Book Club's Spring outing and will depart from St Brendan's car park at 10.15am (returning approximately 3.15pm). The cost is £10 which includes a guided tour of this Elizabethan mansion (near Hoghton Tower) and transport. We usually have two 16 seater coaches. You do not have to be a member of the Book Club to go on one of our trips. If you are interested, please book a seat with Madeleine on 303505 asap. Payment is taken at Book Club meetings and after 11.15am Mass on Sunday. All welcome!

**SVP Party (SB):** The St Brendan's SVP party is on Sunday 17 April (2.30pm-4.30pm) in the school hall. **URGENT APPEAL** – if anyone could help with setting up or putting away tables, please come to the school hall on Friday 15 April at 3.30pm and/or Sunday after the event (5pm). Your help would be much appreciated.

**The GIFT (A Life in the Spirit Course):** Held every Wednesday at St James the Great, Monserrat, Bolton (7.30pm) until 11 May. The next sessions cover: The Joy of the Gospel, The Gift of the Spirit, Unwrapping God's Gift, Encountering God's Spirit and Living in the Spirit. All welcome.

**Christie Friends:** Invite you to Afternoon Tea, along with chilled Prosecco by the glass. Tickets are £20 per person and the event will take place on Monday 25 July from 3pm at Hoysters in Holcombe Brook. Please contact Kath Brown (07753 170241)

**Northern Catholic Conference:** "Blessed are the Merciful; they shall have mercy shown them." This year's conference will be on Friday 17th, to Sunday 19th June at Liverpool Hope University. Speakers include Fr Denis McBride, Fr Pat Deegan, Tony Hickey and Sr Seraphim. All bookings to Northern Catholic Conference, "Regina Coeli", 6 Warner Drive, Liverpool, L4 8US and any enquiries to 07543 800812.

**New Safeguarding Commission Member:** Salford Catholic Safeguarding Commission is looking to recruit a volunteer to become an enthusiastic member of the commission. Ideally the new member would be a professional with experience of children social care, with an interest in safeguarding, and able to commit to attending commission meetings six times a year (every two months) held at the Cathedral Centre, Salford. The appointment is made by Bishop John Arnold, and the term of appointment for members is four years. The new commission member would receive a thorough induction and training to support them in the new role.

If you would be interested in joining the commission or would like to find out more about the role please contact Dawn Lundergan (Safeguarding Co-ordinator) on 0161 817 2206 or [dawn.lundergan@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:dawn.lundergan@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) Expressions of interests should be forwarded to Dawn by Monday 9 May 2016.

### Think Vocation

At an Ordination Mass the candidate is asked to make a promise of obedience to his Bishop or Ordinary. This reminds us of the apostolic tradition of the Church. Just as Christ questioned Peter over his love for him, the Church today requires those who are called to the priesthood to be obedient. May others be called to courageously imitate St Peter in saying "Yes" to Christ.

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

Things change, miracles happen: Today's Scripture speaks into the heart of our marriage relationship. When Jesus comes into Peter's life and work, just as He comes into ours, things change, 'miracles' happen: He invites, serves and asks profound questions: "do you love me?". He challenges: "feed... look after...". Peter found forgiveness and a commissioning; so can we when responding to His call: "follow me".

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	C Molineux	K Egan, C Molyneux
9.15 (SJ)	A Grundy	M Russell, A Rawlinson, A Cunliffe, M Speed, J Carroll, F Smith
11.15(SB)	J Proctor	K Wilkinson, P Carolan, J Murphy