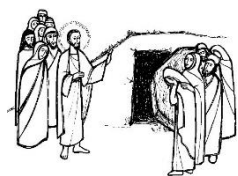


NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS

2ND APRIL 2017 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is perhaps the deepest meditation on the mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. It is a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith than the resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. In the same way, our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us. This is why the climax of the instructions given to candidates for Baptism was this teaching: that Christ would give them life after death. Look ahead to the 3rd Sunday of Easter, where Saint Peter preaches to the crowds – what he teaches them is that life comes after death, as it did for Lazarus, and for Christ himself.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 582; Preface page 593		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 3pm Reconciliation Service (SC) <i>A Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	<p>Sick: 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, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, 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, Margaret Riley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 7), Mary Bagg and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Rita Brooks, Father Geoffrey Hilton, Carmel Mortimore, Patricia Clissold</p> <p>Anniversaries: Jim Birch, Jim Smith, Thomas & Evelyn Rabbitt, Bert Winstanley, George Green, Jack & Mary Carroll, Lilian Dawson, Maureen Southwarth, John Reddy, Peter Scallan</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Jim Smith, Rita Brooks, Bernard Joseph Burke (Birthday Remembrance), Fr Geoffrey Hilton, Carmel Mortimore, Mary Ann Quinn (Remembrance for Mothering Sunday), Thomas & Evelyn Rabbitt, Margaret Barrett, Bert Winstanley, George Green, Rita Brooks, Jack & Mary Carroll, Lilian Dawson, Maureen Southwarth, John Reddy, With thanks to Padre Pio & Our Lady, Peter Scallan, Patricia Clissold, Mary Bagg</p>
Monday (3 rd)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (Longsight Methodist) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (4 th)	8.15am Mass (SC) 6.30pm Stations of The Cross (SJ) 7pm Mass followed by Reconciliation (SJ)	
Wednesday (5 th)	7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes (Farnworth)) 7.30pm Churches Together in Tonge Moor Lent Studies (Church at the Centre - Exploring fellowship)	
Thursday (6 th)	9.15am School Mass in Church (SB) 7pm CAFOD Group Meeting (Harbour Room, SB)	
Friday (7 th)	8.15am Mass (St John's School)	
Saturday (8 th)	2pm CAFOD Easter Flower Demonstration (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) – With Children from St Columba's School.	
Sunday (9 th) <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Walk of Witness (Harwood)	
Easter Triduum		
Maundy Thursday - The Mass of the Lord's Supper (8pm at St Brendan's) Good Friday - The Celebration of the Lord's Passion (3pm at St Columba's) Holy Saturday - The Easter Vigil (8pm at St John's)		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

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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.

Destitution Project: The collection continues at our three churches until Easter. Food items are greatly in need. *Thank you for your continued support.*

St John the Evangelist School presents the "Passion of Christ" - Tuesday 11th April (afternoon)

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 telephone school to book a place. *Thank you.*

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Come and join us for a musical evening in aid of Parkinson's UK. Tickets for the above concert are available by contacting Pat Partington (07985 788144), Alyson Grundy (07989 194771) and Marie Boardman (07771 548590)

Palm Sunday Youth Celebration: Come and celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Young People on Saturday 8 April 1-5pm, including Mass at 4pm with Bishop John Arnold. See the poster on the notice boards for more details.

Rooted: The next Rooted meeting is Thursday 6 April, 7.30pm. For more information, about our meetings, you can email us at rooted@harwoodmethodist.org.uk or search for *Rooted* on Facebook to find the page

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Lenten Activities

Churches together in Harwood: Lenten Course entitled *Eat, Pray, Share* (7.30-9.00pm), Mondays in Lent: Longsight Methodist – 3 April (last one)

Deanery Station Masses

7.30pm (Confessions from 7pm)

Wednesday 5 April – Our Lady of Lourdes, Farnworth
All are welcome to attend

School Lenten Masses (8.15am): Early Masses are held in St Columba's Church (Tuesday) and St John's School (Friday). All welcome!

Reconciliation Service – Sunday, 3pm (St Columba's)

Palm Sunday Walk of Witness in Harwood (9 April)

Starts at Christ's Church (2pm), stops off at St Brendan's and finishes at Longsight Methodist. All welcome.

Churches in Tonge Moor – Holy Week Service

Wednesday 12 April
7.30pm at St Augustine's.

Facebook: The Diocese now has a page on Facebook, which will be used to promote events and highlight important news from the Diocesan family! Check it out and please follow us!

Offertory Envelopes: The new envelopes are available for you to collect this weekend.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: On Saturday 6 May 'Walking the way of the Martyrs' led by Bishop John Arnold. Please contact Mary Hall (07478 765010) for more details

Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh)

The Lord will lead us back together: Ezekiel's words apply to us when we are going through tough times in our relationship, when intimacy, physical or otherwise, seems impossible. At such times, Jesus weeps for us as He did for Lazarus. He will bring us back together if we ask Him and are willing to be vulnerable enough to explore together the changes we need to make.

Think Vocation

Martha and Mary have strong faith in the Resurrection and Jesus builds on their faith at a very difficult time for them, by raising their recently deceased brother Lazarus from the dead. Let us pray for all those who are involved in working with the bereaved within the Church. May their faith in the resurrection bringing comfort and hope to those who feel the pain of the separation that death causes.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend (8/9 April)

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	School	M Hilton, J Cranshaw, M Hilton
9.15 (SJ)	A Grundy	A Rawlinson, A Grundy, T Armstrong, M Russell, M Fau-Goodwin, M Cropper
11.15 (SB)	C Bridge	J Proctor, T Proctor, T Smith