


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

28TH FEBRUARY 2016 – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



"The man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall." This is the theme of this Sunday: it underlines the need for repentance, which is the focus of our Lenten journey in Year C. Jesus, in the Gospel, uses two recent events in order to illustrate his point about sin and repentance - there is a price to be paid for sin, but there is a way of avoiding it: if we repent, we will have salvation and a new and real freedom. This idea is emphasised in the parable, where we see a tree not being condemned immediately, but given a chance to change and produce fruit. So

are we. This links in with the two other readings, which also talk about escape - the escape of Israel from Egypt. This is to be a warning for us, as Saint Paul says: if we are Christians, we must live as Christians, and be aware of the need to watch our lives and the direction they are taking.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: page 554; Readings: page 562; Preface: page 39 <i>For Prayers in Latin: Number 670 in Hymn Book</i>		<p>Sick: Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, Derek Crompton, Florence Toole, Roy Shepherd, Margaret Hatchman, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Helena Czutkowna, Roy Smith, Alan O'Leary, John Barrett, Hayley Anne Mathieson, Peggy Krinks, Cy Jones</p> <p>Anniversaries: George Beeching, Christopher Hailwood, Samuel Cooke</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Helena Czutkowna, George Beeching, Lucy Hesford (sick), John Barrett, Hayley Anne Mathieson, A Special Intention, Cy Jones, The Family of Little Eddie, A Special Intention, James & Mary Mathen, John & Mary Carter, Peggy Krinks, June Dawson (sick), Harry Dawson (Birthday Remembrance), Christopher Hailwood, Joyce Knight</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="font-size: small;">This Newsletter is sponsored by HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE Peel House 638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton. BL1 7AL 01204 309609 www.hfs.co.uk</p>  </div>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy	
Monday (29 th)	No Mass Today 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (Tottington Rd) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (1 st March) <i>St David, Patron of Wales</i>	6.30pm Stations of The Cross (SJ) 7pm Mass followed by Reconciliation (SJ) 7.30pm Becoming Catholic Meeting (SJ) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (2 nd)	9.15am Mass (SC) 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (Holy Infant)	
Thursday (3 rd)	9.15am Mass (SB) 1.45pm Funeral Service for Alan O'Leary (SC)	
Friday (4 th) <i>Women's World Day of Prayer</i>	8.15am Lenten Mass (SJ) in School 6-8pm Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) [<i>see overleaf</i>]	
Saturday (5 th)	10am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SB) [<i>see overleaf</i>] 5pm Mass (SC)	
Next Sunday Mothering Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy	
<p>Collections & Donations: <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>Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i></p> <p>Gift Aid: <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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New Mass Times

Now that the new Mass times have been implemented, there are obviously some items to consider.

Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers

If you were on a rota or your child helped with Altar Serving at 6.30pm or 10.15am, and you now attend Mass at a new time, please contact the office here at St John's (301927) or email: office@sbsj.org.uk if you would like to continue with your role at any of the weekend Masses.

Offertory Envelopes

If you are now attending a different Mass at St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's, you can give in your current envelope to any of the offertory collections. *Thank you.*

Fundraising Concert: As part of their fundraising for Tanzania, students from Thornleigh Salesian College present a concert by Greater Manchester Police Male Voice Choir. This will be held on Thursday 10 March at St Brendan's Church (7.30pm). Tickets (£5) will be on sale after Masses this Sunday. Please come along and support this event. Tickets are also available by telephoning Julie Summerton (07761 585004) or by emailing julie.summerton@ntlworld.com

St Brendan's Piety Stall: Cards for Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day and Easter are now on sale. There is also a selection of First Communion cards and gifts available.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 9 April (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

House Visits in Lent: If any parishioners would like a family/house blessing or a general visit during the Lenten season, Fr O'Brien will make arrangements to come and see you. Please contact the Parish Office (301927) or email: office@sbsj.org.uk

Visit to Wardley Hall: A day's pilgrimage to visit the Holy Door, with Mass, has been arranged on Saturday 9 April for our parishes. Please speak to Fr O'Brien (301927) as soon as possible to book your place. A coach will be booked for ease of transport (there will be a charge for this).

St John's 200 Club: Frances Smith will be at the Masses this weekend to collect payments. Please note that the annual payment is £12 per number.

Flower Festival: A Flower Festival will be held at St Brendan's Church (week ending 24 September 2016). We will be looking for sponsorship for the arrangements and help with catering and stewarding. Any suggestions and offers of help can be passed to Margaret Fazackerley.

Women's World Day of Prayer Service: This will take place at Longsight/Harwood Methodist Community Hall on 4 March (11am), followed by a soup lunch.

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all members who supported the last Book Club meeting which was very thought-provoking! The next meeting will be on Wednesday March 30th to discuss *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. All welcome.

24 Hours for The Lord: In this year of Mercy, our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked that Friday, 4 March until Saturday, 5 March 2016 be set aside as **24 Hours for the Lord**. There will be an opportunity to visit the Lord and celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation in Salford Cathedral from 9am to 9pm on each of the two days. Here in our own parishes, we will open the church on Friday evening (4 March, 6-8pm at St John's) and Saturday Morning (5 March, 10am-12noon at St Brendan's) for Adoration and Reconciliation. All welcome.

Lenten Masses & Activities - 2016

Tuesday Morning Mass 8.15am - St Columba's Church
from 8 March

Friday Morning Mass 8.15am - St John's School

Deanery Station Masses 7.30pm (Confessions 7pm)

2 March – Holy Infant, Astley Bridge

9 March – St Brendan, Harwood

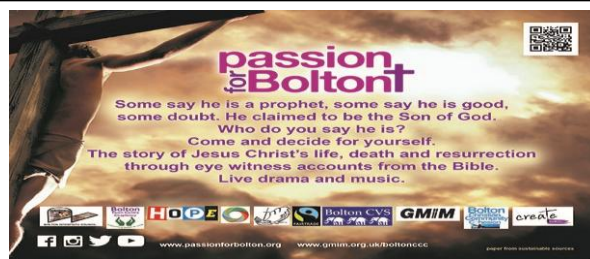
16 March – St Joseph, Halliwell

Churches in Harwood Lent Course 7.30-9pm

29 February – Harwood Methodist

7 March – St Brendan's

14 March – Christ's Church



Passion for Bolton 2016: In 2011 a passion play was performed in Bolton's Victoria Square. It is happening again this year from 12noon on 26 March (Holy Saturday). The Bishop of Bolton and the other Patrons (including Canon Cooke) would like to warmly invite people from across the town to come along on the day and enjoy this live drama, which tells the story of the last days of Jesus' Life.

Think Vocation

"The Lord God of your Fathers has sent me to you." Whenever we encounter a priest or Religious, we need to remember that they have been called by Our Lord and sent to serve us. God works in all sorts of different ways that are often beyond our understanding. May we treat those sent to us by God with the utmost respect and give them our fullest support.

Marriage Matters (twainoneflesh.org.uk)

What's in a name? *Yahweh* means 'I am who I am'. Names bring to mind the person, and what they mean to you. Our God – Three Persons, created me, loves me, redeemed me, makes me holy, and is compassionate, merciful and forgiving. Just as MY Jack, MY Jill has shown me the same love; we have tried to show it to our children.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	T Lees	M Hilton, J O'Connor
9.15 (SJ)	P Margiotta	E Rothwell, T Armstrong, M Cropper, M Speed, D Ramsden, A Gracie
11.15 (SB)	C Owen	P Brennan, M Durkan, C Owen