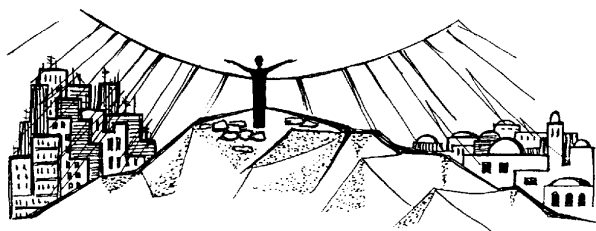


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

9TH MARCH 2014 – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent – these Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries. We must realise why: Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA): those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus' own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.

| Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 532 Preface page 541 | | Prayers Please |
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| Sunday | 9.15am (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2.30pm Rite of Election (Salford Cathedral) <i>A Day of 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, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Pauline Bowling, Emma Turner, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, John Barrett, Roy Smith, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Julie Smith, Ernie Little, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Joshua Almond, Jacqueline Kay, Wynn Elliot, Tom Wardle, Bob Taylor, Noel Gannon, Sheila Derbyshire, David Walton, Dr Bernard Higgins, Winston Shanley, Vera Casey Shaw, Heather Goil, Joni Horton, Mary Long, Teresa Hastings, Damien Rabbitt and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Brian Tetlow, Maureen Mullarkey, John Weston, Paul Cranshaw, Winifred Gassey, Geraldine Hegarty, Peter Kelly, Ivy Hamer, Henry Hopwood, Gerard Pilling</p> <p>Anniversaries: Karen Pollit, Gladys Mills, Tony Coop, Bernard Coop, Frank Wright</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Barbara Grimes (Birthday Remembrance), Maureen Mullarkey, John Weston, Karen Pollit, Gladys Mills, Henry Hopwood, Tony Coop, Bernard Coop, Frank & Elizabeth Wright, Damien Rabbitt (sick), Paul Cranshaw, Gerard Pilling</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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</p> |
| Monday | 9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30-9pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (Christ's Church) 8pm SVP (SJ) | |
| Tuesday | 8.15am Mass (SC) 9.30am Y4 Class Mass (SJ School) 6.30pm Stations of the Cross (SB) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB) | |
| Wednesday | 9.15am Y3 Class Mass (SC School) 11.30am for 12 noon Parish Lunch at Signature Restaurant 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes, Farnworth) 7.30-9pm Churches in Tonge Moor Lent Course (St Augustines) | |
| Thursday | 9.15am Mass (SB) 7.30pm-8.30pm Lent Course -The Joy of the Gospel (Harbour Room SB) | |
| Friday | 8.15am Mass (SJ School) 10am Requiem Mass for Brian Tetlow (SB) CAFOD Lent Fast Day <i>A Day of Special Prayer for the Needy & Hungry of the World</i> | |
| Saturday | 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) | |
| Next Sunday | 9.15am (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy | |

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Pastoral Letter: Bishop Brain urges us to think about how through Prayer, Penance and Almsgiving, we can get our lives more “in sync” with God and share the joy of the Gospel with others.

Rite of Election, Salford Cathedral: Five adults who have been following the Becoming Catholic Course will be presented to the Bishop at the Cathedral today. Please pray for them, as they continue their journey to being received into the Church.

CAFOD: Members of our CAFOD Group will be talking to us at the Masses this weekend encouraging us to *Dig Deep* for the CAFOD Fast Day on Friday 14 March. Also available on the CAFOD website, is a Lenten Calendar with daily reflections and prayers: www.cafod.org.uk.

Bolton Prayer Breakfast: This will be held on 28 March at Bolton Town Hall (7.30-9.15am). The Mayor & Mayoress of Bolton are hosting the event and The Rt Revd Chris Edmondson, Bishop of Bolton will be the guest speaker. The cost is £10 per person. To request tickets, or for more information, contact Susan Edmondson (0161 7908289), susan@edmondsons.org.uk

Annual 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

BRASS: The collections take place at St Brendan’s during March. *Thank you for your continued support.*

Fairtrade Fortnight: As Fair trade fortnight draws to a close, goods will still be available at both Masses at St John’s this weekend. Thank you for your support.

The Joy of the Gospel: The first of the four sessions starts this Thursday (13 March) 7.30-8.30pm in the Harbour Room at St Brendan’s. Resources can be found (prior to attendance) through the link on our parish website: www.sbsj.org.uk.

Parish Forum: A reminder that the next meeting of the Forum (for all three parishes) will be on Thursday 27 March. If there is anything you would like to place on the agenda, please put the suggestion (and your contact details) in writing or e-mail office@sbsj.org.uk

St John’s 200 Club

The March winners are:

£50 M J Clarke (223)
£30 N Murphy (89)
£20 S Murphy (33)



Annual subscriptions (£12) are now due. Please pay at any Mass, cheques made payable to St John’s. Thank you.

Lent 2014

Walk with Me

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

Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 11 March 6.30pm (SB)

Churches in Harwood Lent Course

Parables and Possessions

Monday Evenings 7.30-9pm

10 March – Christ’s Church

17 March – Harwood Methodists (Tottington Rd)

24 March – St Brendan’s

31 March – Christ’s Church

7 April – Harwood Methodists (Tottington Rd)

14 April – St Brendan’s

Materials for these sessions can be downloaded

from www.ctbi.org.uk/lent

Tuesday Morning Mass

In St Columba’s Church at 8.15am from 11 March

Deanery Station Masses

Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm (Confessions from 7pm)

12 March – Our Lady of Lourdes, Farnworth

19 March – St Thomas of Canterbury, Heaton

26 March – St Osmund, Brightmet

2 April – Holy Family, New Springs

9 April St Joseph, Halliwell

Churches in Tonge Moor Lent Course (Based on Les Miserables)

Wednesday evenings (7.30-9pm)

In the Crypt at St Augustine’s

Friday Morning Mass

In St John’s School at 8.15am from 7 March

Churches in Harwood Walk of Witness

Palm Sunday (13 April) afternoon. Details to follow

Churches in Tonge Moor

Holy Week Service

Either Tue 15/Wed 16 April (to be confirmed)

7.30pm at St Augustine’s

All are welcome to attend any of these activities

Think Vocation

Today, at the Cathedral, the Bishop will accept catechumens and candidates to become new Catholics at Easter. We all have a part to play in spreading the faith. May we ask ourselves each day of Lent what it is that we need to do to ensure that our lives fully radiate the loving warmth of Christ so that others may be drawn to the Lord and his Church through our witness

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