

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

8TH MARCH 2015 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one - the Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant - God dwelling with man. Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - himself - since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i>		
Sunday Missal: page 554; Readings: page 559; Preface: page 38 or 39		
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>Sick: 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, Rosemary Davies, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Mary Thomas, Domingo Bagoisan, Rita Parnell, Mrs Connell, Joseph Atkins, Phelim McAteer, May Withington</p> <p>Anniversaries: Ernie Pilling, Maureen Mullarkey, Brian Tetlow, Nora Greene, James Howard, Betty & John Carolan, David Greenhalgh</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Ernie Pilling, Bill & Margaret Callaghan, Barbara Grimes (Birthday Remembrance), Domingo Bagoisan, Maureen Mullarkey, Brian Tetlow, Nora Greene, Rita Parnell, Joseph Atkins, Phelim McAteer, Betty & John Carolan, David Greenhalgh, For a successful operation on Dillon Crosby</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 (Tottington Road) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	8.15am Mass in Church (SC) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.15am Yr 2 Mass in School (SC) 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (St Brendan, Harwood)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 11.30am Funeral Service for May Withington (Overdale) 7.30pm CAFOD Meeting (Patmos Room)	
Friday	8.15am Mass in School (SJ)	
Saturday	10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation Course (Harbour Room, SB) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) 7.30pm The Brixi Singers (St Brendan, Harwood)	
Next Sunday <i>Laetare Sunday</i>	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>Mothering Sunday</i>	
<p>Collections & Donations: All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Cheques should be made payable to St John's</p> <p>Gift Aid: 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</p>		

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General Election 2015: The Bishops have written a joint letter to all Catholics in England and Wales encouraging us to participate and vote in the election and offering some key issues and questions for reflection on where candidates stand. Copies will be available this weekend and can be obtained with other information, from the Bishops' Conference website www.catholicnews.org.uk. Please read the letter and encourage others to do the same.

CAFOD

One Climate, One World Campaign

Take action this 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 this 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 this weekend or visit cafod.org.uk/campaign.

The CAFOD Group: The next meeting is this Thursday, 12 March, 7.30pm in the Patmos Room. If you feel drawn to get more involved with CAFOD's work or learn more about it do come along!

The SVP

Long Service Awards: Two of our members have recently achieved their 50 years service to the SVP here at St John's. We would like to thank Bill Callaghan (who is moving shortly to Ulverston) and John Durkin (who has decided to retire) for all their dedication and hard work over all the years and we wish them well.

BRASS: There will be a joint collection across our three Parishes during March and up to Easter Sunday. All items will be taken to Sr Barbara. Essential items are, tea, coffee, orange juice, tinned chick peas and kidney beans etc. Any clean clothing items are also welcome. Thank you for your support.

St Columba's Parish: If anyone knows of a relative or friend from St Columba's who would welcome a visit from any of our members, please contact the Parish Office on 301927 or email office@sbsj.org.uk.

Audio Visual (AV) System Training Session - Harbour Room (SB): AV training will take place from 9.30-11.30am 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 office@sbsj.org.uk.

Theatre Reminder: For all those who booked seats for *Hindle Wakes* at the Octagon Theatre on Wednesday 11 March. Performance begins at 2pm. Now is the time to find your tickets!

Cameo Group: 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.

Church Cleaning (St John's): The new cleaning rota is now available and is on the notice board in the Patmos Room.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 14 March (10.30am-12noon) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. Please let one of the priests know if you will be attending or email office@sbsj.org.uk.

Fairtrade Stall: Goods will continue to be available after Masses at all our three churches this weekend.

St John's 200 Club: There are still a few 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). Please ring St John's (301927), email office@sbsj.org.uk or see Frances Smith. Thank you.

Come and Sing With The Brixi Singers!

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 or Tel: 07862 736 766

Lenten Activities 2015

Tuesday Morning Mass

In St Columba's Church 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)

11 March - St Brendan, Harwood

Marriage - Reflecting Christ's Love

Churches in Harwood Lent Course

(Based on *Les Miserables*)

Monday Evenings 7.30-9pm

9 March - (Tottington Road)

Schoenstatt Centre - *Love is Our Mission*

Continuing with the theme of *Family Fully Alive* the Lenten sessions continue on Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm at St John Fisher's, Kearsley, Bolton.

All are welcome to attend any of these activities

Annual Novena to St Joseph: This will take place from the 10-18 March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their society as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email: Novena@millhillmissionaries.com

Lenten Evening of Recollection for Men
An excellent preparation for Holy Week.
Tuesday, 17 March 2015, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
In St Joseph's Church, Anderton.
 (Formerly held in St Mary's, Horwich)

There will be another "mini-retreat" for men in St Joseph's Church, Anderton, on Tuesday 17 March given by Fr Peter Bristow from the Manchester Opus Dei Centre. The evening starts at 7.30pm and includes a meditation given by Fr Peter, a guided examination of conscience with time for individual confessions, Holy Rosary, a second meditation, and ends with Benediction. Tea and coffee will then be provided at about 9.15pm. There is no charge for the Evening.

This is the fifteenth such event, and there has been a good turn-out at the earlier evenings. Men who have attended previously have found them to be of great spiritual benefit.

Further information from Robert Aston Tel. 01204 468896

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St Joseph's RC Church, Bolton Road, Anderton,
 Chorley PR6 9NA

Lenten Talk with Fr Denis McBride: *The Passion Narratives in the Gospels* on Thursday 26 March 2015 at St Gabriel's High School, Bury BL9 0TZ (7.30-9pm) For registration please telephone Sharon Beech (0161 761 0536) or email sharon.beech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Bromley Cross Village Hall
4th Annual Bake Off

Saturday 28th March 2015 (10am-3pm)

Please see the website www.bcvillagehall.org for information and to download an application form.

Marriage Matters

www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk

God's love is our strength: Let us remind each other constantly that our marriage is as unique and as special to God today as it was when we first married. We are blessed with a love that transforms ordinary everyday events into something quite different and special. Our faults and weaknesses become our strengths if we strive to love one another as God loves us.

Think Vocation

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Young people often get ridiculed for coming to Mass or being involved in Church Life. Not everyone who responds to the call of the Lord to serve the Church gets the support of their family and friends. Let us show our appreciation and encouragement to those priests and Religious who help us in our parishes and communities

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Come & Join Us!

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