

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

3RD MARCH 2013 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



"The man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall." This is the theme of this Sunday: it underlines the need for repentance, which is the focus of our Lenten journey in Year C. Jesus, in the Gospel, uses two recent events in order to illustrate his point about sin and repentance - there is a price to be paid for sin, but there is a way of avoiding it: if we repent, we will have salvation and a new and real freedom. This idea is emphasised in the parable, where we see a tree not being condemned immediately, but given a chance to change and produce fruit. So are we. This links in with the two other readings, which also talk about escape - the escape of Israel from Egypt. This is to be a warning for us, as Saint Paul says: if we are Christians, we must live as Christians, and be aware of the need to watch our lives and the direction they are taking.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal page 554 <i>Readings 562; Preface 39</i>		Prayers Please
Sunday	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 Stations of the Cross (SJ) <i>Day of Special prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Margaret Edge, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O’Grady, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Emma Turner, Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Emma Jiminez (baby), Bernard Cummings, Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Denise Carolan, Leila Parker, Julie Smith and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead, Francis Brazel,, Alf O’Neill, Ethel Leach, Alan Roberts, James Boland</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Marie & Elizabeth (seriously ill), Francis Brazel, Pamela Clarke, James Boland</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer for Election of a New Pope O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unflinching care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Course (St Brendan’s) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	6.30pm Stations of the Cross (SB) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	No Morning Mass 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (Deane) (St Ethelbert, Hawthorne St, BL3 4DD)	
Thursday <i>St Perpetua & St Felicity</i>	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	8.15am Mass (SJ School) 10am Coffee Morning for Tanzania (Patmos Room) 2-4pm Fairtrade Tea Party (SJ School)	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>Laetare Sunday Mother’s Day</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 <i>Day of Special prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	
Collections, Donations, Gift Aid <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan’s, St Columba’s or St John’s as appropriate. If you are a tax-payer, the parish can claim back the tax you have paid on any donations you make if you simply sign a Gift Aid form once. Please ask. Thanks.</i>		

Parish Priest and Rural Dean: Rev Michael Cooke E-mail: michael.cooke@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
Assistant Priest: Rev Joseph Gee E-mail: joseph.gee@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
 St John’s Presbytery, The Crescent, Bromley Cross, Bolton BL7 9JP
Tel: 01204 301927 **Parish E-mail:** office@sbsj.org.uk **Parish website:** www.sbsj.org.uk
Salford Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered Charity – 250037 Diocesan website: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Fairtrade Fortnight (25 February – 10 March)

"Take a Step for Fairtrade"

St John's School Tea Party: This will be held in the school hall on Friday 8 March (2pm to 4pm). Fairtrade goods from Justicia will be on sale and there will be a raffle to raise funds for CAFOD and the Thornleigh 6th Form trip to Tanzania. All are welcome.

Fairtrade Stall: Goods will be on sale at both St Brendan's and St John's for the next two weekends. Justicia, the Fairtrade shop in Bolton from whom we obtain the stock, generously gives us 5% commission on all goods we sell, which is all donated to CAFOD.

Tanzania Appeal: At our Masses at St Brendan's and St John's this weekend, we will hear from a young parishioner (Daniel Conniffe) who will be part of the Thornleigh Sixth Form trip to Tanzania this summer. He will speak to us about the trip and appeal for financial support. Daniel will speak to the parishioners at St Columba's next weekend. Please respond generously.

Coffee Morning (St John's): This will be held in the Patmos Room on Friday 8 March (10am). All are welcome and the proceeds are towards the Thornleigh Tanzania Trip. Please come along and support.

Parish Forum: The next meeting of the Parish Forum will be on Thursday 21 March (7pm). Venue to be confirmed. This is an open meeting for parishioners from all three parishes. An agenda will be published nearer the time.

Baptism Preparation: The next preparation session will be on Thursday 14 March (7 to 8.30pm) at St Brendan's. This is for parents wishing to have a child baptised in any of our three churches. Please let Fr Cooke know if you will be attending.

Harbour Room Book Club: Many thanks to all our members who attended the last meeting to discuss the finer points of a challenging book! If any members missed the meeting but would still like to go on the trip, please bring the £5 along to the next meeting which will be on March 27th. Monies for our trip to the Imperial War Museum on April 10th are due as soon as possible to Sue. All welcome. *Madeleine*

Novena to St Joseph: Each Year the Mill Hill Community prepares for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers (10-18 March). You are invited to send your petitions and/or request a Novena booklet by writing to Fr Denis Treacy, MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, Communications House, 12 Craufurd Rise, Maidenhead SL6 7LS or email: novena@millhillmissionaries.com

This Newsletter is sponsored by

HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE

Peel House
638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton.
BL1 7AL
01204 309609



Lent 2013

Stations of the Cross

Sunday (3 March) 2pm at St John's

Tuesday 6.30pm at St Brendan's

Churches in Harwood Lent Course

Journeys of Faith

Monday Evenings 7.30-9pm

4 March – St Brendan's

11 March – Christ's Church

18 March – Harwood Methodists (Longsight)

25 March – St Brendan's

Materials for these sessions can be downloaded from www.ctbi.org.uk/lent

Deanery Station Masses

Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm (Confessions from 7pm)

6 March – St Ethelbert, Deane

13 March – Holy Family, New Springs

20 March – St Columba, Tonge Moor

Friday Morning Mass

In St John's School at 8.15am

All are welcome to attend any of these activities

Year of Faith

Diocesan talks – Winter/Spring 2013

St Gabriel's High School, Bury (7.30pm-9.30pm).

- Wednesday 6 March – Dr Edward Kessler MBE 'Jewish-Christian relations in the light of Vatican II'
- Monday 22 April – Archbishop Bernard Longley 'The Synod on The New Evangelisation-where do we go from here?'

Prior registration is not essential, but helps with organisation. There is a suggested donation of £5 per person, per evening to help cover costs. Booking forms and further information are available from the diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk or e-mail sharon.beech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Catholicism

The presentations on the Catholic Faith, held at St James' Parish Monserrat recently, were very well received. People who attended wanted a chance to ask questions and discuss the programme further. The series will re-run on Monday evenings, with this in mind, for the next 4 weeks commencing at 7.30pm. Please see the notice boards for further details.

Think Vocation

"The Lord God of your Fathers has sent me to you." Whenever we encounter a priest or Religious, we need to remember that they have been called by Our Lord and sent to serve us. God works in all sorts of different ways that are often beyond our understanding. May we treat those sent to us by God with the utmost respect and give them our fullest support.