

14TH SEPTEMBER 2014 – TWENTY FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Son of Man must be lifted up



We will sometimes interrupt our usual cycle of Sundays for this Feast, which therefore also interrupts the usual pattern of readings. Today all the readings harmonise with the central theme, which is, of course, the cross. There are many ways of looking at the cross: as an instrument of torture and shame, as an emblem of death and defeat. But in the Church there has always been a way of looking at the cross which the world cannot understand: it is to see it as a sign of victory, of triumph, as a banner or standard of the forces of good and light as Jesus defeats the prince of this world by his death. The early Church depicted the cross as a richly jewelled emblem of victory; when the faithful looked at this jewelled cross, they knew that it was the sign of God's love and the Victory over sin and death that had been won for them.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i> Sunday Missal: page 934 Preface: page 937		Prayers Please
Sunday <i>Racial Justice Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC)- with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB)- with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Special Collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice</i>	<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Eunice Brierley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Kathleen Hopwood, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Walter Norris, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Emma Turner, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Leila Parker, Mary Long, Oliver Smith, Dylan Crosby, Mary Grundy and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Dr Bernard Higgins, Joan Marie Greenhalgh, Martin Ball, Mary Marshall, David Walton, Joyce Howcroft, Keith Gerrard, Mike Collins, Dorothy Briggs, Jack Stables, Tommy Quinn, Monica Gallagher, Albert France, Philip Marsden</p> <p>Anniversaries: Ralph Gubbins, Gordon Hollinshead, Charles Bell, Joan Taylor, Bridget & Jack Day, Esther Thomas,</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Damien & Evan McManus, Albert France, Patricia Wirth (seriously ill), Ralph Gubbins Mary Marshall, John Marshall, Mary Marshall & family, Gordon Hollinshead, Martin Ball, Charles Bell, In Memory of Joan Taylor, Bridget & Jack Day, Mary Grundy (very poorly), Bernard, Connie & Ray Schofield, Joan Marie Greenhalgh</p>
Monday <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>St Cornelius & St Cyprian</i>	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm – Diocesan Talk <i>[see overleaf]</i>	
Wednesday	10.30am Funeral Service for Philip Marsden (SC) 7.30pm WWI Deanery Mass (St Patrick's Church, Great Moor St, Bolton)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday <i>St Andrew Kin Tae-gon</i>	2pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>A Special Collection for</i>	
Next Sunday <i>Home Mission Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy <i>Home Missions</i> 10.15am Mass (SC) - with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) 2pm Blessing of the Mosaic at The Schoenstatt Centre	
<p>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families</p>		

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Congratulations: To Aiden Jared and Elloise Jean Costello who were baptised at St Columba's last Saturday. Also to Sienna Amber Sutton who was baptised at St Brendan's on Sunday 24 August. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Racial Justice Sunday: This weekend, the Catholic Church in England and Wales will be celebrating Racial Justice Sunday. It is a day on which all Christians are called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality. Please pray for this intention in your prayers. To support the work of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice, a second collection will be taken this weekend. If you would like more information, please go to www.cbcew.org.uk/human-trafficking. If you wish to make an online donation, please go to www.catholicchurch.org.uk/donations

Home Mission Sunday: Next weekend the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales invite prayer and support for the work of Evangelisation. This year's theme is *Evangelisation in the heart of the family*. We will have a second collection to help the Bishops develop new ways of reaching out to non churchgoing Catholics. For more information please visit www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14.

Message of Thanks: A really big *Thank you* to Fr Cooke, the musicians, singers and people who attended the celebration of the life and physical death of our beloved Davy Walton, husband, dad, brother and friend as we commended him to the goodness of our God and Saviour. Thank you for all Masses, prayers and support. *Christine, Edward and James Walton*.

Diocesan Talks

The Year of the Canonisation of Two Popes

The Department for Evangelisation have organised two new talks this autumn:

Tuesday 16 September (7.30pm) - *St John Paul II, His life, ministry & vision* by Bishop Alan Hopes, (Bishop of East Anglia).

Wednesday 15 October (7.30pm) - *St John XXIII, His life, ministry & vision* by Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor (Retired Archbishop of Westminster).

Both talks take place at St Gabriel's High School, Bridge Road, Bury BL9 0TZ. The cost per evening will be £5 per person.

Email: sharonbeech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for reservations

Telephone reservations: 0161 761 0536

Basic First Aid Training: So that we can ensure that parishioners are appropriately cared for if they suffer an accident or illness, Basic First Aid Training will be delivered in autumn 2014. Please let Fr. Cooke or Tony Proctor know (Tel. 301425) if you are interested. Alternatively email the Parish Office at office@sbsj.org.uk.

SVP Awareness: September is the annual month for raising awareness about this organisation. Please see the posters on the notice boards (which change weekly). If you are interested in finding out more about the SVP please contact any member.

Schoenstatt Centre: On Sunday 21 September, there will be a blessing of the Mosaic, the gift of the Schoenstatt Family, in thanksgiving for the 100 years of the Covenant of Love.. Refreshments will be served at a gathering at 2pm and the blessing will commence at 3pm, followed by a family celebration at 4pm.

World War I Centenary: There will be a Deanery Mass at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17 September in St Patrick's Church, Great Moor Street, Bolton to pray for those who gave their lives in World War I, for those currently serving in our armed forces and for peace in the world today.

Cameo & Tea-pot Time:

Thanks to all parishioners who joined us on Wednesday 20 August for our first joint Cameo and Tea pot time venture. We all enjoyed our Cakey Quiz and we managed to raise £62 which will go towards the redecoration of the Harbour Room. Both groups have decided to combine and hope to provide enjoyable social time for parishioners across all three churches. Meetings will be on the second Wednesday of each month (2-4pm) so please make space in your diaries!

MacMillan Tea & Coffee Afternoon: Thank you to everyone who came along on Wednesday. Everyone had an enjoyable afternoon and we were really well supported from all our three churches (and beyond). We managed to raise a fantastic £251!

Cameo Programme for the Next Three Months:

Wednesday 8 October: Lyn Massey a local Textile Artist will talk and demonstrate her Spinning Techniques. There will be an opportunity to buy some of her unique products.

Wednesday 12 November: Mike Perris a local Amateur Historian will talk on The History of Barrow Bridge. Come and remember the boating lake.

Wednesday 10 December: Come and enjoy making your own Christmas Decorations with our own extremely talented Margaret Fazackerley

BRASS: The collection for September will take place at the weekend Masses at St Brendan's. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Think Vocation

Celibacy as well as the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience are often cited as barriers to vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. However, today's feast reminds us that sacrifice and love are at the heart of our Christian vocation.

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