


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

9TH APRIL 2017 – 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 <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: Blessing of Palms page 596; Readings 608; Preface 41		Prayers Please
		<p>Sick: Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, John Pryor, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Robert Morissey, Edwin Rankin, Father Francis McAuley, Margaret Patterson, Margaret Riley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 7), Mary Bagg and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Jessie Carter, Peter Hornby, Mary Thompson, Carmel Mortimore, Patricia Clissold, Rita Brooks, Mary Ann Howarth, David Oats, Virginia Rigby</p> <p>Anniversaries: Dominic Owen, Eileen Gill, Mary Doyle, Tom Sheridan Snr, Tom Sheridan Jnr, Mark Shepherd, Dennis O'Hara</p> <p>Mass Intentions: A Special Intention, Eileen & Victor Gill, Jessie Carter, Deceased members of the Cambridge, Carter & Atkinson families, Mary Ann Howarth, Carmel Mortimore, Mary Doyle, Peter Hornby, Rita Brooks, Tom Sheridan Snr, Tom Sheridan Jnr, Mark Shepherd, Dennis O'Hara, Mary Bagg (Recovery from Surgery), David Oats, Virginia Rigby,</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>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Harwood Walk of Witness (starts at Christ's Church) <i>A Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	
Monday (10 th)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (11 th)	9.15am School Holy Week Mass (SC) 10am Requiem Mass for Mary Thompson (SJ) Afternoon - St John's School Passion of Christ 2pm School Easter Service (SB) 2.30pm Requiem Mass for Peter Hornby (SJ) 6.30pm Stations of the Cross (SJ) 7pm Mass followed by Reconciliation (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Becoming Catholic Meeting (SJ)	
Wednesday (12 th)	11am Mass of the Sacred Chrism (Salford Cathedral) 7.30pm Churches in Tonge Moor – Holy Week Service (St Augustine's)	
THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM <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>		
Maundy Thursday (13th) 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>		
Good Friday (14th) - Day of Fasting and Abstinence 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (SC) <i>Special Collection for the Shrines of Palestine</i>		
Holy Saturday (15th) 8pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter (SJ)		
Sunday (16 th) Easter Day	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	

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Thank you: Barbara and Chris Owen would like to thank all our friends in the Parish who sent us cards, gifts, prayers and good wishes on our anniversary. We would also like to give Fr Cooke special thanks for the lovely blessing he gave us during Mass.

Destitution Project: The collection continues at our three churches until Easter. Food items are greatly in need. *Thank you for your continued support.*

Mass of the Sacred Chrism: There are four tickets available for this Mass at Salford Cathedral on Wednesday. Please telephone the Office (01204 301927) if you would like one.

Fr O'Brien: Some of you will have heard, by now, that Fr Sean has now started his Novitiate, and has also received his new name - Dom Patrick. A fitting name for his Irish roots! Let us continue to pray for him.

Migrants' Mass 2017: Will be held on Monday 1 May at 11.30am at St John's Cathedral, Chapel Street, Salford. It will be a celebration of the contribution of people from all over the world to our society, through their work and service.

Parish Youth Representatives Wanted: As part of the development of our Diocesan Service for young people, we are trying to find a "Youth Rep" (aged 18-25) from each parish, who would help get young people involved more in the life of the parish and deanery. For more details, please see the posters on the notice boards.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26 April (1.15-3pm). The book for discussion is *The Far Side of the Sun* by Kate Furnival. All welcome.

Harbour Room Trip out to Dewlay's Cheese Factory and Barton Grange Garden Centre (10th May). We hope to be collecting £14 (transport and admission to Factory) as soon as possible for this trip. If you would like to join us please book with Pauline 383138 or Madeleine 303505.

CHARITY CONCERT featuring
Tonge with the Haulgh Community Choir

with guests **Jon Gjylaci**
Phoenix Knights of Harmony
Megan Wroe
James Beamish
Mike Walker

TICKETS
 £8 Adults
 £4 Children

Commencing 7pm
SATURDAY 17th JUNE 2017

VENUE:
 The Bridge Church & Centre
 109 Bradford Street
 Bolton
 BL2 1JX

Refreshments Available

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PARKINSON'S UK
CHANGE ATTITUDES.
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TICKETS available direct from:
 Tonge with the Haulgh Community Choir
 Wednesdays 6pm - 8.30pm
 Tonge Children's Centre
 260 Starkie Rd, Bolton, BL2 2ED

TELEPHONE: 07985 788144 or 07771 548590



Come and join us for a musical evening in aid of Parkinson's UK. Tickets for the above concert are available by contacting Pat Partington (07985 788144), Alyson Grundy (07989 194771) and Marie Boardman (07771 548590)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: On Saturday 6 May *'Walking the way of the Martyrs'* led by Bishop John Arnold. Please contact Mary Hall (07478 765010) for more details

Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh)

Challenged when we witness how others love: St Paul recognises the amazing humility of Jesus who accepts death on the cross out of love for God and us. We wonder and are challenged by the joy of a friend who daily visits his wife who has dementia; in his great love he feeds her, puts her to bed each evening, prays with her. Could we love like this?



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The Glory of Gershwin
with Bolton Catholic Musical and Choral Society

Saturday 13th May 7:30pm
Victoria Hall, Bolton

Conductor: Carolyn Baxendale MBE
Leader: Helen Brackley Jones
Soloists: Isabelle Peters & Njabulo Madlala

Tickets £10 Adults, Under 19's Free
 From: Booths Music Shop and Victoria Hall Box Office
 (01204 522569)

A Smithills Night of Music for
St George
 (in Aid of Help for Heroes & Bolton Hospice)
on
Saturday 22 April 2017
7.30pm
Victoria Hall, Bolton
Tickets £6 (Concessions £5)
Available from the box office (01204 522569),
Smithills School (01204 842382) or on the door.

Think Vocation

The exhilarating welcome of Christ as Messiah contrasts with the overwhelming rejection of him by the same people on Calvary. As Catholics, we will always experience some degree of welcome and some degree of rejection of faith in Our Lord. May we have the courage and confidence to face rejection and be appreciative of genuine affirmation and respect for the Lord.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Easter Vigil & Easter Day		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
8pm (SJ)	TBA	TBA
9.15am (SJ)	J Carroll	P McArdle, T Armstrong, D Ramsden, E Rothwell, A Gracie M Cropper,
10.15am (SC)	TBA	TBA
11.15am (SB)	C Bridge	P Carolan, J Murphy, K Wilkinson

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