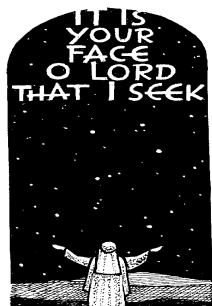


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



Every year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain top. Why? Jesus revealed his glory to the three apostles in order to strengthen them for the journey ahead - the journey to Jerusalem, Gethsemane and Golgotha. The same vision is today offered to us, to strengthen us in our Lenten Journey of Faith. Last week we heard about temptation: this week we are driven onwards by a vision of glory that will be ours - the goal of our lives of faith and all that we do as Christians. The transfiguration represents the final destination of our lives, if we are faithful in resisting temptation and living each day as faithful members of Jesus Christ. In our journey of renewal and new commitment through Lent, we are spurred on and encouraged by today's vision to see why the effort is worth it.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> <b>Sunday Missal page 534 Readings 549; Preface 552</b>		<p><b>Sick:</b> 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 &amp; 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><b>Lately Dead:</b> Sr Pauline CP, Vera Wilford, Francis Brazel, Kathleen O'Rourke, Alf O'Neill, Sally Anne Walker, Ethel Leach</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Ellen Roohan, Joy Marsh, Thomas Maguire, Mary Joan Quinn, Cynthia Winstanley, Mavis Moss, Isabella Coupe, George Beeching, John Pearce, Margaret Grogan</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Joy Marsh, For the deceased members of the O'Kane &amp; Boardman families, Thomas Maguire, Mary Joan Quinn, Francis Brazel, Cynthia Winstanley, Mavis Moss, Isabella Coupe (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Alf O'Neill (from the staff &amp; children of St John's School), George Beeching, John Pearce, Margaret Grogan, Alf O'Neill, Ellen Roohan, Ethel Leach</p>
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>	
Monday	No Mass today 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Course (Longsight) 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 (Astley Bridge) (Holy Infant, Baxendale Street, BL1 6QH)	
Thursday	9.15am School Mass in Church (SB)	
Friday	8.15am Mass (SJ School)  <i>St David, Patron of Wales</i>	
Saturday	11am-12 noon Eucharistic Adoration (SJ) 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 2pm Stations of the Cross (SJ) <i>A Day of Special prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	
<b>Collections, Donations, Gift Aid</b> <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>		

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## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 three 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.

**CAFOD:** This weekend we have our special collection to support CAFOD as a result of Friday's Lent Fast Day. To find out more about CAFOD's *Hungry for Change* campaign go to [www.cafod.org.uk/hungry](http://www.cafod.org.uk/hungry)

**Pope Benedict:** Special prayer cards have been produced to encourage us to pray for Pope Benedict during these final days of his ministry as Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pontiff. Please pray also for those whose task it will be to elect his successor.

**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.

**Tanzania Appeal:** Once again, we have a young parishioner (Daniel Conniffe) who will be part of the Thornleigh Sixth Form trip to Tanzania this summer. I have invited Daniel to speak to us about the trip and appeal to you for financial support. He will do this next weekend at St Brendan's and St John's and the following weekend at St Columba's. Please respond generously.

**Parish Forum:** The next meeting of the Parish Forum will be on Thursday 21 March (7pm) at St Brendan's. This is an open meeting for parishioners from all three parishes. An agenda will be published nearer the time.

**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). They pray for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary work of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. 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](mailto:novena@millhillmissionaries.com).

**Church Cleaners (SJ):** M Cropper and R Davies

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## Lent 2013

### Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 6.30pm at St Brendan's  
Next Sunday (2 March) 2pm at St John's

### Churches in Harwood Lent Course

#### *Journeys of Faith*

Monday Evenings 7.30-9pm  
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](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/lent)

### Deanery Station Masses

Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm (Confessions from 7pm)  
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

*All are welcome to attend any of these activities*

## 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 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](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk), e-mail [sharon.beech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:sharon.beech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or from the Department for Evangelisation, Guardian Angels Parish House, Harvey Street, Bury, BL8 2RD.*

**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).

## Think Vocation

"This is My Son, the Chosen One, listen to Him." Lent is a time for prayer and self denial. Out of a deeper personal relationship with Our Lord, we can gain clearer direction for our lives. This Lent, may we keep in our prayers someone we think the Lord may be asking to serve Him in the Church in the priesthood or consecrated life.