

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

20TH JANUARY 2013 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Gospel of this second Sunday of Ordinary Time continues the theme of the end of Christmas - revelation. Jesus is revealed to the world by his birth, by his baptism, and by his miracles - the "signs" as John calls them. The wedding in today's Gospel is interpreted in many ways: today, reading the Gospel with the First Reading in mind, we can see it as an image of the way in which God is so close to his people, it is as though he is married to them. Thus Jesus, the spouse of the people, shows God's closeness by revealing his glory in this miracle.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal page 185; Readings 191; Preface (at priest's choice)		<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Margaret Edge, Frank Brazel, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Emma Turner, Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Amanda Calcutt, Emma Jiminez (baby), Bernard Cummings, Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Catherine Cooke, Vera Evans, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Denise Carolan, Leila Parker and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Elizabeth Boyle, Joan Stronge, John Barrett, Terence Concannon, Ann Wilkins, Eileen Mason, Stanley Coxon, Noeleen Hewson, Elizabeth Levett (nee Hart)</p> <p>Anniversary: Patrick & Teresa Murray, Hannah Mulroy, Joe Cassidy, Cynthia Winstanley, Vera Boatfield, Patricia Jameson, Kathleen & Harry Howarth, Margaret Johnson, Bernard Burke</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Patrick & Teresa Murray, Hannah Mulroy, Joe Cassidy, Eileen Mason, Elizabeth Boyle, Bernard Cummings, Cynthia Winstanley, Irene Connaughton, Lilian & Harry Dawson, John Reddy, Vera & Fred Boatfield, Stanley Coxon, Joyce Knight, Patricia Jameson, Kathleen & Harry Howarth, Noeleen Hewson, Ann Wilkins, Margaret Johnson</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6): We pray especially for: peace on earth, Christian Unity, the sick and those who care for them, students and teachers, the unemployed</p>
Sunday <i>Peace Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Peace on Earth</i>	
Monday <i>St Agnes</i>	10.30am Requiem Mass for Ann Wilkins (SC) 7.30pm Unity Service (SB) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 2pm Holocaust Memorial Service (Town Hall)	
Thursday <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	9.15am School Mass in church (SB)	
Friday <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) <i>The End of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	
Saturday <i>St Timothy & St Titus</i>	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>Education Day Holocaust Memorial Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Students & Teachers</i> <i>Special Collection for Catholic Education Service</i>	
Collections, Donations, Gift Aid <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate. 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>		

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Christian Unity: Please join us for the special service at St Brendan's on Monday evening (7.30pm) to celebrate this special week of prayer for Christian Unity.

Baptism Preparation: The next preparation session will take place on Thursday 31 January (7 to 8.30pm) at St John's. This is for parents from each of our parishes wishing to have a child baptised in the coming months. If you will be attending this session, please let Fr Cooke or Fr Gee know.

Eucharistic Ministers: There will be a preparation and reflection session for new and existing Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday 2 February. It will be held at St John's beginning at 10am and ending with Mass at 12noon during which the ministers will be (re)commissioned.

Readers (SB & SJ): The new rota is now available

Sunday Coffee Morning (St Brendan's): The total raised for CAFOD during 2012 was an amazing £1506.94. Thank you everyone.

Year of Faith – Catholicism: St James' Parish Montserrat continue with the second series of meetings using the *Word on Fire* material by Fr Robert Barron:

- Monday 21 January – *Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy & the Eucharist.*
- Monday 28 January – *The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit.*
- Monday 4 February – *World Without End: The Last Things.*

Each session begins at 7.30pm and lasts about an hour. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

Holocaust Memorial Day: This will be marked with a special event in the Festival Hall, Bolton at 2pm on Wednesday – A tribute by school children, community and civic leaders to remember the victims of the Holocaust. This year's theme is *Communities Together – Build a Bridge*

Education Sunday: Next weekend we pray for all those involved in education and have a collection for the CES.

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St Osmund's Parish Hall

St Valentine's Big Band Night

featuring

Nostalgia – Swing Band, with vocalist "Beverley"
and The Nostalgiks – Jazz Group

Dance or listen to the sounds of the Big Band era.

Saturday 16th February

7.30pm -12 Midnight

Licensed Bar & Grand Raffle

Tickets £10 including pastie & peas supper.

For tickets, please ring David Lee (01204 533118)

Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships

For the last ten years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer at least 6 internships: Three interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster, two in public policy with CAFOD and one in a media internship in Archbishop's House Westminster.

All internships will run from September 2013 - July 2014 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found at: www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-internships

Completed application forms must either be emailed to interns@cbcew.org.uk or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 9am on 25th February 2013 and Assessment days will be 25th and 26th March 2013.

If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

Think Vocation

St Paul speaks of different people having different gifts. Let us strive to use our gifts to the best of our ability and encourage others to think about how they might use their gifts for the building of the Kingdom of God.

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