

We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends:

Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Jane Manuel, Rita Margiotta, Pauline Dobson, Winifred Goodwin, Josie Doyle, Delia Ariff, Gwen Monk, a sick friend, a sick baby

Lately Dead: Joseph Walsh, Pamela Baxendale, James Lloyd,

Anniversaries: Howard McArdle, Maureen Southworth, Fred Davies, Jessie Carter, Fr Denis Sheahan

Mass Intentions: Pamela Baxendale (LD), Maureen Southworth (A), Fred Davies (A), Jessie Carter (A), James Lloyd (LD) x3, a special intention, in thanksgiving for a recovery, in thanksgiving to the Rosa Mystica for successful surgery, Annie O'Brien (Sick)

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.

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

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

We are asked to pray for these intentions: Let us pray for the people of St. Margaret Mary's, New Moston, for Fr. Andrew Starkie and Deacon Stephen O'Connor together with the Manchester Ordinariate Mission. We pray for their parish primary school and for the Presentation Sisters.

Littleway Healing Ministries: Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gregory's church is hosting a Parish Healing Mission from Thursday 23rd April until Sunday 26th April. On Saturday 25th April there will be Mass at 9.30am followed by an Open Healing Event from 10am – 4.30pm, all welcome. If you wish to attend, please see Fr Alf after Mass for a ticket. More details are available on the poster at the back of the church.

Just a short note of gratitude: I would like to thank those who gave kind wishes, cards and gifts for my birthday. (only 15 years too retirement!) We are now entering Holy Week, and I have invited guest speaker Maria Hall to give the Parish a talk on Monday evening in the Patmos Room 7.30pm - 9pm discussing the history of Holy week liturgy, ideal preparation for the week ahead - please do come - wishing you all a very blessed Holy Week. Fr Alfred



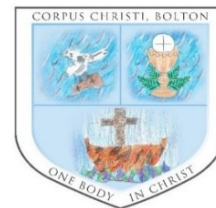
Today's first and second readings give an insight into what can happen if we respond to the challenge that change makes in our lives. The passage from Isaiah speaks of the trials and triumphs of the life of a disciple. Listen closely to the words of the prophet. To be a disciple requires courage, steadfastness and love. It is not an easy way to live. Parenthood is a form of discipleship. When relationships in families are good it is a relatively easy way to be a disciple, but when there is a breakdown in relationships then I am sure that these words of Isaiah ring very true.

Jesus is the supreme example of a disciple. As Saint Paul explains He was divine, yet he became a man and "emptied himself by taking the form of a servant". He had the power to work miracles, to raise people from the dead yet he allowed himself to be taken and crucified, not for his own sake, but for the whole of humankind. He was the Son of God but accepted death, *death on a cross*. Now he is the name above all other names, exalted by the Father, to be Lord forever.

During this week the words of the Passion of Jesus as told by Matthew should be held in our hearts. They tell a very human story of betrayal, denial, injustice and death. Judas, Peter and Pilate are part of our story. Judas could represent the temptations of the world that turn a devoted follower of Christ into a traitor. Peter makes many promises of fidelity to Jesus but, when the time comes, denies him before the servants in the temple. Pilate is the most powerful man in Jerusalem yet orders the death of an innocent man just to please the Jews. And Jesus, through all His trials, stands firm, a good man brought down by others. While they depart in disgrace, Jesus moves on to His glory and His victory over death.

Throughout our lives we live through periods of "letting go" and "moving on". From childhood, through school, into our working lives and in old age we experience a continuous process of change. In this coming week we walk with Jesus through His most painful period of letting go of His physical human life and moving onto His spiritual life. There are lessons to be learned from these moments, and we have no greater teacher than Our Lord.

David Frank



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year A)

SVP News: Lists now available in both churches for those wishing to order hanging baskets. We will confirm prices and delivery dates as soon as they become available.

Our coffee morning this week, together with a number of donations raised £345 for the destitution project. This has been delivered to the project together with food donations received during Lent. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to you, our parish community, for your generosity and support, for the work we do during the year for those in need.

200 Club Subscriptions: There are still some outstanding subscriptions. Please mark envelopes FAO Ann Gracie. Parishioners at St Brendan's can hand theirs to Peter Carolan. If anyone requires additional numbers, please contact Ann on 07528027295. Thank you, *Ann*.

Turin Shroud: A unique opportunity to discover more about The Turin Shroud and see a replica copy as part of an exhibition at Blackburn Cathedral. This will take place on 11th and 12th April. See the link below or the posters at the back of church.

<https://www.bstsnewsletter.com/golden-jubilee.html>

The parish have two tickets available for the Mass of Sacred Chrism at St Patrick's Collyhurst on Wednesday 1st April at 11.00am. Please see Fr if you would like to attend.

Readers: 4/5 March 2026

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| 5pm Vigil (SB) | 9.30am (SJ) | 11am (SB) |
| TBA | Pat Partington | Fely Doloroso |

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 5th April
Michael Kitchen/Pat Partington

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There will be a general clean of the church at St John's, after Mass on Wednesday 1st April. All welcome.

29th March 2026

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Masses & Activities this week**

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 176 of Mass Book



Sunday 29th March

9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy

11am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

2.00pm Churches together beginning at Christ Church Harwood.

Monday 30th March

12pm Mass (SJ)

6.30pm Stations of the Cross (SJ)

7.30pm Holy week talk with Maria Hall

Tuesday 31st March

10am Mass (SB)

Wednesday 1st April

10am Mass (SJ)

The Easter Triduum

2nd April Maundy Thursday – A special collection for the SVP

7.30pm (St John's)

3rd April Good Friday – A special collection for the Holy Places, which supports the work of the Church in the Holy Land

9.30am Confessions (St Brendan's)

10.30am Stations of the Cross (St Brendan's)

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

4th April - Holy Saturday

7pm Easter Vigil (St Brendan's)

5th April Easter Sunday

9.30am Mass (SJ)

11.00m Mass (SB)

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