

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

4 March 2018

Third Sunday in Lent



This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one - the Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant - God dwelling with man. Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - himself - since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.

Think Vocation: God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Young people often get ridiculed for coming to Mass or being involved in Church Life. Not everyone who responds to the call of the Lord to serve the Church gets the support of their family and friends. Let us show our appreciation and encouragement to those priests and Religious who help us in our parishes and communities

Marriage Matters: God's love is our strength: Let us remind each other constantly that our marriage is as unique and as special to God today as it was when we first married. We are blessed with a love that transforms ordinary everyday events into something quite different and special. Our faults and weaknesses become our strengths if we strive to love one another as God loves us.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> <i>Sunday Missal: Page 554; Readings: page 559</i> <i>Preface: Page 38 or 39</i>
Sunday 4 March 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy <i>Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i>
Monday 5 March 9.30am Mass (SB) 7pm-9pm Needles (Harbour Room, SB) 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Lent course (Christ's Church) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)
Tuesday 7 March 8.15am Lenten Mass in St Columba's School 6.30pm Stations of the Cross (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)
Wednesday 7 March - Ss Perpetua & Felicity 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass - Sacred Heart (Westhoughton)
Thursday 8 March 9.15am Yr3 Mass (SB) - Following Jesus 7.15pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)
Friday 9 March 8.15am Lenten Mass in St John's School
Saturday 10 March 5pm Mass (SB)
Sunday 11 March - Laetare Sunday 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

Prayers Please

Sick: Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Father Francis McCauley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 8), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, Canon Dorrán, Christine Everitt, Mark O'Brien, Sheila Derbyshire, Margaret Gibson, Kathleen & Arnold Banks, Andrew Rostron, Michaela (Sick child), Linda Marsh, Ross Smith (young person), Vernon Holt and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness

Lately Dead: Richard French, Moira Leahy, Leo Maguire

Anniversaries: John Hall, George Beeching

Mass Intentions: Patrick Brennan, John Hall, Richard French, A Golden Wedding Anniversary, Denis O'Toole (Birthday Remembrance), In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes, In thanksgiving to St Anthony & the Holy Spirit, Moira Leahy, George Beeching, Leo Maguire

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

Hope in the Future

In union with our Diocese and Bishop John, let us pray this week for:

The people of the parishes of St Peter in Chains and St John Vianney, Blackburn, with Fr Anthony Dutton and Fr Francis Webster, and of Pleasington Priory, with Canon Kevin Kenny.

We pray for their parish primary schools and for St Bede's High School.

This Lent may we all come to know the power and wisdom of God.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

17/18 Feb 5pm-132; 9am-197; 11am-145;
Total - 474

25/26 Feb 5pm-125; 9am-171; 11am-133;
Total - 429

Offertory Collection

17/18 February: £1,003.27

24/25 February £889.24

Standing Orders (17-28 Feb) - £195

Cheques: Whilst we are in the process of establishing one new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to **St John's**. Thank you.

Financial Summary for February 2018

Income (for General Use)	
Gift-Aided Envelopes	1496.23
Non Gift-Aided Offertory	2399.64
Standing Orders	2480.42
Piety Stalls, Votives & Almanacs	294.88
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings	398.00
Fundraising (inc. 200 Club subs)	1163.47
Harbour/Patmos Room Rental	0.00
Donations	104.00
Restricted Income (Specific Use)	
Mass Intentions	347.00
Money raised for CAFOD	771.78
Special Fund (Lourdes)	250.00
Total Monthly Income	9705.42
Expenditure	
Church Expenses (both)	3101.06
Presbytery Expenses (both)	1593.13
Clergy Allowances	1589.44
Fundraising/Social Expenses	115.00
Wages (no recharge this month)	0.00
Capital Expense (Paving at SB)	1960.00
Restricted Payment (Caritas)	982.07
St Columba Expenses	1341.88
Total Monthly Expenditure	10682.58
Balance of Income/Expenditure	-977.16

Income from CAFOD Fast Day will be included (and be paid out) next month. Once again, our expenditure has exceeded our income.

This Newsletter is sponsored by

HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE

Peel House
638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton.
BL1 7AL
01204 309609



200 Club

All monies for the next year (£1 per month) will fall due at the beginning of March. It is a simple way to support the parish and perhaps win some money. There are some numbers available if you would like to join. See Frances Smith to join or to pay your subs.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Ceilidh, bought tickets, bought raffle tickets and rolled coins at the bottle to help raise the total of £664.00. Also thank for the kind help in moving tables and chairs at the end, it saved a lot of work! A great night was had by all.

Save the Date: Friday 11 May 2018
Spring Concert



Congratulations: To Carole & Stewart Ball who recently celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

School Lenten Masses

Early morning Masses continue at 8.15am

Tuesdays - St Columba's School

Fridays - St John's School

All welcome

Churches In Harwood Lent Course

7pm-9pm Monday Evenings

5 March - Christ's Church

12 March - St Brendan's

19 March - Longsight Methodist

All welcome to come along and join in these sessions. Refreshments available.

A Lenten Retreat

Wardley Hall Every Friday 10.30am - 12.30pm

9 March: Gethsemane and Arrest

16 March: Trial

23 March: Crucifixion

Please contact: Marie Sartini, Bishop's PA, Wardley Hall, Worsley M28 2ND; 0161 794 2825

Email: Marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

or Sisiter Joan Kerley, FMSJ; 0161 971 7842;

Email: joankfmsj@gmail.com

Prayer Workshops: This Lent the Diocesan Department for Formation offers a series of three evening *Prayer Workshops* at different locations within the Diocese. On each evening participants will be introduced to a different method of prayer and invited to use it as part of their Lenten Prayer.

Schoenstatt Shrine, Manchester Rd, Kearsley, BL4 8QQ on Tuesdays 6th, 13th and 20th March.

St. Mary's, Todmorden Rd, Burnley BB10 4AU on Wednesdays 7th, 14th and 21st March;

Cathedral House, 250 Chapel St, Salford M3 5LL, on Tuesdays 13th, 20th and 27th March. The evenings start at 7.30pm, with refreshments beforehand and finish at 9pm. While booking is not essential it would help to give an idea of numbers if people could email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Retreat at Our Lady's Moss Side, Manchester:

On the 23 - 25 March, Our Lady's (Moss Side) are welcoming the internationally known lay Speaker Jim Brown who will be giving the retreat '*Surrender and Accept Jesus*', *Invitation To The Banquet*'. A life changing retreat combining the twelve steps with biblical teaching. The cost is £15.00 which includes workbook. Concessions/Unemployed £10.00. To book a place call Our Lady's parish office on 0161 226 1730, Mon - Fri 10am - 3pm.

National Novena to St Joseph: Will take place from 10-18 March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018 - Appeal for Medical & Nursing Team: The 86th Salford diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Bishop John Arnold, during the 160th Anniversary of the Apparitions, will take place between 27 July and 2 August. If you are a doctor, registered nurse or healthcare assistant and are interested in the possibility of volunteering your skills to help support those sick and disabled pilgrims who need particular care during the pilgrimage, we are eager to hear from you. Financial assistance may be available to those involved in healthcare. For further information, please contact the Lourdes pilgrimage office by emailing: lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk, or telephone 0161 817 2209. Thank you.

Exhibition - People, Book, Land: The 3,500 Year Relationship of the Jewish People with the Holy Land: Authored by the late Hebrew University Professor Robert Wistrich, it was first launched at UNESCO headquarters and has been displayed at the UN, the Vatican and at the British Parliament. The 24 panels display the Jewish narrative from the Biblical Prophets to the Kingdoms of David and Solomon, until the establishment of the State of Israel. This exhibition is now coming to Salford Cathedral and opens for public viewing on weekday afternoons until 15 March between 2pm and 5pm.

Reignite Young Adults Mass: St John Bosco, Charlestown Road, Blackley, M9 7BD on Sunday 18th March 5.30pm. A chance to experience our faith as fun, engaging and transformative. Come along for great speakers, brilliant testimonies, guest homilists, our young adults' music ministry, reunion with friends, pub social time (every 3rd Sunday of the month) at 5.30pm. This month: **Celebrant:** Fr Peter Tierney
Homilist: Fr Philip Brady
Speaker: Fr Bryan Cunningham

The Spring Outing of the Harbour Room Book Club: Will be on Wednesday May 16th this year. We are hoping to visit *The People's Museum in Manchester*, where there are various exhibitions including Suffragette material (anniversary this year). Departure from St Brendan's car park at 10am and returning about 3.15pm. Entrance to the museum is free. Tyrer's coach fare (non-refundable) there and back will be £12 pp. This includes the driver's tip and the customary donation to the museum. There is a cafe and a shop. 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 place with Madeleine 303505.

Book Club Book Sale: We are hoping to have our usual book sale in July (every two years). It will take place outside St Brendan's church on possibly two occasions in July. Please save any books you would like to donate but do not bring them in yet as we have no storage. Details will follow nearer the time. **STRICTLY PAPERBACKS ONLY.** All money goes to a named charity and church funds.

Christian Meditation: The dates for March are Tuesday 13th and 27th (2pm-2.45pm) and Thursday 8th (7.15pm-8pm). All welcome.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 14 April (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's Church. Please contact the parish office if you wish to attend (01204 301927) or email: office@sbsj.org.uk.

Advance Notice: Morning of Recollection for new and existing "Ministers" and other roles within the parish on Saturday 24 March. Re-commissioning and commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers will also take place during this time. Further details to follow.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 10/11 March		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Holmes	TBA
9am (SJ)	L Rushton	M Russell, M Speed, A Gracie, T Armstrong, J Carroll, M Cropper
11am (SB)	T Regan	K Wilkinson, P Carolan, J Murphy

Come and Join Us!

Tea & Coffee is always served after the Sunday Masses at St John's (9am) and St Brendan's (11am). We always love to see new people. Come along and have a catch up.

Salford Diocese - Job Vacancies

Health and Safety Co-ordinator

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP.

Salary: £38,000-£43,000 per annum subject to skills and experience.

Hours of work: 35 hours per week with occasional evening and weekend working required and regular travel around the diocese. Closing date for applications: 12noon, 7 March 2018.

Finance Officer Supporting Parishes

Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, Manchester, M3 6DP

Salary: £25,250 per annum.

Hours of work: 35 hours per week, to be worked between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Closing date for applications: 12noon, 12 March 2018.

To request an application pack or for more information on either post please contact:

The Director of Administration and Personnel Telephone: 0161-817-2203

Email: personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

or visit: <http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/>

Caritas - Vacancies

Social Worker (Caritas Schools' Service) 2 Posts

4 days per week, term time only (39 working weeks, 13 non-working weeks)

SCP26-30 £16,068 - £18,419 Actual Salary plus, essential car allowance. Based across the Blackburn C of E Diocese. These roles are part of an exciting new partnership with the Church of England. We require Social Workers to provide a high quality social work service in schools across the Diocese of Blackburn which covers areas such as Preston, Lancaster, Blackpool, Burnley and Morecambe.

Closing date: Tuesday, 6 March 2018 (5pm).

Interview: TBC

To apply, please visit our website:

www.caritassalford.org.uk and return completed applications to recruitment@caritassalford.org.uk or contact Rebecca Anderson on 0161 817 2264.



During March there will be our usual collection of food items for the Destitution Project in Bolton. The centre are always very grateful for all our donations. Please see the list of items that are in short supply on the notice boards. Thank you for your continued generosity.