

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

**16TH MARCH 2014 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**His face shone like the sun.**



Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead to us acknowledge that Lent is a very special ‘calling’, to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i> <b>Sunday Missal: page 543 Preface page 552</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday	9.15am (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>CAFOD Fast Day Collection</i>	<p><b>Sick:</b> 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 &amp; 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><b>Lately Dead:</b> Brian Tetlow, Mary Ryan, Dorrit Stevens, Maureen Mullarkey, John Weston, Mary Goodman</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Alfeo &amp; Bonifacia Doloroso, Lilian Dawson, Vinnie Noblet, James Howard</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> The Doloroso family, Alfeo &amp; Bonifacia Doloroso, Brian Tetlow, Mary Ryan, Dorrit Stevens, In honour of St Joseph for a special intention, Colleen Baxendale, Lilian Dawson, Vinnie Noblet, Holy Souls</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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 <i>St Patrick</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30-9pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (Harwood Methodists, Tottington Road) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	8.15am Mass (SC) 6.30pm Stations of the Cross (SB) 7pm Mass (SB) 7pm-9pm Becoming Catholic Meeting (SJ) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday <i>St Joseph</i>	7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (St Thomas of Canterbury, Heaton) 7.30-9pm Churches in Tonge Moor Lent Course (St Augustines)	
Thursday	10am Requiem Mass for Mary Goodman (SB) 7.30pm-8.30pm Lent Course -The Joy of the Gospel (Harbour Room SB)	
Friday	8.15am Mass (SJ School)	
Saturday	5pm Mass (SC) – with Catenian Appeal for members 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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**Congratulations:** To our five adults who were presented to the Bishop at the Cathedral last Sunday. Please pray for them, as they continue their journey to being received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

**Northwest Thirtysomethings:** Are you in your 30's? Would you like to meet other Catholics your age? We are a group who share the same faith and interests. Recent events have included visits to art galleries, meals, theatre trips and city tours. Our next event is on Saturday 14 April, with lunch, a visit to Manchester Art Gallery followed by Mass at the Hidden Gem. We welcome new members so please come along. If you would like to receive our newsletter of future events please contact Fr Hugh Hanley on [hugh@p2030onmicrosoft.com](mailto:hugh@p2030onmicrosoft.com) or Sarah at [sarahheaton@uwclub.net](mailto:sarahheaton@uwclub.net)

**Sponsored Cycle:** In October last year my brother, Mark, lost his wife, Nicola, following a brave but frighteningly short battle with cancer. She was just 44 years old. Having first met at St Brendan's Primary School, Mark & Nicola were married for 22 very happy years and have three wonderful children. In memory of Nicola and to raise funds for Cancer UK to help fight this terrible disease which sadly affects so many lives, Mark will be attempting to cycle from Lands End to John O'Groats between 3 & 11 May. The Parkinson and Lamoury families are fortunate to have many friends within our parish community, particularly at St Brendans. Mark and his brave team would be very grateful for your prayers during their endeavour and would greatly appreciate any sponsorship you may wish to donate to this worthy cause via their web page [www.justgiving.com/mark-lamoury](http://www.justgiving.com/mark-lamoury). Thank you, *Lisa Lamoury*.

**The Northern Catholic Conference:** This year the theme for the conference is "Do whatever He tells you." It will run from 13-15 June at Liverpool Hope University and includes talks, workshops, healing ministry, Adoration and Reconciliation. For more information please contact NCC, Regina Coeli, 6 Warner Drive, Liverpool, L4 8US. Telephone Denise (07543800812) email: [info@northerncatholic.co.uk](mailto:info@northerncatholic.co.uk)

**Parish Social Events:** The second Parish meal at the Signature Restaurant was a great success. People from across the three parishes attended and everyone had their fill! If anyone has any ideas for future daytime activities, please let Ursula know. Tel 392591. *Thank you*

**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@edmonsons.org.uk](mailto:susan@edmonsons.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](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk)

## Lent 2014

### Stations of the Cross

Sunday 16 March 2pm (SJ)

Tuesday 18 March (SB)

### Churches in Harwood Lent Course

#### *Parables and Possessions*

Monday Evenings 7.30-9pm

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](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/lent)

### Tuesday Morning Mass

In St Columba's Church at 8.15am

### Deanery Station Masses

Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm (Confessions from 7pm)

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

### 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

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

**Church Cleaning (SJ):** F Smith & M O'Kane

### Think Vocation

God the Father instructs us to listen to His Son. In our Lenten discipline may we remember those who are discerning whether the Lord is calling them to serve in the Church through the priesthood or consecrated life. By our prayers and encouragement may they be helped to listen to the voice of the Lord rather than to other conflicting voices calling them elsewhere.

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