

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

17TH MARCH 2013 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



There is a logical development in the readings this Sunday: In the Old Testament, God asks us to look forward to the "new deed he will do", when he will put "water in the wilderness"; we then see the new deed, which Paul talks about, to be the "supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus", and sharing the "power of his resurrection"; so who is this Jesus, and how is he "water in the wilderness"? It is because he brings hope for the future and forgiveness of our sins, as the Gospel story relates. This Sunday's readings are there for our encouragement, to help us look forward to Easter, and the meaning of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection: that meaning is Reconciliation and a new creation (as we heard last week). We are driven on through Lent by a vision of the marvels that God has worked, and that God will work for us.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal page 582 Readings 589; Preface 38 or 39		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 (SC)	<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, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Emma Turner, 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, Denise Carolan, Julie Smith and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Eleanor Ladds, Edna Maycraft, Jane Patten, Vera Peet, Vincent Wood, Bridie Barrett, Frank Atkinson, Nancy Riordan, Alan Roberts, Terence Mather, Anna Thompson, Ann Webster, May Gregory, Kathleen Goodman, Margaret Edge</p> <p>Anniversaries: John Carolan, David Greenhalgh, Jack & Mary Carroll, Lilian Dawson</p> <p>Mass Intentions: John Carolan, David Greenhalgh, Vera Wilford, Jean (McGarry) Stones (for a successful operation), Edna Maycraft, Jack & Mary Carroll, Gwen McLaren (Birthday Remembrance), Joyce Knight, In thanksgiving for a recovery, Lilian Dawson (10th Anniversary), Alan Roberts, Jane Patten, Vera Peet, May Gregory, Kathleen Goodman, Eleanor Ladds, Norah Maher, Margaret Edge</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 3 (of 6)</p> <p>We pray especially for: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers</p>
Monday	10am Requiem Mass for Kathleen Goodman (SB) 12noon Funeral Service for James Howard (SC) 12noon Funeral Service for Anna Thompson (Overdale) 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Course (Harwood Methodists, Longsight) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>St Joseph</i>	8.30am Inauguration Mass for Pope Francis (TV?) No Mass today 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	No Morning Mass 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (Tonge Moor) (St Columba, Ripley Street, Bolton, BL2 3AR)	
Thursday	9.15am School Mass in Church (SB) 7pm Parish Forum Meeting (SJ) [<i>Agenda overleaf</i>]	
Friday	8.15am Mass (SJ School)	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday Palm 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 3pm Reconciliation Service (SC)	
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>		

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Parish Forum Meeting

Please come along and take an active part

Thursday 21 March – 7pm at St John's
[for all three parishes]

Agenda

1. Welcome, Prayer & Opening Comments
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the Last Meeting (18 October)
4. Draft Action Plan
5. Vision for our Parish(es)
6. Property Matters
7. Year of Faith
8. Social Committee Update
9. Date of Next Meeting (July)

Tanzania Appeal: I wish to thank all parishioners for your very generous response to my appeal, on behalf of the group going to Tanzania. The special collections raised £1635.69 and the coffee morning at St John's, £105. This is a fantastic amount and very much appreciated. Thank you all. *Daniel Conniffe.*

CAFOD: The recent Lent Fast Day appeal raised £2007.27 across our three churches.

Eucharistic Ministers: There will be a preparation session and commissioning of ministers on Thursday 25 April (7-9pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This is for new and existing Eucharistic Ministers who were unable to attend the session in February. If anyone else is interested in being a Eucharistic Minister, please have a word with Fr Cooke before April 25.

Gift Aid Donors: If you have not yet returned the form that was sent out in January, please do so as soon as possible so that we can update our records prior to the new tax year starting in April. Thanks to those who have!

Offertory Envelopes: The new sets of envelopes at St Brendan's and St John's will be available next weekend.

St John's 200 Club: The March winners are:

£50 V Hopkinson (8)
£30 M Callaghan (201)
£20 L Parker (168)



Think Vocation

"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." The whole point of the Passion and Death of Our Lord was for the forgiveness of sins. Every one of us commits sins but, like the woman in the Gospel, we are to take the opportunities that are offered to us to change our ways. We pray for future priests and Religious for the Church to remind us of the Gospel message of hope for sinners and to be the compassionate face of Christ to us.

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Lent 2013

Stations of the Cross

Sunday (17 March) 2pm at St Columba's

Churches in Harwood Lent Course

Journeys of Faith

Monday Evenings 7.30-9pm

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 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

Celebrating The Year of Faith

The Northern Catholic Conference will be holding a series of talks (from guest speakers) at Liverpool Hope University (7-9 June 2013). The Right Reverend Mark Davies (Bishop of Shrewsbury) will celebrate Mass on Sunday 9 June. To register, or for more information, contact 07543 800812, NCC 'Regina Coeli', 6 Warner Drive, Liverpool, L4 8US.

www.northerncatholic.co.uk

Diocesan talks – Winter/Spring 2013

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

- 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 2 weeks commencing at 7.30pm. Please see the notice boards for further details.

Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles, look with favour, we pray, on Francis our Pope and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor, may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity and of communion. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.