


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

13TH MARCH 2016 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



There is a logical development in the readings this Sunday: In the Old Testament, God asks us to look forward to the "new deed he will do", when he will put "water in the wilderness"; we then see the new deed, which Paul talks about, to be the "supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus", and sharing the "power of his resurrection"; so who is this Jesus, and how is he "water in the wilderness"? It is because he brings hope for the future and forgiveness of our sins, as the Gospel story relates. This Sunday's readings are there for our encouragement, to help us look forward to Easter, and the meaning of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection: that meaning is Reconciliation and a new creation (as we heard last week). We are driven on through Lent by a vision of the marvels that God has worked, and that God will work for us.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 582; Readings: page 589; Preface: page 38 or 39 <i>For Prayers in Latin: Number 670 in Hymn Book</i>		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 3pm Reconciliation Service (SC)	<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, Sheila Riley and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: John Barrett, Joan Canniffe, Denis Bolton, Kevin Proctor, Helena Czutkowna, Roy Smith, Alan O'Leary, Martin Tarpey</p> <p>Anniversaries: Denis O'Connor, Arthur Roe, Brian Tetlow, Terry Brooks</p> <p>Mass Intentions: A Special Intention, Denis Bolton, Kevin Proctor, Alfeo & Bonifacia Doloroso, All the Doloroso family (living & deceased), John Burke, Denis O'Connor, John Barrett, In honour of St Anthony, Barbara Grimes (Birthday Remembrance), Joan Canniffe, Helena Czutkowna, Arthur Roe, Brian Tetlow, Terry Brooks</p> <p>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 (14 th)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (Christ's Church) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (15 th)	8.15am Lenten Mass (SC) 6.30pm Stations of The Cross (SJ) 7pm Mass followed by Reconciliation (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (16 th)	9.15am Mass (SC) 2-4pm CAMEO Group (Harbour Room, St Brendan's) 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (St Joseph, Halliwell)	
Thursday (17 th) <i>St Patrick, patron of Ireland</i>	9.15am Yr 4 Mass in School (SB)	
Friday (18 th)	8.15am Lenten Mass (SJ) in School	
Saturday (19 th) <i>St Joseph</i>	12noon Commissioning Service for Passion for Bolton (Bolton Parish Church) 5pm Mass – with Children from St Columba's School (SC) <i>Special Collection for Passion for Bolton</i>	
Next Sunday (20 th) Palm Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy 2pm Walk of Witness in Harwood <i>[details overleaf]</i>	

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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*

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Parish Meeting

As part of the ongoing Diocesan Consultation Process, the Bishop met recently with all the priests of the diocese. As a result of this we will hold our own meeting on Wednesday 30 March, 7.30–9pm in the Patmos Room at St John's to discuss how we as a parish are putting the Mission of the Church into practice in our area. More details and agenda to follow.

Patmos Room

Thank you for all your patience while the work has been going on, it has taken longer than expected! The contractor has almost finished on site and we hope to have the formal hand over in the next week or so, which means we should be able to start using it at Easter.

Special Collection for *Passion for Bolton*: At the Palm Sunday Masses next weekend we will have a second collection for *Passion for Bolton*. This event would not happen without a great deal of organisation and expense, and each church in Bolton has been asked if they would help by contributing a donation towards the project. Please help if you can. *Thank you*



Congratulations: To Stan and Anne Horrocks who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend. We send them both our very best wishes.

Gift Aid: We will shortly be starting a new financial year and new offertory envelopes will be available to use from the 6 April. Gift Aid can be claimed for any money given in the offertory envelopes, by standing order or by cheque, provided that we keep a record of it. In order to gift aid your donations, which costs you nothing but gets an extra 25p per £1 for the church, you simply need to fill out a Gift Aid declaration once. If you are a taxpayer, please do consider signing one of these forms so that we can boost our income in this way. Even if you are not a taxpayer, you might wish to make your contributions by standing order rather than envelope or loose money. Please speak to any of the Gift Aid Co-ordinators (below) who will be happy to answer any queries regarding the Gift Aid scheme. Kathryn Wilkinson (SB) 419213; Chris Molyneux (SC) 400472; Jack Donnelly (SJ) 852127.

SVP Festival Mass: Will be held at Thornleigh College on Sunday 3 April at 2pm. Bishop John Arnold will celebrate the Mass and there will be a short talk with refreshments afterwards. All are welcome!

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 us know if you will be attending by telephoning the office (301927) or emailing office@sbsj.org.uk.

Lenten Masses & Activities - 2016

Tuesday Morning Mass 8.15am - St Columba's Church

Friday Morning Mass 8.15am - St John's School

Reconciliation Service 3pm - Sunday (St Columba's)

Deanery Station Mass 7.30pm (Confessions 7pm)

16 March – St Joseph, Halliwell

Churches in Harwood Lent Course 7.30-9pm

14 March – Christ's Church

21 March – Harwood Methodist

Advance Notice

Palm Sunday Mass: Please note that the school children will be in attendance at the 5pm Mass next weekend at St Columba's. We will therefore be expecting a larger number than usual in church.

Palm Sunday Walk of Witness in Harwood: Starts at Christ's Church (2pm), stops off at St Brendan's and finishes at Longsight Methodist. All welcome.

Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper & watching at the Altar of Repose – 8pm (St Brendan's)

Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3pm (St Columba's)

Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil – 8pm (St John's)

Easter Sunday – Mass in each of our Churches: 9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB)

St John's 200 Club

The March winners are:

£50 C Molyneux

£30 A Grundy

£20 M Riley



St Brendan's SVP: Please note that the SVP meeting on Tuesday evenings will now start at a new time of **7.15pm**.

Fairtrade Fortnight: Please support fair trade fortnight by buying fairly traded goods. Justicia has an ever increasing wide goods on sale.

Pilgrimage to Wardley Hall: Thank you for the great response. All places for this trip are now taken. Please could the money for the coach (£10) be paid as soon as possible.

CAMEO Group: Wednesday 16 March (2-4pm) in the Harbour Room (St Brendan's). All most welcome.

Destitution Project: The collection continues for our parishes throughout March. Thank you, as always, for all your support.

Marriage Matters (twainoneflesh.org.uk)

Let joy fill our hearts: Today is the first day of the rest of our lives! It is vital that we don't carry past hurts with us, and are able to forgive and move on. We need to look at our faults and failings and seek forgiveness of each other first. This gives life and hope for our relationship. Let us strive for perfection – together.

Think Vocation

"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." The whole point of the Passion and Death of Our Lord was for the forgiveness of sins. Every one of us commits sins but, like the woman in the Gospel, we are to take the opportunities that are offered to us to change our ways. We pray for future priests and Religious for the Church to remind us of the Gospel message of hope for sinners and to be the compassionate face of Christ to us.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	L Seals	K Egan, C Molyneux
9.15 (SJ)	F Carter	M Russell, A Rawlinson, A Cunliffe, M Speed, J Carroll, F Smith
11.15(SB)	T Regan	T Taylor, J Proctor, T Proctor