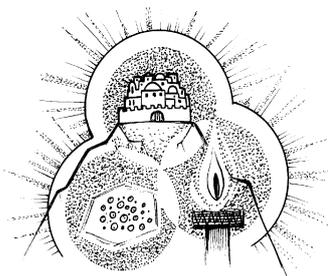


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

9 FEBRUARY 2014 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



While the world may seem to be very indifferent to Christianity most of the time, it can be very critical of Christians who do not seem to be following the most basic tenet of their faith – to be a people of “good deeds”, as Jesus teaches in today’s portion of the Sermon on the Mount. While we may sometimes feel indignant about the world’s criticism of our faults, we have to remember that we are in a vital relationship with “the world” – we are to be its light. This means that we should welcome the world’s gaze and scrutiny of our actions and beliefs and we should, in a sense, be accountable to the world for the way we live. We should never be salt that loses its taste. This openness to the gaze of all is not for our own glory, however: it is so that others may find what we have found – their way to the Father.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 217; Preface at priest’s choice		Prayers Please
Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Pauline Bowling, Emma Turner, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, John Barrett, Roy Smith, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Julie Smith, Ernie Little, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Joshua Almond, Jacqueline Kay, Wynn Elliot, Tom Wardle, Bob Taylor, Noel Gannon, Sheila Derbyshire, David Walton, Dr Bernard Higgins, Winston Shanley, Vera Casey Shaw, Heather Goil, Anne Rule, Joni Horton, Mary Long and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Bob Bowes, Gordon Leather, Ellen McCourt, Margaret McGowan, Veronica Keenan, Virgilio Antazo, Harry Gillett, Kathleen Russell, Mary Kerrane, Father Eddie Morrissey</p> <p>Anniversaries: Isabella Coupe, Norman Graham, Margaret Elizabeth (Betty) Finn</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Jose Pepe Gaela, Gordon Leather, Ellen McCourt, Harry Gillett, Margaret McGowan, The William Sunny family (all our heart’s desires & thanking the Lord for Isabelle’s 3rd birthday), Isabella Coupe, Norman Graham, Padre Pio, our Lady & St Anthony please help & guide us, Joyce Knight, Margaret Elizabeth (Betty) Finn, Deceased members of the O’Kane & Boardman families</p>
Monday <i>St Scholastica</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	11.30am Parish Lunch (Signature Restaurant) 7pm Mass (SB) 7pm Becoming Catholic (SJ) 7.30pm SVP (SB) <i>A day of Special Prayer for the sick and those who care for them</i>	
Wednesday	11am Mass to mark the retirement of Anne Jones (SC) 1.30pm Requiem Mass for Bob Bowes (SJ) 7.30pm Churches in Harwood Meeting (SB)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday <i>St Cyril & St Methodius</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Europe</i>	
Saturday	5pm Mass for Education Sunday – school children attending (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>A Special Collection for the Catholic Education Service</i>	
Next Sunday <i>Education Day</i>	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SC) 3pm Mass for Deaf People (SB) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Students & Teachers</i>	

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Congratulations to: Madison Grace Dawber who was baptised at St John's last weekend. We pray that she and her family will continue to grow in faith.

Parish Lunch: The Parish Lunch is this Tuesday (11 February) at The Signature Restaurant, Bolton College (01204 482364). The entrance to the restaurant is situated at the back of the Bolton College (opposite the NCP car park). Access is via steps or a ramp which leads to the door of the restaurant. There is no access to the restaurant via the main college entrance on Deane Road. When visiting the restaurant customers should use Stanley Street (first right turn after the fire station) at the side of the college, which leads to the rear of the building and the entrance door for the Signature Restaurant. Please arrive at 11.30am ready to dine at 12noon. Thankyou. *Ursula*.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 8 March (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John'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.

CAMEO Auction: The members of St Brendan's SVP would like to thank those people who attended the Cameo Auction. Their support and generosity raised £218.

Golden Jubilee: On Saturday 22 February, the Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Bishop Brain will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the Priesthood. Whilst the bishop has advised that he does not wish to have anything other than a modest celebration, he is going to offer a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist, Salford at 11.00am on this day, to which he would like to invite the priests and people of the diocese to join him. Unfortunately, due to building work being carried out on Cathedral House, it will not be possible, on this occasion, to have catering or refreshments after Mass.

St John's 200 Club: The February winners are:

£50 C Graham (189)
£30 T Clappison (77)
£20 A Hayes (22)



Parish Forum: The next forum will be on Thursday 27 March. More details to follow.

Dean: Fr. Cooke has been re-appointed as dean for a further term of four years.

BRASS: The collection continues at St John's throughout February. *Thank you for your continued support.*

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

Marriage Week 7-14 February 2014

Marriage Week is a great annual focus for couples to take time to pause and learn some new skills to take their marriages from good to very good! The wedding day is only the start and all marriages can get better and better with each passing year.

Marriage Week is supported by a group of charities and individuals who believe that healthy marriages bring benefits for all of society and should be encouraged and supported wherever possible.

Marriage Week celebrates healthy marriages – the union of a man and a woman who make a permanent and exclusive commitment to each other, primarily though not exclusively, with the intent of procreation and the raising of children. This social institution, which has been enshrined in the history of civilization, provides vital inter-generational links and stability bringing benefits to all of society.

Have you noticed how life can get extremely busy? In fact so busy that it's all too easy to forget the connectedness that inspired you to marry in the first place! It's not even as though being busy is a bad thing. Often we are busy doing good things, like looking after children, moving house, new jobs, homework and so on, and there lies the challenge, in the midst of all this activity we just forget to look after our marriages.

Marriages need time and content to grow and flourish. So this Marriage Week why not see what your relationship might be like if you nurtured it a bit more. The Marriage Week website (www.bigpromise.org.uk) has further ideas and information to help you do that.

Within the context of our Sunday worship, you might want on a more regular basis to reflect together as a married couple on the readings that we hear at Mass – to see how they might be speaking to you. To help with that there is a series of books which cover the three-year cycle of Sunday readings. Over the past two years, a number of couples in our parishes have bought copies of the *I Am With You* books which contain reflections written by married couples for married couples. The final book (for Year A) is now available. Individual books cost £7.99 (plus postage & packing at £3) and the box-set costs £15.99 (plus postage and package at £4.50). If you would like to order a copy or a box-set, you can order direct from the authors at sales@twoinoneflesh.org.uk or by telephone from McCrimmons (01702 218956)

Marriage Week is a massive aide-memoire to the nation which says; "if you're fortunate enough to be in a marriage – then you should look after it".

During this week, let us pray for all married couples and for those who are preparing for marriage. Let us also remember those who are experiencing difficulties or breakdown in their marriages and those who are coping with the death of their spouse. As a Church, we should do all we can to support and promote Marriage which, as a sacrament, is a sign to us of God's love communicated through human love.

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