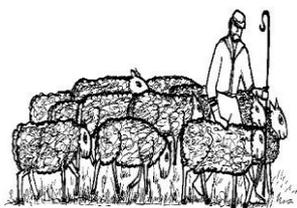


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**I am the gate of the sheepfold**



This Sunday is traditionally called ‘Good Shepherd Sunday’, because of the Gospel references to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. On this Sunday we hear one of the great ‘I am’ statements of Jesus from Saint John’s Gospel. Today he says ‘I am the gate of the sheepfold’. Through Jesus we enter into life and safety, and we go through Jesus, the gate by baptism. This image is implied in all today’s readings: the people listening to Peter find this gateway and enter through it: Peter writes to remind us that we have come back to the Good Shepherd, who heals us by his wounds.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 752; Preface at priest’s choice		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	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) <i>Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund</i>	<p><b>Sick:</b> 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 &amp; Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Pauline Bowling, Emma Turner, Guy Ryan, 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, Joni Horton, Mary Long, Teresa Hastings, Damien Rabbitt, Paul Angus. Marie Corner, Walter Norris and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Bill Whittle, Bill Jerstice, Gerard Maguire, Richard Puccini, Anne Graham, Kathleen Heyes, Catherine James</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Jack Shechter, Ron Higson</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> A Special Intention, Graham Taylor (Birthday Remembrance), Jack Shechter, Margaret Barrett (Sick), Mary Joan Quinn (Birthday Remembrance), Margaret Neyland (sick), Len Wallwork (Birthday Remembrance), Ron Higson, A Special Intention, Bill Jerstice, Bill Whittle, Francis Riley (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), For the Butterworth, Cooke &amp; Lyons families, Holy Souls</p> <p><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6):</b> We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 2pm Funeral Service for Anne Graham (SB) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	No Mass today 6.30pm Confirmation (SC) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday <i>St Matthias</i>	9.45 Book Club Trip to Ordsall Hall 10am Requiem Mass for Kathleen Heyes (SC) 7pm Confirmation (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 1pm Funeral Service for Catherine James (SB) 6pm Confirmation (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation (Patmos Room SJ) 2pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	

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### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, is chosen as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Please pray for all people who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, those who are preparing for ordination or religious profession and for all priests and consecrated men and women.

### Ecclesiastical Education Fund

At our Masses this weekend, we will have a special collection for the fund that is used to train future priests. This year there are seven students currently in seminary: Rev Alfred Rebello (St Mary's, Oscott) and Rev Laurence Gambella (Beda College, Rome) who will both be ordained priest this July, Gavin Landers and Callum Brown (St Mary's, Oscott), Michael Deas and Richard Howard (Venerable English College, Rome) and Kevin Murphy (Beda College, Rome).

### Vocations Enquiries

Have you ever thought about being a priest or joining a religious order? Why not have a word with a priest that you know or make contact with the Diocesan Vocations Promoter (Fr Featherstone) on 0161 681 1410 or the National Office for Vocations (0207 901 4809)

### Think Vocation

"The sheep recognised the voice of their loving shepherd." We pray that young people may recognise the voice of the Lord amidst the materialistic messages with which the world overpowers them.

**Congratulations:** To Benjamin Finley Gallagher who was baptised at St Columba's last Saturday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

**Confirmation:** Please pray for the children in our parishes who will be confirmed this week. Bishop Brain will be confirming at St John's on Wednesday evening. Fr Cooke will be confirming at St Columba's (Tuesday) and St Brendan's (Thursday).

**SVP Sponsored Walk:** The annual sponsored walk in aid of holiday/activities and any other forms of help for families in need, takes place on Sunday 1 June and sponsor forms are available after Mass today. Everyone is invited to join in the walk or, alternatively, please sponsor someone who is walking. *Thank you.*

**Thank You:** John and Mary Marshall would like to thank everyone for all their kind thoughts, good wishes, prayers and Mass Intentions on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding. Holy Mass will be said for your intentions.

**Golden Jubilee:** Fr McCauley will celebrate the 10.15am Mass on Sunday 25 May to mark his 50 years of priesthood. If you would like to contribute towards a cheque from our parishes to Fr McCauley, please put your donation in an envelope (clearly marked) and hand it to one of the priests next weekend.

**Piety Stalls:** There is now a selection of cards and gifts on sale for both Confirmation & First Holy Communion.

### Parish Social Events

**Would you like a walk in our lovely countryside?** If so join us at Turton Tower 1.30pm 17 June. The walk is approx 2 miles and will be followed by refreshments. If you would just like join us for refreshments please come to Chapel House, High St, Chapeltown (opposite St Anne's Church) for 3pm. All welcome. Enquiries to Maureen Iddon (Tel 852371). Donations will be in aid of Church Funds

**Teapot Time:** Please note that the session planned for this week (15 May) has had to be cancelled due to a funeral. A new date will be arranged soon.

**Ordsall Hall:** A reminder for those going on the Book Club trip to Ordsall Hall on Wednesday 14 May. Please could everyone assemble in St Brendan's car park for departure at 9.45am? We will leave the Hall at 12 noon and go to the Lowry for lunch. Departure from the Lowry is at 2.30pm in order to arrive back at St. Brendan's at 3pm approx. May everyone have a good time! *Madeleine*

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 17 May (10.30-12noon) 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](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk)

**Mass Intentions:** To help us gather correct information for the inclusion of Mass Intentions on the newsletter, we have designed a Mass Intention Request slip (which can be found at the back of our churches). If you could use these slips (whenever possible) along with the envelope provided, it would really help us to ensure that all details are correct. Thank you.

**BRASS:** The collection of food items during May will be held at St John's. Thanks for your continued support.

**Readers (St Columba's):** We are looking for volunteers to join the readers' rota at both Masses. If anyone is interested please see Kevin Egan. Thank you

**St John's 200 Club:** The May winners are:

£50	C Guest (47)
£30	D Whyte (120)
£20	C Frankland (222)



### Exam Prayers

At this time of year we pray especially for all our young parishioners who are taking exams. We ask that they may be given guidance and support at this important time in their lives.

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