


DIocese of SALFORD
Parish of Corpus Christi, Bolton

St John, the Evangelist, Bromley Cross, St Columba's, Tonge Moor
and St Brendan's, Harwood

13 April 2025

Palm Sunday



We are all called to be disciples of God's love. The word discipleship is one that we tend to shy away from. We are comfortable in our spiritual lives, just go to church, say your prayers and behave yourself and everything will be fine. But Jesus calls us to be greater than "just fine", he wants us to make a difference in this world. He calls us to be disciples.

The new translation of the Word of God can be confusing, familiar lines are missing now, and their replacement can be difficult to understand. Today's reading from Isaiah begins "The Lord has given me the tongue of those who are taught". How do we understand what is being said in this passage? In my humble opinion we must go back over what we have heard previously, Isaiah used to refer to a "disciple's tongue". This indicates that the passage is talking about how a disciple should behave and now becomes much clearer.

The call to the disciples was to people who had very little learning, they were working people, drawn to Christ by His words and actions. Jesus, throughout his ministry, taught His disciples by opening the scriptures to them and giving them fresh insights into what was being said. They did not always follow his reasoning, they made blunders, refusing to believe that all this was to end in the death of the man they loved. However, if we go beyond the events of Holy Week and venture into the days of the Acts of the Apostles we see, emerging, the fruits of listening. It was the Apostles and Disciples who carried the work of evangelisation to the very ends of the earth.

Each of us is called to discipleship, the call may be faint, the response slow, but we must learn to listen and grow in our faith so that, in God's time, we can emerge as His disciples and then by our words and actions we can help each other along the path to God's love.

There is no doubt that our saviour died for us. The week that starts today and ends in his glorious resurrection reminds us, every year, of the price that love has paid for our freedom. The cross is not a tragic event. It is a symbol of God's love for us and if we show that love to all we meet then Jesus did not die in vain.

David Frank

Masses & Activities this Week

Sunday Cycle C



Holy Week

Sunday 13 April

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy

11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

2pm Walk of Witness - Christ's Church Harwood

Monday 14 April

6pm Mass (SJ)

Tuesday 15 April

10am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 16 April

11am Mass of the Sacred Chrism (Salford)

6pm Mass (SJ) followed by Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday 17 April - A special Collection for Corpus Christi SVP

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm (SJ)

9.45pm Compline (SJ)

Good Friday 18 April - with Special collection for the Holy Places

10am-10.45am Reconciliation (SB)

11am Stations of the Cross (SB)

3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (SJ)

Holy Saturday 19 April

7pm Easter Vigil (SB)

Sunday 20 April - **Easter Sunday**

9.30am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy

11am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy

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We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends: Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Fred & Joyce Heywood, Pat Margiotta, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Joyce Strickleton, Margaret Kay, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Dr Allan Needham, Margaret Roberts, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Arnold Banks, Terry Smith, Michael Kitching, Jane Manuel, Pope Francis

Lately Dead: Margaret Lily, Mary Webster, Anne Devine, Gavin Wade, Moira Brannagan, David Cummings, James Ellwood

Anniversaries: Margaret Mary Moss, Lubine Susol, Dominic John Owen, Eileen Gill, Violet McGarrigle

Mass Intentions: Eileen Gill, Intentions of the Owen family, Violet McGarrigle, Mary Webster, Margaret Lily, Margaret Mary Moss, Gladys Hall (Birthday Remembrance), David Cummings

We are asked to pray for these intentions:

Candidates for the Sacraments; women; the needy & hungry of the world; penitents & wanderers

We pray for all the victims and their families after the recent, devastating earthquake in Myanmar.

We pray for healing, a peaceful solution and restoration in the Middle East and Ukraine.

We continue to pray for Pope Francis

The Jubilee Prayer: *Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your kind donation, the parish will benefit at no extra cost to yourselves.

Dona: We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to **Corpus Christi**. Thank you

Parish Visit to Rome: Please could I ask that all booking forms and deposits be submitted to the Parish Office by 25 April. *Thankyou Ann.*

Church Cleaning St John's: The general clean for Easter will be on Tuesday 15 April 10am. There will be hot cross buns available afterwards!

SVP News

The SVP groups of St Johns and St Brendan's have amalgamated to form **Corpus Christi SVP**. All future cheques to our SVP should be made payable to **Corpus Christi SVP**.

Summer Hanging Baskets: Lists are available in each church for those interested. The baskets will cost £15 and will be available in early May. A precise date will follow.

Destitution Project: We have been overwhelmed by your generosity. This weekend is the last week for food donations as they will be taken to the destitution project during the week in time for Easter. *Thank you.*

St Brendan's Church - 50th Anniversary Mass

On 18 April 2025, St Brendan's Church will be celebrating 50 years since it first opened. As a parish community, we will be holding a Mass on 1st May (7pm) to commemorate this occasion and our Bishop, John Arnold, will be our main celebrant. If you have any old photographs (you would wish to share) please pass to Fr Alf (in a marked envelope) so we can return them to

Newsletter: Next week the newsletter will be ready on Wednesday (due to Easter). Please could all Mass intentions and Newsletter items be handed in by Tuesday 15 April.

Other News from Around the Diocese

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell: Join us for a prayerful pilgrimage this summer as we visit Our Lady's shrine at Ladyewell. Situated on the doorstep of our diocese, this day pilgrimage presents a wonderful opportunity to take up the Jubilee call to pilgrimage without travelling too far away from home. The pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 28th June. For more information and to register, please visit

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ladyewell-pil>

Mass to Celebrate Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? Join us on Tuesday 3 June at 7pm at St Bernadette's in Whitefield. Couples celebrating a Jubilee Wedding Anniversary during this Holy Year of Jubilee are invited to join us for this special celebration and to acknowledge this wonderful Sacrament. Friends and family are welcome, and everyone is invited to join for refreshments after Mass. For more information please email:

formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Readers for 19/20 April 2025

7pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
TBA	P Barnes	F Doloroso
Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 20 April		
M Speed & P Partington		