

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

20TH JULY 2014 – SIXTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Let them both grow till the harvest



There is no room in a good field for weeds and rubbish: so in the Kingdom of Heaven, there is no room for 'all things that provoke offences, and all who do evil'. They must be got rid of, for the sake of the good wheat, for the sake of the good subjects of the kingdom. But this weeding out will not take place until harvest time - in case one piece of good wheat is destroyed with the weeds. This shows the mercy of God: everyone has chance after chance to prove that they are wheat, not darnel; there are no quick judgements in the kingdom of heaven, and things are never as black and white as we think. Only at the end of time will evil stand out clearly, so that it can be disposed of, and only the Son of Man can judge.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i> Sunday Missal: page 328; Preface: at priest's choice		Prayers Please	
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 10.15am Mass (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SJ)	<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Eunice Brierley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Kathleen Hopwood, Maureen Kennedy, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, David Walton, Dr Bernard Higgins, Walter Norris, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Emma Turner, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Leila Parker, Betty Pollitt and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Rita Holder, Mrs Ginny Dias, Anthony Meagher</p> <p>Anniversaries: John McCormick, Peter & Doreen Didutch</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Joyce Knight, Rita Holder, In thanksgiving for prayers answered, Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Harry Duddridge, Cynthia Winstanley, St Joseph for a Special Intention, Betty Pollitt (sick), John McCormick, For a Special Intention, Peter & Doreen Didutch, Mrs Ginny Dias, A Special Intention to Our Lady</p> <p><i>Please note that any cheques for Mass Intentions should be made payable to St John's. Thank you.</i></p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers</p>	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)		
Tuesday <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	10.30am Funeral Service for Rita Holder (SB) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)		
Wednesday <i>St Bridget</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) <i>A Special Day of Prayer for Europe</i>		
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)		
Friday <i>St James</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)		
Saturday <i>St Joachim & St Anne</i>	11am Baptism (SC) 5pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Special Collection for</i>		
Next Sunday <i>Day for Life</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) 10.15am Mass (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Day for Life</i>		
<p>Collections & Donations: <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i></p> <p>Gift Aid: <i>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></p>			

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Thank You: To those who attended the Mass at Salford Cathedral on Wednesday and many others who have sent cards or wished me well on my appointment to the Cathedral Chapter. *Canon Cooke*

Congratulations: To Maddison Elizabeth Turner who was baptised at St Columba's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

Day for Life: Next weekend we celebrate the annual day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life. This year we call upon young people, in particular, to protect and cherish life from conception to natural death. There will be a special collection at the Masses next weekend for The Anscombe Bioethetics Centre and other life related activities supported by the Church. For more information visit: www.dayforlife.org.

Marriage: Please pray for Eleanor Gee (Fr Joe's sister) and her fiancé Anthony Gallagher who are getting married in Ireland on Friday. We wish them well for their big day and for a long, happy and fulfilling married life.

Summer Holidays

This weekend our schools close for their summer holidays. It is a time to thank all members of school staff for their professional commitment and hard work during the last school year. We pray for all our year 6 pupils as they leave their primary schools and move on. We ask that they may be given guidance and encouragement as they continue their journeys.

As many of our parishioners will be setting off on holiday over the coming weeks, we wish you safe travel, an enjoyable time and we hope the sun shines!

First Communion: Suzanna and Livia Day, currently living in Abu Dhabi due to their parents' work, will make their First Communion at the 11.15am Mass at St Brendan's next Sunday.

Flower Festival: This will take place on Saturday 26 July and Sunday 27 July at St Anne's Church, Chapelton (10am-7pm). The theme for the festival this year is British Sitcoms.

BRASS: The last collection for July will take place at St Columba's next weekend. The collections continue at St John's during August. Your continued support is greatly appreciated, Thanks

World War I Centenary: To mark 100 years since the start of the First World War, there will be a variety of services at the beginning of August:

Sunday 3 - 2pm Service at Dunscair War Memorial
6.30pm Civic Service at Bolton Parish Church

Monday 4 - 11am Memorial Service in Victoria Square
7.30pm Service at Christ Church, Walmsley
10-11pm Vigil in the grounds of Bolton Parish Church

Tuesday 5 - National Day of Commemoration

At each of our Sunday Masses on the 2/3 August, we will pray for those who died in WWI, for those currently serving in the armed forces and for peace.

There will be a Deanery Mass for this same purpose at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17 September in St Patrick's Church, Great Moor Street.

Basic First Aid Training: So that we can ensure that parishioners are appropriately cared for if they suffer an accident or illness, Basic First Aid Training will be delivered in autumn 2014. Everyone is welcome, but interest is particularly encouraged from apparitors, who are often the first to be called upon if someone is taken ill during Masses, and those who arrange parish groups and events. Please let Fr. Cooke or Tony Proctor know (Tel. 301425) if you are interested. Alternatively email the Parish Office at office@sbsj.org.uk. Please indicate the day of the week you would prefer to attend. The training is likely to be of about one day or two half days duration and would be delivered at a parish venue.

Think Vocation

A vocation to the priesthood may start off with an inclination the size of a mustard seed. By prayers and encouraging words we are all capable of supporting those in the early stages of discerning vocations.

Come and Join Us!

Tea & Coffee is always served after the Sunday Masses at St John's (9.15am) and St Brendan's (11.15am)

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