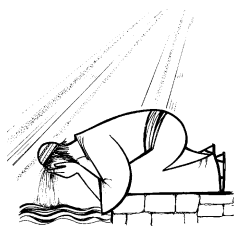


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**30TH MARCH 2014  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - LAETARE SUNDAY**



When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about light – true light, that defeats the blindness of sin. Again, this would have been offered to those preparing for baptism, but speaks to all of us who have been baptised, inviting us to be renewed in the light of Christ at Easter. Remember that one of the oldest titles of the newly baptised was “neophyte”, which means “newly enlightened.” There is a subtle link between the readings this Sunday: in the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path – ‘no evil would I fear’ as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light, it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of light. All this is summed up in the Gospel, the marvellous story of the healing (by being ‘anointed’ with spittle) of the man born blind. Jesus is the light of the world.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i> <b>Sunday Missal: page 568 Preface page 580</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy	<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> Winifred Hornby, Raymond Jones, Mary Coates</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Maureen Southworth, Peter Scallan, John Reddy, Thomas Edward Shackell</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Winifred Hornby, Ellis Gibbons, In honour of St Anthony, St Jude &amp; the Sacred Heart, Anthony Nugent, Raymond Jones, John Thornhill, Edith Greenhalgh, Joe Cassidy, Katie Murray, Pat Murray, Hannah Kilroy, Maureen Southworth, Peter Scallan, Joyce Knight, Intentions from the Gillett Family, John Reddy, Thomas Edward Shackell, Sophie Marie Arthur(6 week old baby), Peter &amp; Kath Carolan (Golden Wedding)</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30-9pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (Christ Church) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	8.15am Mass (SC) 6.30pm Stations of the Cross (SB) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.15am Year 2 Class Mass in School (SC) 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (Holy Family, New Springs) 7.30-9pm Churches in Tonge Moor Lent Course (St Augustines)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 7-8.30pm Lent Course - The Joy of the Gospel (Harbour Room)	
Friday	8.15am Mass (SJ School)	
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 2.30-4.30pm St Brendan’s SVP Party in the School Hall 3pm Reconciliation Service (SC)	

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## Happy Mothers' Day

A Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers. Today is a chance to remember our mothers, living or dead, and to thank God for the love shown to us through them.

**Congratulations:** To Peter & Kath Carolan who are celebrating their Golden Wedding this week.

**Joy of the Gospel Talks:** Please note the earlier start time of 7pm for the meetings on the 3 & 10 April. These will be held in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's.

**John Paul II:** The canonisation of John Paul II takes place on Sunday 27 April (Divine Mercy Sunday). To celebrate this event, there will be an opportunity to watch a film of his life, spread over two nights, on 23 & 24 April (7.30-9pm) at St Brendan's. All are welcome.

**Thank you:** Kath Gillett and family would like to thank you all for your continued prayers, letters, cards and donations following Harry's death in January. Masses will be said for your intentions.

**Eucharistic Minister Rota (SJ):** The Rota for 5/6 April to 10/11 May is now available in the Patmos Room.

**The Nicola Lamoury Memorial Cycle Ride:** In response to requests from Parishioners regarding the last week's newsletter item, a sponsorship list is now available on the notice board in the Harbour Room for those who wish to help Mark Lamoury in his efforts to raise money in memory of Nicola for Cancer Research UK.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** Thank you to all members who attended the last Book Club meeting. As usual, it was lively and informative! The next date for your diaries is Wednesday 30 April to discuss *Wolf of the Plains* by Conn Iggluden. All welcome.

**Reconciliation:** The reconciliation service, which we would normally have on Palm Sunday afternoon at St Columba's, has been brought forward to next Sunday (6 April). This is because of the Walk of Witness in Harwood on Palm Sunday.

**Easter Triduum:** As we did last year, we will spread the celebration of the Triduum across our three churches. On Maundy Thursday the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 8pm at St Brendan's. On Good Friday the Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 3pm at St Columba's. On Holy Saturday the Easter Vigil will be at 8pm at St John's. Please try to take part in the celebration of the Triduum if you can.

**St Brendan's SVP:** The party for the sick & housebound will be held on Sunday 6 April 2.30-4.30pm in the school hall.

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## Lent 2014

### Stations of the Cross (This Week)

6.30pm Tuesday (SB)

### Churches in Harwood Lent Course

Monday 7.30-9pm

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 7.30pm (Confessions from 7pm)

2 April – Holy Family, New Springs

9 April St Joseph, Halliwell

### Churches in Tonge Moor Lent Course

Wednesday (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

Today Jesus helps a man who has never seen with his eyes to be able to see what many people miss. He gave the man the gift of his sight but also allowed the man to gradually and steadily grow in his faith. May all of us treasure the gift of our sight but also treasure the gift of our faith.



## *Spirit - Passion for Pentecost*

An exciting portrayal of the disciples after Jesus, in music and drama.

7pm on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 June 2014 at the Victoria Hall, Bolton.

Tickets are available from The Albert Halls, Victoria Square, Bolton, BL1 1RU. Telephone 01204 334400 or email [www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk](http://www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk).

Ticket prices: £8.50 each. Concessions: £7 for O.A.P, children and group bookings of 10 or more.

## Come and Join Us!

Tea & Coffee is always served after the Sunday Masses at St John's (9.15am) and St Brendan's (11.15am).