

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

### 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



The Gospel of the third Sunday is the remarkable conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the well, the theme is water - which gives life, which cleanses, which is so necessary. This reading forms part of the catechesis given before Baptism at Easter: the candidates who would go into the water are invited to reflect on what that means. But more necessary than the water which gives life is the water which gives eternal life - the water of baptism, the water flowing from Jesus' side on the cross. Even if your Church does not have any candidates preparing for Baptism, we will all renew our baptismal promises at Easter: we should take this opportunity to reflect on what baptism has given us, and what God has done for us in this gift.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> Readings: page 544; Preface: page 566		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy <i>A Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	<p><b>Sick:</b> Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, Derek Crompton, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, John Pryor, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Robert Morissey, Edwin Rankin, Father Francis McAuley, Margaret Patterson, Jessie Carter and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Bill Berry, Ian Rostron, Father Geoffrey Hilton, Rita Taylor, Margaret Whyte, Neville Jones,</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> John French, Nora Maher, Denis O'Connor, Albert &amp; Mary Rawlinson, John &amp; Gladys Hall, Brenda Riley,</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Bill Berry, Ian Rostron, John French, Nora Maher, For a successful operation, Rita Brooks (sick), Denis O'Connor, Margaret Whyte, Gladys Hall (Birthday Remembrance), Barbara Grimes (Birthday Remembrance), Albert &amp; Mary Rawlinson, John &amp; Gladys Hall, Joe Cassidy. Hannah Kilroy, John Murray, Teresa Murray, Patrick Murray, Mary Cassidy (sick), Brenda Riley (10th Anniversary)</p>
Monday (20 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (Christ's Church) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (21 <sup>st</sup> )	8.15am Mass (St Columba's) 6.30pm Stations of The Cross (SJ) 7pm Mass followed by Reconciliation (St John's) 7.30pm Becoming Catholic Course (Patmos Room) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (22 <sup>nd</sup> )	9.15am Yr4 Class Mass (SC) 2-4pm CAMEO Group (Harbour Room, St Brendan's) 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (St Thomas of Canterbury) 7.30pm Churches Together in Tonge Moor Lent Studies (St Andrew's - Exploring using Scripture)	
Thursday (23 <sup>rd</sup> )	9.15am Mass (SB) 7.30pm Reception Mass for Fr. Geoffrey Hilton (St Osmund's)	
Friday (24 <sup>th</sup> )	8.15am Mass (St John's School) 12.30pm Requiem Mass for Fr. Geoffrey Hilton (St Osmund's)	
Saturday (25 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	5pm Mass (SC)  <i>Clocks go Forward</i>	
Sunday (26 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – 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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### Easter Flower Demonstration

Saturday 8 April (2pm) in the Patmos Room (St John's)  
Tickets £5 including a Cream Tea  
Arrangements are to be raffled and all proceeds are in aid of CAFOD and tickets will be on sale after Weekend Masses.

**The next CAFOD meeting is on Thursday 6 April (7pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. All welcome.**

**Premises Security (SB):** Our parish community is grateful to those who take responsibility for opening and closing our church. Please ensure when you leave that candles and lights are extinguished; windows are fully closed; all doors are securely locked, including that the drop bolts are engaged; and the alarm is on. If you have opened church and will not be there to lock up, please ensure that another nominated parishioner takes responsibility for locking up. It is good practice, on leaving, to walk through church & the Harbour Room to make sure all is safe and secure. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Destitution Project:** The collection continues at our three churches during March. All the usual items are very much appreciated. *Thank you for your continued support.*

**CAMEO Group:** The next meeting will be *Desert Island Discs* (a musical afternoon) and will be held on Wednesday 22 March in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's (2-4pm). Please bring a CD that is special to you and we'll play it. We'll also have a short music quiz with time for a chat and refreshments. All are most welcome.

### St John the Evangelist School presents the "Passion of Christ"

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April (afternoon)**

During Holy Week, we would like to invite you on a tour around the school for a retelling of the "Passion of Christ." It will convey the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, suffering and finally his crucifixion. Tea and coffee will be provided. **Please note**, as we can only accommodate 10-15 people maximum in any one group, it is important that you telephone school to book a place. *Thank you.*

### Salesians of Don Bosco UK Vacancy – House Manager/Carer

There is an exciting opportunity to manage our private community house of circa. ten elderly priests and brothers creating a homely atmosphere within a religious setting. Please see the job advertisement on the notice boards for full details.

**Book Club Spring Outing:** Wednesday 10 May to Dewlay's Cheese Factory (outside Garstang) for a guided tour, refreshments, talk and cheese tasting. We then go on to Barton Grange Garden Centre for lunch. The trip, including admission etc, is £14. The coach leaves St Brendan's at 9.15am and returns at 3.15pm. You do not have to be a member of the Book Club to go on one of our outings. If you would like to reserve a place, please contact Pauline on 383138 or Madeleine on 303505. All welcome.

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### Lenten Activities

**Churches together in Harwood:** Lenten Course entitled *Eat, Pray, Share* will be held every Monday in Lent (7.30-9.00pm):

St Brendan – 27 March; Longsight Methodist – 3 April; Christ's Church - 20 March & 10 April.

### Deanery Station Masses

**Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm (Confessions from 7pm)**

22<sup>nd</sup> March – St Thomas of Canterbury, Heaton

29<sup>th</sup> March – St William of York

5<sup>th</sup> April – Our Lady of Lourdes, Farnworth

**All are welcome to attend**

### Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh)

**Find our 'living water':** Jesus' message to the woman at the well reminds us of His first miracle at Cana where He changed water into wine. Today, He promises us "living water where we will never be thirsty again...a spring inside...welling up to eternal life". When His grace is poured into us, into our marriages, it can overflow, strengthening us, reaching out to others.

### Think Vocation

Our Lord kindly reveals himself to the Samaritan woman as she routinely fetches water. There are many people who search for direction and meaning in their lives. May we always imitate Our Lord in his eagerness and patience with those who want to know more about our faith and our Church.

### St John's 200 Club

The March winners are:

£50 A Maguire (176)

£30 L Fielding (149)

£20 C Molyneux (94)



Please can all monies be paid by the end of March There are still spare numbers if anyone would like to join. The cost is only £12 per number per year

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend (25/26 March)

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	T Lees	P & F McDowell, E Clarke
9.15 (SJ)	M Roe	J Carroll, M Russell, F Smith, A Rawlinson, M Cropper, A Gracie
11.15(SB)	M Durkan	T Proctor, T Smith, J Proctor

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