

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS  
26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



We begin our Lenten journey at the decisive moment of the flood, when God establishes his first Covenant with man, in the person of Noah. Noah was saved from the waters, while we (as Saint Peter points out) are saved by the waters of Baptism. This is the Covenant we live in, thanks to Christ, who came to establish this “new and eternal Covenant in his blood”. He is the only one who can do this, because he is without sin, despite “having been tempted in every way that we are”.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle B (Missal pages 532 &amp; 536); Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1 Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 3.30pm Queen's Diamond Jubilee Service (Parish Church) 6.30pm Aspire Mass (St Ann's, Ashton under Lyne)	<p><b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bill Kay, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Baby Guy, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Maria de los Angeles, Paul Preston, Elizabeth Patterson, Eunice Brierley, Betty Boyle, Bernard Callaghan, Judith Oldham, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Paul Whittle, Caroline Vickers, Bill Sharples, George Cowley, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Karen West, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Alf Isherwood, Bernard &amp; Rita Holder, Michael (six year old), Baby Rose, Calum Russell (baby), Margaret Edge, Frank Brazel, Graham Roberts, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Tommy Lenihan, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Graham Turner, Jim Birch, Jane Dent, Mary Keighley, Emma Turner (12yrs old), Bishop Brain, Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Patrick O'Donnell (new-born baby), Joan Rankin, Bernard Cummings and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Margaret Brandwood, Marie Houghton (Fr Dorran's sister), Philip Blackburn, Joyce Knight, Edna Lever, Andrea Lawless, Alan Stott, Glenda Allchurch</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Tess McSherry, Thomas Maguire</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Kathleen Prendergast, Joyce Knight, Philip Blackburn, Edna Lever, Tess McSherry, Marie Houghton, Andrea Lawless, Cynthia Winstanley, Alan Stott, Glenda Allchurch, For a successful operation, Margaret Brandwood, Thomas Maguire, Marion Jackson, Baby James Thomas Lee, A sick relative</p> <p><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 3 (of 6):</b> We pray especially for: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) <i>Fairtrade Fortnight begins</i> 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (SB) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	6.30pm Stations of the Cross (SB) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	1.30-3pm Book Club (Harbour Room) 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (Holy Family, New Springs) 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday <i>St David, Patron of Wales</i>	9.15am Mass (SB) Afternoon – Diocesan Prayer Torch arrives at St Brendan's 7.30pm Mission Meeting (St Thomas of Canterbury)	
Friday <i>CAFOD Lent Fast Day</i>	9.10am Mass in St John's School <i>Women's World Day of Prayer</i> 9.40am Prayer Torch leaves St Brendan's 10am (approx) Prayer Torch arrives at St John's 2pm (approx) Prayer Torch taken to St Columba's	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Stations of the Cross (SJ) 2.30pm SVP Party (SB School)	
<b>Collections, Donations, Gift Aid</b> <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan'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>		
<b>Remember that throughout Lent we are invited to pray, to fast and to give alms. This Lent, any money given to CAFOD will be matched by the Government (UK Aid)</b>		

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee:** On Sunday afternoon there is a special service in Bolton Parish Church. This is the first of ten special services (one in each of the Greater Manchester boroughs) to mark Queen Elizabeth's 60 years on the throne. Please pray for her today and throughout this special year.

**Fairtrade Fortnight:** To support Fairtrade Fortnight, Monday 27 February until Sunday 11 March, our fairtrade stall at each church will be set up this weekend and for the following 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. Please "Take a Step For Fairtrade" and visit the stall this Fairtrade Fortnight!

**Congratulations:** To Ruby Ava Barlow who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29 February, same time, same place. We shall be discussing two novels, *Half of a Yellow Sun* (Adichie) and *Imperium* (Harris). Refreshments will be provided. £1 and all welcome. *Madeleine*

**Mission Meeting:** All APF-Mill Hill members (and anyone else interested in mission) are invited to a meeting with Fr Jan Klaver at St Thomas of Canterbury, Heaton on Thursday. Mass at 7.30pm will be followed by a short film and a chance to find out how Red Box donations make a difference.

**SVP Party (SB):** Sunday 4 March in St Brendan's School.

**Born to Sing:** An evening of entertainment by *Nobow Productions* at Dunsar Conservative Club on Friday 9 March at 7.30pm. Tickets on sale at both churches at £6 (including refreshments). Please do support this event.

**CAMEO Group:** On behalf of all those who came last Wednesday, a big "Thank You" goes to Mr Fred Horridge for a very entertaining and informative afternoon.

**St Brendan's SVP:** Would you be interested in becoming a "Friend of the SVP"? If so, please read the notice in the Harbour Room or ask for a leaflet. Thank you.

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### Think Vocations

Temptation is a very powerful force at work in our world. It is as strong today as it ever was. Society can make us narrow minded and think only of ourselves and what we can get out of life. This can lead to a destruction of the spirit of generosity needed to foster vocations within the Church. Temptation can make us closed to the promptings of the Holy Spirit that lead us closer to God. If we are tempted to despair over the future of the Church then let us reconnect during this Holy Season of Lent with the New Covenant established in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Relay of Prayer

The special Olympic prayer torch which is travelling around the diocese will be in our schools this week.

The torch is due to come to St Brendan's on Thursday 1 March, from Holly Mount (with an assembly about El Salvador). It will be transferred to St John's on the morning of Friday 2 March (with an assembly about Puerto Rico) and then on to St Columba's that afternoon (with an assembly about Côte d'Ivoire).

Exact times for these transfers are hard to determine, though it is hoped that the torch will arrive in St John's soon after the Friday morning Mass (i.e. about 10am). Parishioners are invited to keep an eye out for the torch as it passes through the area – and give a wave to the bearers!

For more information see [www.evangelisation-dos.com](http://www.evangelisation-dos.com)

## Lent & Easter 2012

### Churches in Harwood Lent Course

Monday Evenings 7.30-9pm  
27 February – St Brendan's  
5 March – Harwood Methodists (Tottington Road)  
12 March – Christ's Church  
19 March – St Brendan's  
26 March – Harwood Methodists (Tottington Road)

### Stations of the Cross

Tuesday Evenings 6.30pm at St Brendan's  
from Tuesday 28 February  
Sunday Afternoons 2pm at St John's  
from Sunday 4 March  
Ecumenical Stations of the Cross  
Monday 2 April 7pm at St John's

### Deanery Station Masses

Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm (Confessions from 7pm)  
29 February – Holy Family, New Springs  
7 March – St William, Great Lever  
14 March – St Columba, Tonge Moor  
21 March – St Joseph, Halliwell  
28 March – Our Lady of Lourdes, Farnworth

### Friday Morning Mass

In St John's School from Friday 2 March

*All are welcome to attend any of these activities*

### Easter Triduum

This year we will celebrate Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil at St Brendan's for both parishes.

### Passion for Song – Bolton's Big Easter Sing

Easter Sunday (8 April)  
6.30pm in Victoria Hall, Knowsley Street

## Eucharistic Congress

In preparation for this Congress, each deanery in the diocese has been asked to find seven churches to consecutively hold 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration (so there will be a solid two months). Our deanery has been assigned 11 to 18 March and I have volunteered St John's for Saturday 17 to Sunday 18 March. We will have a 9.30 Mass that Saturday morning (which happens to be St Patrick's Day) and then Adoration through to evening Mass time and from after evening Mass through to just before the 9.15 Mass on the Sunday. We will need volunteers to pray before the Blessed Sacrament (and keep an eye on the church) throughout that time. Further information about this next week. *Fr Cooke*