

## NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS

### 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead to us acknowledge that Lent is a very special ‘calling’, to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

#### Liturgy & Activities This Week

*Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2*  
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Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy – Fair trade goods on sale before and after Mass 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy <i>A Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i>
Monday (13 <sup>th</sup> )	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (Longsight) 7.45pm SVP (SJ) <i>Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis</i>
Tuesday (14 <sup>th</sup> )	8.15am Mass (St Columba's) 6.30pm Stations of The Cross (SJ) 7pm Mass followed by Reconciliation (St John's) 7.15pm SVP (SB)
Wednesday (15 <sup>th</sup> )	No Morning Mass Today 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (St John's) 7.30pm Churches Together in Tonge Moor Lent Studies (St Augustine's - Exploring fasting)
Thursday (16 <sup>th</sup> )	9.15am Mass (SB) 1pm–3pm Colouring Social Group (Patmos Room, St John's)
Friday (17 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>St Patrick, Patron of Ireland</i>	8.15am Mass (St John's School)
Saturday (18 <sup>th</sup> )	10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation (St John's Patmos Room) 5pm Mass (SC)
Sunday (19 <sup>th</sup> )	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy

#### Prayers Please

**Sick:** Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, Derek Crompton, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, John Pryor, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Robert Morissey, Edwin Rankin, Father Francis McAuley, Margaret Patterson, Jessie Carter and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

**Lately Dead:** Father Geoffrey Hilton, Rita Taylor, Margaret Whyte, Neville Jones, Canon Harry Jones, Brian Harrison, Ray Bailey, Melinda Barone

**Anniversaries:** June Smith, Betty Carolan, John Carolan, David Greenhalgh, Teresa Wilson, Tony Coop, Alfeo & Bonifacia Doloroso

**Mass Intentions:** June Smith, Betty Carolan, John Carolan, David Greenhalgh, Neville Jones, Rita Taylor, Teresa Wilson, Barbara Grimes (Birthday Remembrance), Tony Coop, Alfeo & Bonifacia Doloroso, Thanksgiving for successful surgery

#### Fr Geoffrey Hilton

Please remember in your prayers Fr Geoffrey Hilton, parish priest of St Osmund's, Brightmet, who sadly died on Thursday, suddenly and unexpectedly. We remember also his brother, David, and his family, his friends and the parishioners of St Osmund's at this time. May he rest in peace. Funeral arrangements will follow in due course.

#### 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

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**Ceilidh:** The total (as mentioned previously) was £730.40. This amount has been sent to CAFOD for the *Hands-on Bolivia Project (Worms)*, which is an on-going two-year scheme. So once again, thank you for your support.

**Easter Flower Demonstration**

Saturday 8 April (2pm) in the Patmos Room (St John's)  
 Tickets £5 including a Cream Tea  
 and all arrangements are to be raffled.  
 All proceeds are in aid of CAFOD and tickets will be on sale after Weekend Masses.

**The next CAFOD meeting is on Thursday 6 April (7pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. All welcome.**

**Destitution Project:** The collection continues at our three churches during March. *Thank you for your continued support.*

**St Columba's (Parking):** We have received an email from a concerned resident of Howsin Avenue about the parking at the 5pm Mass. We appreciate that parking is very difficult around the area but please could parishioners ensure, that as the road is very narrow, enough width on the road is left for cars to get through (or more importantly, emergency vehicles). Similarly, so that pedestrians are able walk on the pavement, please take care when parking at the kerbside. *Thank you.*

**Theatre Lovers:** Tickets for *Talking Heads* on Wednesday 21 June are now available for collection. They can be collected after 11.15am Mass at St Brendan's, or other arrangements can be made if you give me a ring. Thank you. Madeleine 303505

**CAMEO Group:** The next meeting will be *Desert Island Discs* (a musical afternoon) and will be held on Wednesday 22 March in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's (2-4pm). Refreshments will be available and all are most welcome.

**Readers' Rota:** The new rota (April-November) is available for both St Brendan's and St John's.

**St John the Evangelist School presents the "Passion of Christ" Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April (afternoon)**

During Holy Week, we would like to invite you on a tour around the school for a retelling of the "Passion of Christ." It will convey the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, suffering and finally his crucifixion. Tea and coffee will be provided. **Please note**, as we can only accommodate 10-15 people maximum in any one group, it is important that you telephone school to book a place. *Thank you.*

**Salesians of Don Bosco UK  
 Vacancy – House Manager/Carer**

There is an exciting opportunity to manage our private community house of circa. ten elderly priests and brothers creating a homely atmosphere within a religious setting. Please see the job advertisement on the notice boards for full details.

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**Lenten Activities**

**Churches together in Harwood:** Lenten Course entitled *Eat, Pray, Share* will be held every Monday in Lent (7.30-9.00pm):

St Brendan – 27 March; Longsight Methodist – 13 March & 3 April; Christ's Church - 20 March & 10 April.

**Deanery Station Masses**

**Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm (Confessions from 7pm)**

15<sup>th</sup> March – St John, Bromley Cross  
 22<sup>nd</sup> March – St Thomas of Canterbury, Heaton  
 29<sup>th</sup> March – St William of York  
 5<sup>th</sup> April – Our Lady of Lourdes, Farnworth

**All are welcome to attend**

**St John's 200 Club:** All monies are now due for the next 12 months. Frances Smith will be at all Masses this weekend. There are still numbers spare if anyone would like to join

**Book Club Spring Outing:** This year, on Wednesday 10 May. We are hoping to visit Dewlay's Cheese Factory (outside Garstang) for a guided tour, refreshments, talk and cheese tasting. After that, we go on to Barton Grange Garden Centre for lunch. The trip, including admission etc, is £14. We have booked a 32-seater coach, leaving St Brendan's at 9.15am and returning at 3.15pm. You do not have to be a member of the Book Club to go on one of our parish outings. If you would like to reserve a place, please contact Pauline on 383138 or Madeleine on 303505. All welcome.

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 18 March (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is for parents from any of our three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please phone 301927 or email [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk) if you wish to attend.

**Think Vocation**

God the Father instructs us to listen to His Son. In our Lenten discipline, may we remember those who are discerning whether the Lord is calling them to serve in the Church through the priesthood or consecrated life. By our prayers and encouragement may they be helped to listen to the voice of the Lord rather than to other conflicting voices calling them elsewhere.

**Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh)**

Transformed by our love: Sometimes life is hard and we can get lost in the daily grind of making ends meet, of getting things done. Then, suddenly, a change occurs through a simple show of affection: a kiss, a touch, a loving glance from my beloved! In little gestures like these, we reveal again our love for each other and our relationship is transformed!

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend (18/19 March)**

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	V Cryer	M Hilton, J Cranshaw
9.15 (SJ)	C Grundy	E Rothwell, D Ramsden, M Speed, P McArdle, F Smith, T Armstrong
11.15 (SB)	C Owen	P Brennan, M Durkan, C Owen