

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

17TH FEBRUARY 2013 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



As with each First Sunday of Lent the Gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness; as we begin the journey of Lent, during which we will consider our lives as members of the Church, we look to the example of Jesus when it comes to dealing with temptation. Choosing to follow God's path is the first characteristic of the Christian: this is underlined in the two other readings, which outline the two "creeds" or statements of belief - one of Israel and one of the Christian. Both of them emphasize "believing in the heart and confessing with the lips": both creeds underline the Salvation that God has achieved - for Israel it was freedom from Egypt, for the Christian freedom from death in Jesus.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please	
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal page 532; Readings 538; Preface (at priest's choice)			
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 <i>A 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: Sr Pauline CP, Vera Wilford, Francis Brazel, Kathleen O'Rourke, Alf O'Neill, Catherine Cooke, Michael Axford, Sally Anne Walker</p> <p>Anniversary: Frank Kirkham, Mary Rowson, Terry Brooks, Terence Cocker, William Hodget, Christopher Hailwood, Margaret Brandwood, Ellen Roohan</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Sr Pauline CP, Vera Wilford, Francis Brazel, Frank Kirkham, Mary Calvin, Kathleen O'Rourke, Karen Gardner, Mary Rowson, Terry Brooks, Patrick O'Donnell (1st Birthday Remembrance), Alf O'Neill, Terence Cocker, Paul Cranshaw, Catherine Cooke, In honour of St Anthony, Michael Axford, Sally Anne Walker, William Hodget, Christopher Hailwood, Margaret Brandwood</p>	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (Christ's Church) 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 (Westhoughton)		
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)		
Friday	8.15am Mass (SJ School) <i>The Chair of St Peter the Apostle</i> <i>CAFOD Lent Fast Day</i> <i>A Day of Special Prayer for the Needy & Hungry of the World</i>		
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)		
Next 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 <i>A 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>			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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Pastoral Letter: This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Brain urging us to use the season of Lent well. We are encouraged to be open to the gift of faith, to grow in that faith and then to proclaim it to others.

CAFOD: This weekend we also have a short talk from a member of our parish CAFOD group alerting us to the Fast Day on Friday. Envelopes are distributed this week for the special collection next weekend.

Pope Benedict: As you will know from the Media, Pope Benedict has announced that he is resigning at the end of this month. Please pray for him as he prepares to leave this important office and pray for those who, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will be choosing his successor.

Congratulations: To Evie Delainey Edwards who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: In response to ideas discussed at the last parish forum (and prompted again by a couple of parishioners), we will introduce an hour of Eucharistic Adoration (11am to 12noon) on the first Saturday of the month (beginning on 2 March). This will be at St John's and a priest will be available to hear confessions during that time.

Sing A Song: An evening of popular music with Affetside Choir in aid of the Royal Bolton Hospital. Friday 15 March (7.30pm) at Tottington Road Methodist Church, Harwood. Tickets (£5 including refreshments) are available from Michael (01204 301469), Jackie (852410) or Pam (884807).

Year of Faith

Diocesan talks – Winter/Spring 2013

A second series of talks, organised by the Office for Evangelisation, are taking place at St Gabriel's High School, Bury (7.30pm-9.30pm).

- Wednesday 20 February - Mgr Peter Fleetwood 'Restoring unity among Christians Have we been faithful to Vatican II's promise?'
- 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 £5.00 per person, per evening to help cover costs. Booking forms and further information are available from the diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk, e-mail sharon.beech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or from the Department for Evangelisation, Guardian Angels Parish House, Harvey Street, Bury, BL8 2RD.

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Lent 2013

Walk with Me

Please take the special booklets and calendars to help you through the Lenten season

Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 6.30pm at St Brendan's

Churches in Harwood Lent Course

Journeys of Faith

Monday Evenings 7.30-9pm

18 February – Christ's Church

25 February – Harwood Methodists (Longsight)

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)

20 February – Sacred Heart, Westhoughton

27 February – Holy Infant, Astley Bridge

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 from 22 February

All are welcome to attend any of these activities

Think Vocation

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Those who are called to the priesthood or Consecrated Life are responding to Christ in order to receive the promise of eternal life for their souls. May we ask ourselves at the beginning of this holy season of Lent what we need to do with our lives to respond to that offer of salvation.

CAFOD

During 2012, the parishes of St Brendan and St John raised a total of £8447.35 for CAFOD. (I don't currently have a figure for St Columba's). This was raised as follows:

Appeals	4606.80
Sunday Coffee (SB)	1476.41
Sunday Coffee (SJ)	539.30
Fairtrade	74.49
Boxes	329.39
Piety Stall (SJ)	849.96
Other	571.00

Of this income, £5532.41 was paid direct to CAFOD for its appeals (and the amount given in response to the Lent appeal was doubled by the Government). We then bought World Gifts amounting to £2890, which consisted of 3 village water supplies (£750 each), 4 water mechanics (£60 each) and 4 cows (£100 each). This left a balance of £24.94 carried over to this year.

Many thanks for your contributions