

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

**1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2015 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



We spool forward a few centuries in the story of the Old Testament, to arrive at Abraham, “our Father in faith”. Today we hear of another Covenant (like last week) - even though the word is not used. God promises Abraham descendants like “the stars of heaven”, and the showering of blessings. This shows how much God loves Abraham, and all his children. This love is proved for us in Jesus: God loves us so much he sacrificed his only Son (just as Abraham was willing to do); but this is not all: Jesus also rose from the dead, to stand at God’s right hand and plead for us. All this is revealed in the story of the Transfiguration, where Jesus is seen in the glory that is rightfully his as the only Son of God. Not until after the Resurrection will the disciples see this fully again.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 543; <b>Readings:</b> page 546; <b>Preface:</b> page 552		
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 <i>CAFOD Fast Day Envelope Collection</i>	<p><b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Eunice Brierley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Dylan Crosby, Pat Hall, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, Bernard Neyland, Rosemary Davies, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Mary Thomas and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Patrick Mullan, Margaret Marshall,</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> George Lawrence, Christopher Hailwood, Maureen Mullarkey</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> George Lawrence, Patrick Mullan, Stephanie Cunliffe (Safekeeping &amp; enrichment whilst working as a volunteer in Bangladesh), Sr Clare Cowen (Retirement), Margaret Marshall, In thanksgiving for a great blessing, A Special Intention, Harry Dawson (Birthday Remembrance), Margaret Hajdar, Patrick O’Donnell (3rd Birthday Remembrance), David and Christine Walton (Remembrance of 27 years Wedding Anniversary), Caroline Garside (In thanksgiving for a good recovery), Christopher Hailwood, Maureen Mullarkey</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	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30-9pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (Christ’s Church, Harwood) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	8.15am Mass in Church (SC) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	No Mass Today 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (St Thomas of Canterbury, Heaton)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	8.15am Mass in School (SJ)	
Saturday <i>St Perpetua &amp; St Felicity</i>	11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next 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	
<p><b>Collections &amp; Donations:</b> <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan’s, St Columba’s or St John’s as appropriate.</i></p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John’s</i></p> <p><b>Gift Aid:</b> <i>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></p>		

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**CAFOD's One Climate, One World campaign:** Take action next week to tackle climate change, which is making it even harder to end poverty, by signing a *One Climate, One World* card. Pick up a card after Mass next weekend (7/8 March) asking UK party leaders to commit to preventing climate change which is pushing people deeper into poverty. Please sign it and hand it back. Thank you. Find out more from any member of the CAFOD Group who will be on hand next weekend or visit [cafod.org.uk/campaign](http://cafod.org.uk/campaign).

**Fairtrade Stall:** We are now halfway through Fairtrade fortnight and Fairtrade goods will continue to be available after mass at all our three churches for the next two weekends. Thank you for your great support so far. Every purchase no matter how small helps to make a difference to overseas producers.

**Audio Visual (AV) System Training Session - Harbour Room (SB):** AV training will take place from 0930 to 1130 on Saturday 28 March. As only trained and authorised parishioners will be able to use the AV system, please make every effort to attend. Please bring your laptop with you. If you have not already registered your interest please inform the parish office preferably by email to [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

**Harbour Room Book Club:** Thank you to all members who attended the last Book Club meeting. It was most lively and thought-provoking. The next meeting will be on March 25th to discuss *When will There be Good News?* by Kate Atkinson. Same time and place. All welcome.

**Cameo Group:** Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed our talk on Wednesday 7 February. Peter Watson was very informative and entertaining. He has promised to come back, probably in the autumn.

Next dates:

**Wednesday 18 March** - The work of the HCPT. Members of the HCPT will be coming to explain the work of the charity. It will be a fund raising event for this very worthwhile cause which is run completely on a voluntary basis. Please come along and support.

**Wednesday 8 April** - A Lancashire afternoon, with a quiz and information on some places in Lancashire as well as Lancashire cakes!

**Church Cleaning at St John's:** A huge thank you to all the people who recently put their names forward for the new cleaning rota at St John's. We have enough names for 6 teams of 4. The new rota will begin in March and will be emailed out in the coming week.

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 14 March (10.30am-12noon) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This is for parents from any of our three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please let one of the priests know if you will be attending or email [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

**St John's 200 Club:** There are plenty of numbers available if anyone from any of our parishes would like to join the 200 Club. The cost is £12 per year (paid in March). Anyone who wishes to have more than one number could pay quarterly. Please ring St John's (301927), email [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk) or see Frances Smith (who will be around after each of the Masses this Sunday). Thank you.

## Come and Sing With The Brixi Singers!

On Saturday 14 March 2015  
At St Brendan's Church, Harwood.  
Performing *The Armed Man* by Karl Jenkins.  
Rehearsals are at 3pm and the concert will start at 7.30pm led by Richard Lea.  
The cost is £10 per adult with an additional charge of £1 to hire the music.

For more information & booking, please email [rosamund.meehan@gmail.com](mailto:rosamund.meehan@gmail.com) or Tel: 07862 736 766

## Lenten Activities 2015

### Tuesday Morning Mass

In St Columba's School at 8.15am

### Friday Morning Mass

In St John's School at 8.15am

**Deanery Station Masses - *Family Fully Alive***  
Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm (Confessions from 7pm)  
4 March – St Thomas of Canterbury, Heaton  
Bishop John Arnold will preside.  
*Man & Woman Equal in Dignity*

### Churches in Harwood Lent Course (Based on *Les Miserables*)

Monday Evenings 7.30-9pm  
2 March – Christ's Church

### Schoenstatt Centre – Love is Our Mission

Continuing with the theme of *Family Fully Alive* there will be Lenten sessions on Tuesday evenings during Lent, 7.30pm at St John Fisher's, Kearsley, Bolton. Discover the importance of family, affirm the dignity of every woman and man and value the gift of family. See poster on the notice boards for more details.

*All are welcome to attend any of these activities*

### Think Vocation

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his son to show his faithfulness to God. Let us pray for parents who find it difficult to accept that their son or daughter may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. In any sacrifices we make we need to see the bigger picture and not how it directly affects us. In encouraging their children to serve Our Lord in the Church, parents could see that new life is being given to countless people.

### Marriage Matters

[www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

### Free to be ourselves

Sometimes we can be overwhelmed by each other's generous sensitivity, thoughtfulness and kindness which have helped us grow in confidence to share our deepest feelings, fears and joys. Let us try this week to find ways of growing in that confidence and trust so that in our relationship we radiate God's joy through the way we love each other.

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