

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

**23RD MARCH 2014 – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**



The Gospel of the third Sunday is the remarkable conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the well, the theme is water - which gives life, which cleanses, which is so necessary. This reading forms part of the catechesis given before Baptism at Easter: the candidates who would go into the water are invited to reflect on what that means. But more necessary than the water which gives life is the water which gives eternal life - the water of baptism, the water flowing from Jesus' side on the cross. Even if your Church does not have

any candidates preparing for Baptism, we will all renew our baptismal promises at Easter: we should take this opportunity to reflect on what baptism has given us, and what God has done for us in this gift.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> <b>Sunday Missal: page 554 Preface page 566</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 (SC)	<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, Paul Angus and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Ellen Mullany, May Watson, Brian Tetlow, Mary Ryan, Dorrit Stevens, Mary Goodman, Fred Power</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Brenda Riley, John French, Jack &amp; Mary Carroll, Daniel Evans</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> In honour of St Joseph for a special intention, Brenda Riley, Ellen Mullany, Deceased members of the Russell and Weston families, Gladys Hall (In thanksgiving for her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 22 March), In thanksgiving for a successful operation, Cynthia Winstanley, May Watson, John French, Paul Angus (sick), Jack &amp; Mary Carroll, A Special Intention, Daniel Evans, Brian Tetlow, Mary Goodman</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30-9pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (St Brendan’s) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>Annunciation of The Lord</i>	8.15am Mass (SC) 10.30am-12noon Friends of the Passion Meeting [see overleaf] 6.30pm Stations of the Cross (SB) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	1.30-3pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB) 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (St Osmund, Breightmet) 7.30-9pm Churches in Tonge Moor Lent Course (St Augustines) 7.30-9pm Hearts Afire. (Schoenstatt Centre, Kearsley)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 7pm Parish Forum Meeting (SJ)	
Friday	7.30-9.15am Bolton Prayer Breakfast (Bolton Town Hall) 8.15am Mass (SJ School)	
Saturday	11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Clocks go forward one hour</i>	
Next Sunday <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy	
<p><b>Reconciliation:</b> To fit in with an initiative that Pope Francis is taking in Rome, Bishop Brain has asked that, if possible, parishes in our diocese make provision for a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation next weekend. So we will bring forward our monthly Adoration and Reconciliation to next Saturday morning</p>		

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**Parish Forum Meeting**  
**27 March 2014 – 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 (5 September 2013)
4. Parish Action Plan Review & Update
5. Pastoral & Liturgical Matters
6. Finance & Property Matters
7. Notification of Deaths / Funerals – Mary Hayler
8. Social Committee Update
9. Redesign of Parish Website
10. Date of Next Meeting

*Please come along and take an active part*

**Birthday Congratulations:** To Gladys Hall who celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this weekend! We wish her a wonderful day and send our warmest thoughts and prayers to both Gladys and her family.

**Bolton Prayer Breakfast:** This will be held on 28 March at Bolton Town Hall (7.30-9.15am). The cost is £10 per person. To request tickets, or for more information, contact Susan Edmondson (0161 790 8289) [susan@edmondsons.org.uk](mailto:susan@edmondsons.org.uk)

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting of the Harbour Room Book Club will be on Wednesday 26 March (1.30pm-3pm) to discuss *Dissolution* by C.J. Sansom. Would all members who have booked places for the trip to Ordsall Hall and the Lowry on 14 May, please note that all monies (£5 per person) will be collected at the March and April meetings. Thank you, *Madeleine*.

**Hospital Chaplaincy:** A number of priests within the deanery (including the three serving our parishes) take a turn at providing emergency cover for the hospital chaplaincy. We no longer have a full-time Catholic chaplain, since the priest assigned to the chaplaincy (Fr Morrrough O'Brien) is also a parish priest. He, together with some volunteers, looks after the few hours visiting for which the hospital trust actually pay, together with celebrating Mass in the hospital on a Sunday afternoon. Those on the cover rota are now taking the pager for an increased length of time (five days at present and rising to a week at a time from June). This cover is for emergencies only so we are trying to ensure that we minimise the number of times the pager is activated. If you or a relative are admitted to hospital and wish to see a chaplain, other than in an emergency, you should ask the staff on the ward to contact the chaplaincy office or you might prefer to contact one of the priests in the parish directly. If you know that you are going to be admitted to hospital and would like the sacrament of the sick in advance of that, please ask one of the priests.

**Schoenstatt:** A series of meetings are being held to introduce us to the *Tree of Evangelisation* as given by Pope Francis. Each meeting is held monthly (except January & August) and aims to put the Year of Faith into action by reaching out to people who are deeply moved by an awareness of their mission in the world and the identity of the Church. The next meeting, entitled *Salt, Light & Leaven*, will be held on Wednesday 26 March (7.30-9pm) at the Schoenstatt Centre, Manchester Road, Kearsley, Bolton BL4 8QQ. Telephone 01204 572077. There is a suggested donation of £3 and there are refreshments available.

**Passion for Bolton 2015:** There will be a "Friends of the Passion" meeting on Tuesday 25 March (10.30-12noon) at Parish Church (Old School building). This is your opportunity to get involved in the planning and delivery of the event for Easter 2015. This meeting will give you the insight in to how you can be involved such as publicity or behind the scenes or pastoral care on the day. It will also give insight in how your local church can be involved. Come along and support this great event that will tell the story of Easter to our town. Looking forward to seeing you there

**Lent 2014**

**Stations of the Cross (This Week)**

2pm Sunday (SC) & 6.30pm Tuesday (SB)

**Churches in Harwood Lent Course**

Monday Evenings 7.30-9pm

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)

**8.15am Morning Mass**

St Columba's Church (Tuesday)

St John's School (Friday)

**Deanery Station Masses**

Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm (Confessions from 7pm)

26 March – St Osmund, Brightmet

2 April – Holy Family, New Springs

9 April St Joseph, Halliwell

**Churches in Tonge Moor Lent Course**

Wednesday evenings (7.30-9pm) In the Crypt at St Augustine's

**Churches in Harwood Walk of Witness**

Palm Sunday (13 April) afternoon. Details to follow

**Churches in Tonge Moor Holy Week Service**

Tuesday 15 April, 7.30pm at St Augustine's

**Think Vocation**

Our Lord kindly reveals himself to the Samaritan woman as she routinely fetches water. There are many people who search for direction and meaning in their lives. May we always imitate Our Lord in his eagerness and patience with those who want to know more about our faith and our Church.

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