

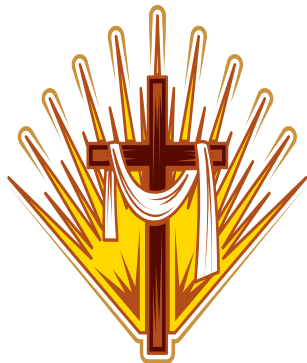
**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

Fathers Cooke and Parkinson wish you all a very Happy and Holy Easter

**16TH APRIL 2017
EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1

Sunday Missal: *Vigil p.677; Morning Mass p.723; Preface page 42*



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 risen!

Masses, Feasts & Activities

Sunday Masses 9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB)
2pm Baptism (SB) *A Day of Special prayer for
New Members of the Church*

Monday (17th) 9.30am Mass (SB) **Bank Holiday**

Tuesday (18th) 10.30am Requiem Mass for Jessie Carter (SJ)
7.15pm SVP (SB)

Wednesday (19th) 9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday (20th) 9.15am Mass (SB); 1-3pm Colouring Social
Group (Patmos Room, SJ)

Friday (21st) 9.30am Mass (SJ)

Saturday (22nd) 12.30pm Wedding of Jason Nuttall & Samantha
Walsh (SB); 5pm Mass (SC)

Think Vocation

It is the Risen Lord Jesus who calls men to follow him and prepare for the sacred priesthood. At the Chrism Mass, all the priests were invited to renew their priestly promises made on their ordination day. Therefore, they are able to celebrate the Easter Sunday Mass today with renewed joy and commitment. As we renew our baptismal promises may we all truly celebrate our belief in the new life that comes through the Risen Lord Jesus.

Marriage Matters

Love our spouse just as they are: The different behaviour patterns of Jesus' friends are well illustrated in these Scriptures. Jesus loved each of them exactly as they were, just as He loves each of us. Our challenge is to really love our spouse, just as they are, with all the differences that we have. It's a lifelong journey, but like Jesus' friends, our understanding can grow.

23RD APRIL 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2

Sunday Missal: *page 730; Preface page 42*



Often people forget that Easter is not just a day, but a season - the longest in the Church's year, in fact! We are given fifty glorious days of Spring and Summer to prolong our baptismal joy, fifty glorious days of basking in the light of the risen Saviour. It seems a shame that after the efforts we put into Lent we don't celebrate Eastertide with the same enthusiasm. The readings of this Season have their origins in the instruction given to converts in the early Church: in Lent, the readings were the basis of catechesis on the forthcoming baptism; in Easter the readings are "Mystagogy" - a type of teaching where the newly baptised ("neophytes") learn through taking part in the celebration of the sacraments and hearing the word. On the Sundays we hear who Jesus is, and on weekdays hear about Baptism and the Eucharist. This "Mystagogy" is not just to nourish the neophytes, but to help all of us deepen our life in the risen Lord Jesus. This Sunday we are with the disciples in the Upper Room, where eight days after the Resurrection Jesus comes among them - as he comes among us.

Masses, Feasts & Activities

Sunday Masses: 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB) *Divine Mercy Sunday*

Monday (24th) 9.30am Mass (SB); 7.45pm SVP (SJ) – *St George, Patron of England*

Tuesday (25th) 7pm Mass (SJ); 7.15pm SVP (SB) – *St Mark*

Wednesday (26th) 9.30am Mass (SJ); 1.15-3pm Harbour Room
Book Club (SB)

Thursday (27th) 9.15am Mass (SB)

Friday (28th) 9.30am Mass (SJ)

Saturday (29th) 2pm Baptism (SB); 5pm Mass (SC) – *St Catherine of Siena*

Next Sunday (30th) 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB)
2pm Baptism (SB)

Think Vocation

We hear of the community spirit at work in the early Church. Community life centres around service and sacrifice. It is not easy being asked to live and work alongside people who are different to yourself. We pray for all the religious communities which have a presence in our diocese, that others may be called to join them and bring their own gifts and faith to them.

Marriage Matters

Togetherness: Our 'togetherness' in what we do and say is a 'sign' of our love and a source of joy for us. Sometimes, like Thomas, we can be stubborn, with an attitude of 'I'll believe it when I see it' creating a sense of separation and distance. But together we have the power to stop, reflect, be forgiven, and begin again.

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Prayers Please

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 Morrissey, 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.

Lately Dead: Mark Rinaldo Villa, Ronald Lindley, Mary Campbell, Mary Thompson, Jessie Carter, Peter Homby

Anniversaries: Alex Strickleton, Marie Lamoury, Ian Fazackerley, Bernard Cummings

Mass Intentions: Alex Strickleton, Marie Lamoury, Mark Rinaldo Villa, Ronald Lindley, Mary Bagg, Jessie Carter, Mary Cassidy, Bernard Cummings, Ian Fazackerley

Congratulations: To Anita Rate from St John's who will be received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil this weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are with her as she continues to grow in faith.

SVP Spring Outing: Will be held on Sunday 7 May to St Mary's, Langho. A list for names of those who wish to go and for those who can volunteer transport is in the Patmos Room.

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 (10 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.

CAFOD Thank you: To all who came along to the wonderful flower demonstration last Saturday afternoon. The amount raised for CAFOD was a fantastic £402!



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**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),
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Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 22/23 April		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	M Maybury	F Finty, C Molyneux, J O'Connor
9.15 (SJ)	P Margiotta	M Russell, M Speed, A Rawlinson, M Fau-Goodwin, J Carroll, M Cropper
11.15(SB)	J Proctor	J Murphy, K Wilkinson, P Carolan
Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 29/30 April		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	C Smith	M Hilton, J Cranshaw
9.15 (SJ)	M Parkinson	E Rothwell, D Ramsden, A Grundy, P McArdle, F Smith, T Armstrong
11.15(SB)	C Owen	K Wilkinson, P Carolan, J Murphy

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