

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS  
25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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In the weeks of Lent so far we have followed God's work of salvation: we have seen the Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Israel after the return from Babylon. Now we come to one of the most significant parts of the Old Testament: the promise of a brand new Covenant, which will be different from all those that went before. This Covenant will see God and Man living more closely together. For the ratification of a Covenant, something was always sacrificed as a sign of the new relationship – normally man would offer some animal offering to God. But the New Covenant will be ratified not with the death of sheep or bull, but by the death of Jesus Christ, God and Man. In this perfect sacrifice is the source of our eternal salvation.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> <i>Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Stations of the Cross (SJ) 2.30-4.30pm Rehearsal for Big Sing Choir (Victoria Hall)	<p><b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bill Kay, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Judith Oldham, Kathleen Humphreys, Betty Boyle, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, 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), Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Patrick O'Donnell (new-born baby), Joan Rankin, Bernard Cummings, Guy (3yrs old), Fr Francis McCauley, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Fabrice Muamba and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Fred Kay, Bridie Monaghan</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Daniel Evans, Brenda Riley, Francis &amp; Veronica Evans, Patrick John Carolan, David Greenhalgh</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Daniel Evans, Brenda Riley, Joyce Knight, Fred Kay, Patrick O'Donnell, Thomas Wilkinson, Francis &amp; Veronica Evans, Bernard Cummings, Graham Turner, Cynthia Winstanley, Patrick John Carolan, David Greenhalgh, Stanley Powis</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) 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (Tott Road) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	6.30pm Stations of the Cross (SB) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	1.30-3pm Harbour Room Book Club 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes, Farnworth) 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday	9.15am (SB) – School Mass in Church (Holy Week/Easter) 7-8.30pm Baptism Preparation (Harbour Room)	
Friday	8.30am Mass in St John's School	
Saturday	11am-3pm Fun Day at Harwood Methodist (Longsight) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) No Stations of the Cross today (but Monday at 7pm at SJ)	
<p><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></p>		
<p><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></p>		

**Baptism Preparation:** The next session for parents will be on Thursday 29 March (7-8.30pm) in the Harbour Room. Please let Fr Cooke know if you will be attending.

**CAFOD Campaign:** The *Thirst for Change* cards are available today so that you can join in with this campaign.

**Readers:** New rota (April to July) now available.

**Offertory Envelopes:** The new sets of envelopes (which begin on Easter Sunday) are now available. Some of the numbers allocated at St John's have changed from last year (because less sets of envelopes were needed).

**Gift Aid:** For the tax year 2010-11, St Brendan's received £4703 (on donations of £18527) and St John's £8851 (on £34867). All of this is at no extra cost to the people donating money to church. So, if you are a taxpayer and you do not currently gift aid your donations, please consider doing so. You only need to complete and sign a simple form and tax paid on your donations to church can be reclaimed. Thank you to all our Gift Aiders!

**Harbour Room Book Club:** Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 28 to discuss *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue M. Kidd. Refreshments are provided and all are welcome. 1.30 - 3pm. For those who are hoping to go on the trip, (or may now have to back out!) please note that the tour of Cheetham's Library and Manchester Cathedral will take place on Wednesday April 18, the minibus leaving at 9.30am outside St. Brendan's and returning at approx. 2.15pm. The whole cost will be £5 payable to Pauline please, asap. Further details can be discussed at Book Club's Wednesday meeting. With thanks, *Madeleine*

**Church Cleaners (SJ):** B John & A Caldwell

**St John's 200 Club:** Annual subscriptions are now due. Please make cheques payable to St John's. Thanks for your continuing support.

**Turton Tigers:** Year 1 football coaching with an FA licensed coach. Thursday evenings (5-6pm) at Castle Hill Sports Hall in March and outside at St Brendan's from April. £3 a session. Contact Andy on 07742 443693

**Coalition for Marriage:** Please consider signing the petition at [www.C4M.org.uk](http://www.C4M.org.uk) (accessed through our parish website) or in paper form at the back of church.

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### Think Vocations

St Paul tells us that Christ became a source of salvation for all who obey him. All those who serve as priests or Religious promise obedience. Saying yes to the requests of our Bishop or superiors in order to remain faithful to God and the life we are committed to is not always easy. God works through the authority of the Church. Let us pray for our Bishop that the sometimes difficult decisions he has to make will be done justly and with the prayer filled guidance of the Holy Spirit.

### Lent Activities This Week

#### Churches in Harwood Lent Course

Monday Evening 7.30-9pm  
26 March – Harwood Methodists (Tottington Road)

#### Stations of the Cross

Sunday Afternoon 2pm at St John's  
Tuesday Evening 6.30pm at St Brendan's

#### Deanery Station Mass

Wednesday Evening 7.30pm (Confessions from 7pm)  
28 March – Our Lady of Lourdes, Farnworth  
[275 Plodder Lane, BL4 0BR]

#### Friday Morning Mass

8.30am in St John's School

*All are welcome to attend any of these activities*



There will be drama and lots of opportunity to sing, with a message from Bolton Wanderers Manager, Owen Coyle, to highlight the opportunities of Bolton's Year of Sport. Everyone is welcome and the event is free, but seats cannot be reserved so come early. Spread the word in your community and let's have a great turnout. Local choirs are invited to participate.

For more information contact Rev Philip Brooks on 0777 966 7424 or Bolton Christian Cohesion Office on 01204 546139 or email [info@boltonccc.org](mailto:info@boltonccc.org)

The finale of the Big Sing will be the Hallelujah Chorus. Anyone who wants to take part in singing that is invited to a rehearsal at Victoria Hall (2.30 to 4.30) on Sunday 25 March.

### Advance Notice for Holy Week

Tuesday 3 April 7pm Reconciliation Service at St John's  
*[This will be for both our parishes & St Columba's]*

*The Triduum will be at St Brendan's (for both parishes):*

Thursday 5 April 8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose (till 10pm)

Friday 6 April 3pm Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday 7 April 8pm Easter Vigil

**Please Remember: Reverence and Respect should be our watchwords when we are in Church**