

Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

18 March 2018
Fifth Sunday in Lent



In the weeks of Lent so far, we have followed God's work of salvation: we have seen the Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Israel after the return from Babylon. Now we come to one of the most significant parts

of the Old Testament: the promise of a brand-new Covenant, which will be different from all those that went before. This Covenant will see God and Man living more closely together. For the ratification of a Covenant, something was always sacrificed as a sign of the new relationship - normally man would offer some animal offering to God. But the New Covenant will be ratified not with the death of sheep or bull, but by the death of Jesus Christ, God and Man. In this perfect sacrifice is the source of our eternal salvation.

Think Vocation: St Paul tells us that Christ became a source of Salvation for all who obey him. All those who serve as priests or Religious promise obedience. Saying yes to the requests of our Bishops or superiors in order to remain faithful to God and the life we are committed to is not always easy. God works throughout the authority of the Church. Let us pray for our Bishop that the sometimes difficult decisions he has to make will be done justly and with the prayer filled guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Marriage Matters: Unconditional love: Love is called to be unconditional, not 'counting the cost', not 50/50, but both giving 100%. Today's Gospel reminds us a rich harvest is only possible when a single wheat grain falls on the ground and dies. Our loving efforts, trials and difficulties in marriage are ways of 'dying' to a lifestyle contrary to what God is calling us to.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> <i>Sunday Missal: Page 582; Readings: page 586</i> <i>Preface: Page 38 or 39</i>
Sunday 18 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 19 March - St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.30am Mass (SB) 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Lent course (Longsight Methodist) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)
Tuesday 20 March 8.15am Lenten Mass in St Columba's School 6.30pm Stations of the Cross (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Becoming Catholic Meeting (SJ, in Church) 7.30pm PET Meeting (SJ, Patmos Room)
Wednesday 21 March No Morning Mass 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes, Farnworth)
Thursday 22 March 9.15am Yr4 Mass followed by KS2 Reconciliation (SB)
Friday 23 March 9.30am Yr3 Mass (SJ Church) - Sharing our Journey
Saturday 24 March 10am-1pm Parish Morning of Recollection (SJ) 5pm Mass (SB)
Sunday 25 March - Palm Sunday 9am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Walk of Witness (Harwood)

Prayers Please

Sick: Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, 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 Dorran, 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: Elaine Jansen, Bonifacio Valletto, Vickie Dobbins

Anniversaries: John Carolan, David Greenhalgh, Rita Brooks,

Mass Intentions: John Carolan, David Greenhalgh, Rita Brooks, Mary Ann Quinn, Mary Joan Quinn, Bonifacio Valletto, M.K. (A dear friend recently deceased), Rita Brooks (1st Anniversary), Barbara Grimes (Birthday Remembrance), Vickie Dobbins, Elaine Jansen

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

Let us pray for:

The parishes of St Vincent de Paul, Over Hulton, with Father Andrew Pastore, Holy Infant and St Anthony, Bolton, with Father William Molloy, and Guardian Angels, Bury, with Father Paul Cannon. We pray for their parish primary schools, and for Thornleigh College, Bolton, and the Salesian community and for the Sisters of the Cross and Passion.

May the Lord bring forth in us a rich harvest.

Facts and Figures

Mass Attendance

11/12 March 5pm-127; 9am-195; 11am-165;
Total - 487

Offertory Collection

11/12 March: **£1,156.94**

Standing Orders (6 Mar- 13 Mar) - £1,036.42

Cheques: Whilst we are awaiting our new bank account for the parish, please make all cheques payable to **St John's**. Thank you.

Morning of Recollection

Saturday 24 March

10am to 1pm

St John's Church & Patmos Room

This idea arose from the recent meeting for Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristans at St Brendan's. The main focus will be on reviewing the way Eucharistic Ministry is undertaken to ensure all our Eucharistic Ministers feel competent to serve in either of our churches. There will be a re-commissioning of ministers as part of the morning.

At the same time, we want to use the opportunity to reflect on "ministry" in general terms and so the morning is open to readers, sacristans, musicians, those involved in Children's Liturgy and sacramental preparation. There are other ministries and activities but the ones selected here focus on our Celebration of the Eucharist.

Altar Servers have been left off this list because the session is aimed at adults.

Please let the Parish Office know that you will be attending (office@sbsj.org.uk or 01204 301927)

This is also an opportunity for new volunteers for any of these ministries. If you would like to be involved, please have a word with one of the priests or a member of the Parish Enabling Team).

Chrism Mass (Salford Cathedral): Wednesday 28 March at 11am. There a few tickets available for our parish. If you would like to go please contact the office (301927) or email: office@sbsj.org.uk.

St John's 200 Club

The March winners are:

£50 E Owen (162)

£25 M Cropper (20)



SVP News

During March there will be our usual collection of food items for the Destitution Project in Bolton. The centre is 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.

200 Club

All monies for the next year (£1 per month) are due. There are some numbers available if you would like to join. See Frances Smith to join or to pay your subs. *Thank you*

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Monday 19th March

Thornleigh's 'Share The Journey' Walk.

Thornleigh Salesian College have responded enthusiastically and energetically to Pope Francis' call for us to support people forced to flee their homes. They will be joining in with CAFOD's global campaign by walking to seven partner primary schools. Could you join them or wave them off on a leg of their journey within our parish?

Leg 3: They expect to be leaving St John's School at around 9.15am, to walk the 2.1 miles to St Brendan's.

Leg 4: They expect to be leaving St Brendan's at around 10.15am, to walk the 1.3 miles to St Columba's

Leg 5: They expect to be leaving St Columba's around 10.45am, to walk the 2.4 miles to St Osmund and Andrew's parish hall

Call Sandy Fairley at Thornleigh on 01204 301 351 or Steve Burrowes at CAFOD on 0161 705 0605

Save the Date: Friday 11 May 2018
Spring Concert

Parish Logo: Last Sunday we presented book tokens to Abigail Hartley (a pupil at St John's School) and Katie Proctor (a pupil at St Brendan's) to thank them for their particular contributions towards the design of our parish logo. Elements from each of their entries were combined to form the final version.

Palm Sunday Procession with Donkey - Sunday 25 March 2018: The Churches in Harwood are once again joining together to celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem 2000 years ago riding on a donkey. We meet 2pm at Christ's Church, Harwood then we follow Roly, the real live donkey, to St Brendan's RC Church and finally, to Harwood Methodists for Hot Cross Buns. **Everyone Welcome!**

Walsingham Pilgrimage: For those who have put their names on the list for the Walsingham pilgrimage on the 5 May, please could you pass your payment of £20 to the parish office before 8 April. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to *SRCDTR*. *Thank you*

Christian Meditation: The last date for March is Tuesday 27th (2pm-2.45pm). April dates are: Tuesdays 10th, 17th and 24th and Thursdays 5th, 12th and 19th. All welcome.

A Lenten Retreat: 10.30am - 12.30pm on 23 March: Crucifixion. Wardley Hall, Worsley M28 2ND.

Reignite Young Adults Mass: St John Bosco, Charlestown Road, Blackley, M9 7BD this Sunday at 5.30pm.

Red Box Collection (SJ): The next gather-in of Red Boxes and donations will be after 9am Mass at St John's this Sunday.

"YOU ARE NOT ALONE": A celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. The Gospel is brought to life for all to see by the students of Thornleigh Salesian College through music, drama, dance and readings. Thornleigh Salesian College Chapel 7pm Thursday 22 March.

The Spring Outing of the Harbour Room Book Club: Will be on Wednesday 16 May to *The People's Museum in Manchester*, where there are various exhibitions including Suffragette material. Departure from St Brendan's car park at 10am and returning about 3.15pm. Entrance to the museum is free. Return coach fare (non-refundable) will be £12pp (including the driver's tip and 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 contact Madeleine 303505.

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.

Diocesan Prayer Workshops (7.30pm-9pm)
Schoenstatt Shrine, Manchester Rd, Kearsley, BL4 8QQ Tuesday 20th March.

St Mary's, Todmorden Rd, Burnley BB10 4AU Wednesday 21st March.

Cathedral House, 250 Chapel St, Salford M3 5LL, Tuesday 20th and 27th March.
formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Retreat at Our Lady's Moss Side, Manchester: On 23 - 25 March, Our Lady's are welcoming lay Speaker Jim Brown who will be giving the retreat '*Surrender and Accept Jesus, Invitation To The Banquet*'. The cost is £15 (including workbook). Concessions/Unemployed £10. To book a place call Our Lady's parish office on 0161 226 1730, Mon - Fri 10am - 3pm.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 24/25 March		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SB)	C Molyneux	TBA
9am (SJ)	S Copley	J Carroll, M Russell, F Smith, M Speed, A Grundy, A Gracie
11am (SB)	L Lamoury	C Owen, P Brennan, M Durkan

Lourdes Pilgrimage 27 July–2 August 2018

The recent Newsletter article regarding this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes appears to have generated a fair amount of interest from within the Parish.

As we now have the application forms available, indicating this year's precise costs, you may wish to give further consideration to joining up with a fairly well-established Parish group who would more than welcome your company.

We intend to use the Hotel Roissy, as per last year, where the cost for full board is £759 in a twin or treble room. Unfortunately, there is an additional charge of £216 for single rooms, of which there are only a limited number available.

There is a considerable saving to be had, therefore, if you could mutually arrange to share with others in a twin or treble.

If you would like an application form, please contact Margaret Russell (St John's), Peter Carolan or myself (St Brendan's).

Please return the completed forms to me as soon as possible so that I can quickly submit all forms together (the hotel is very popular).

As you will see on the 'Form' they will provide insurance at a very reasonable cost. You can, of course, use your own. A deposit of £200 is required with your application, which is non-refundable. The insurance premium must be included with your deposit and cheques made payable to JWT.

God Bless, Terry Smith (01204 305832).


Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018 - Appeal for Medical & Nursing Team: The 86th Salford diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, will take place between 27 July and 2 August. If you are a doctor, registered nurse or healthcare assistant and are interested in 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.

Cathedral Centre Book Shop and Café

The Cathedral Centre Book Shop has a fantastic range of books, cards, cds and gifts for all occasions. For more information visit www.cathedralcentrebooks.com. Opening times are Monday-Saturday 8.30am-4.30pm

Have you ever visited the Cathedral Centre Café? For reasonably priced hot and cold food including breakfasts, lunches and cakes, why not complete a visit to the bookshop by calling in! The Café is child friendly and wheelchair accessible, with accessible bathrooms and baby changing facilities. Open Monday-Friday 10.30am-4pm.

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Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday

The Mass of the Lord's Supper
(8pm at St Brendan's)

Good Friday

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(3pm at St John's)

Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil
(8pm at St John's)