



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

<p style="text-align: center;">14TH FEBRUARY 2016 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal page 532; Readings 538; Preface (at priest's choice)</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>As with each First Sunday of Lent the Gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness; as we begin the journey of Lent, during which we will consider our lives as members of the Church, we look to the example of Jesus when it comes to dealing with temptation. Choosing to follow God's path is the first characteristic of the Christian: this is underlined in the two other readings, which outline the two "creeds" or statements of belief - one of Israel and one of the Christian. Both of them emphasize "believing in the heart and confessing with the lips": both creeds underline the Salvation that God has achieved - for Israel it was freedom from Egypt, for the Christian freedom from death in Jesus.</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">21ST FEBRUARY 2016 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal page 543 Readings 549; Preface 552</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Every year, on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain top. Why? Jesus revealed his glory to the three apostles in order to strengthen them for the journey ahead - the journey to Jerusalem, Gethsemane and Golgotha. The same vision is today offered to us, to strengthen us in our Lenten Journey of Faith.</p> <p>Last week we heard about temptation: this week we are driven onwards by a vision of glory that will be ours - the goal of our lives of faith and all that we do as Christians. The transfiguration represents the final destination of our lives, if we are faithful in resisting temptation and living each day as faithful members of Jesus Christ. In our journey of renewal and new commitment through Lent, we are spurred on and encouraged by today's vision to see why the effort is worth it.</p> </div> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Masses, Feasts & Activities</p> <p>Sunday Masses 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB); 2.30pm Rite of Election (Salford Cathedral) Monday (15th) 9.30am Mass (SB) 7.30-9pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (SB) Tuesday (16th) 7pm Mass (SJ) Wednesday (17th) 9.15am Mass (SC) 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (St Ethelbert's) Thursday (18th) 10am Requiem Mass for Glenda Brandwood (SC) Friday (19th) 9.30am Requiem Mass for Graham Eccles [following funeral in Southport on 4 February] (SJ) CAFOD Lent Fast Day Saturday (20th) 5pm Mass (SC)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Masses, Feasts & Activities</p> <p>Sunday Masses 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB) Monday (22nd) No Mass Today 7.30-9pm Churches in Harwood Lent Course (Christ's Church, Harwood) – <i>The Chair of St Peter</i> Tuesday (23rd) 7pm Mass (SJ) Wednesday (24th) 9.15am Mass (SC) 7.30pm Deanery Station Mass (St William of York) Thursday (25th) 9.15am Yr 3 Mass (SB) – Following Jesus Friday (26th) 8.15am Lenten Mass in School (SJ) Saturday (27th) Mass 5pm (SC) Next Sunday (28th) 9.15am Mass (SJ); 11.15am Mass (SB)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6)</p> <p>We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 3 (of 6)</p> <p>We pray especially for: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocation</p> <p>"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Those who are called to the priesthood or Consecrated Life are responding to Christ in order to receive the promise of eternal life for their souls. May we ask ourselves at the beginning of this holy season of Lent what we need to do with our lives to respond to that offer of salvation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocation</p> <p>"This is My Son, the Chosen One, listen to Him." Lent is a time for prayer and self denial. Out of a deeper personal relationship with Our Lord, we can gain clearer direction for our lives. This Lent, may we keep in our prayers someone we think the Lord may be asking to serve Him in the Church in the priesthood or consecrated life.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Marriage Matters (<i>twoinoneflesh.org.uk</i>)</p> <p>We seek each other: Today's Gospel reminds us that there is more to our life as married couples than we see. Our desire for each other has a deeper yearning – to be loved and accepted for who we are. In this season of Lent let us be led by the Spirit to resist the temptation to lead individual and separate lives within our marriages.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Marriage Matters (<i>twoinoneflesh.org.uk</i>)</p> <p>A real presence through listening: Jesus was transfigured and was in communion with His Father, and His companions were overwhelmed, hearing the Father's voice. We can hear the voice of Jesus now – but can we listen to Him? Let's start by listening to each other, not just ears, but eyes, hearts, our whole being, becoming really present to each other, 'a real presence', every day.</p>

Prayers Please

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 and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

Lately Dead: Graham Eccles, Glenda Brandwood, Mildred Carlin, Little Eddie, Michael Walker, Teresa Kelly

Anniversaries: Thomas Baker, Terry Brooks, Terence Cocker, Eileen Roohan, Mary Joan Quinn, William Hodget

Mass Intentions: Thomas Baker, Mildred Carlin, Terry Brooks, Terence Cocker, Joyce Knight, Eileen Roohan, Little Eddie, Patrick O'Donnell (Birthday Remembrance), With most grateful thanks to Our Blessed Lady & St Jude for prayers answered and favours received, Mary Joan Quinn, A Special Intention, In honour of St Anthony & Teresa, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady & the Holy Spirit & St Jude (for exam success), Fr Denis Sheahan, In honour of St Anthony, Teresa Wilson (Sick), Michael Walker, Teresa Kelly, William Hodget



Congratulations: To Luke Mark Stanton who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith

Rite of Election, Salford Cathedral: Six adults, who have been following the Becoming Catholic Course, will be presented to the Bishop at the Cathedral today in preparation for them to be received into the Catholic Faith. Please pray for these people as they continue on their journey of faith.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: On Friday 19 February, we have an opportunity to come together as a Catholic community to ensure girls living in the world's poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an education. CAFOD is working with local expert organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting it every day, now have time for school, study and to play with friends. Please give what you can in next weekend's collection, so that more girls around the world are free from the burden of the long walk for water.

Thank you

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 from our three churches 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. These visits offer an opportunity for people to ask questions about our faith and beliefs, to have that space and time to pray and to have a blessing for your family and home. 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. As Wardley Hall can only accommodate up to 25 people (for comfort etc), it is advisable to 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). More details to follow.

St John's 200 Club: Please note that money will be due on 28 February. Frances Smith will be at the 5pm Mass (St Columba's), 9.15am (St John's) and the 11.15am Mass (St Brendan's). Please note that the annual payment is £12 per number.

Lenten Masses & Activities - 2016

Tuesday Morning Mass

In St Columba's Church at 8.15am from 8 March not 23 February as previously stated

Friday Morning Mass

In St John's School at 8.15am (with the exception of Friday 19 February)

Deanery Station Masses

Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm (Confessions 7pm)

17 February - St Ethelbert

24 February - St William

Churches in Harwood Lent Course

Monday Evenings 7.30-9pm

15 February – St Brendan's

22 February – Christ's Church Harwood

29 February – Harwood Methodist

St John's 200 Club

The February winners are:

£50 M Holt (57)

£30 T Taylor (39)

£20 G Brown (181)



Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 21 February

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	F McDowell	P & F McDowell
9.15 (SJ)	P French	M Russell, F Smith, A Rawlinson, A Cunliffe, M Speed, M Cropper
11.15(SB)	C Owen	M Durkan, C Owen, P Brennan

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 28 February

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	V Cryer	F Ginty & T Owen
9.15 (SJ)	A Lavin	J Carroll, M Russell, A Gracie, D Ramsden, A Grundy, A Rawlinson
11.15(SB)	C Bridge	C Owen, P Brennan, M Durkan

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