

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

15 NOVEMBER 2015 – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



As always at this time of year, we begin to contemplate the end of the world - a theme that carries us over next Sunday's feast (Christ the King) and so into Advent. Such a contemplation is not gloomy or morbid: throughout the ages (and especially in the early days) Christians have been utterly positive about the coming end of all things, because we know what will happen, and in fact we earnestly desire it to come: the phrase that gives this away is in the Gospel: "Then... he will send his angels to gather his chosen from the four winds." This gathering of God's children together will be a truly wonderful event, when we will all be completely enfolded in that love of God that we talk so much about.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 504; Readings: page 508; Preface: at priest's choice		<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p>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 and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Fr Denis Sheahan, Kevan Dunleavy,</p> <p>Anniversaries: John Meagher, Fred Boatfield, Olive Cranshaw, Philip Southern</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Fr Denis Sheahan, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Cassidy, In honour of St Anthony, St Jude and the Sacred Heart, In honour of St Anthony, Olive Cranshaw, Vera and Fred Boatfield, John McCormick, Philip Southern</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-size: small;"> This Newsletter is sponsored by HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE Peel House 638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton. BL1 7AL 01204 309609 </div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: x-small;">  www.hfs.co.uk </div>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SC) <i>A Special Collection for the Retired Priests Fund</i>	
Monday	No Mass Today 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	11am Requiem Mass for Kevan Dunleavy (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am School Mass in Church (SB) - Yr 3	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>Jesus Christ, King of The Universe</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy <i>Youth Sunday – Special Day of Prayer for Young People</i>	
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>		
Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i>		
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>		

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Retired Priests Fund: Today we have a special collection for the Retired Priests' Fund, a fund which supports all our retired priests, of which there are about sixty at present in their retirement. We all know that the People of the Diocese hold great affection for all our priests and Bishop John invites you to be as generous as you can to this appeal and special collection. With your support we will be able to build up the fund to meet the current and future needs of our sick and retired priests. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Congratulations: To Ben Christopher Holden and Oliver Simon Andrew Holden who were baptised at St Columba's last Saturday, and to Eva Jessica Wilkins who was Baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Sacramental Programme: Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Presentation Service on Wednesday evening. Let us pray for them and their families during this special year.

Lourdes 2016: Preparations are now taking place in the Diocesan Lourdes Office, for next year's (2016) Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Pilgrimage Director, Fr Michael Jones, has written to us this week with information about some pre pilgrimage arrangements which may be of interest to those considering joining next year's Three Parish Pilgrimage Group. These are:

1. A Mass to celebrate the Feast of The Immaculate Conception in the Cathedral on Tuesday 8 December at 7.30pm. Following Mass, information and booking forms will be handed out and plans/intentions (regarding practical arrangements) will be presented. Teresa and I will be attending and I feel sure that we will be joined by other members from our three parishes.

2. Those who have attended previous pilgrimages will, no doubt, have been impressed by the magnificent work carried out by our young adult volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the week. We were very proud last year to have two such young men from our parishes. This year potential volunteers will have to attend one of two training sessions at the Cathedral Centre if their application is to be approved. These will be held on Wednesday 18 November at 7.30pm or Sunday 17 December at 2.30pm. I think this is a sensible move bearing in mind their potential responsibilities as helpers. This does not leave too much time for decisions so, if you do wish to go, please apply quickly.

This year I am grateful to Margaret Russell from St John's and Peter Carolan from St Brendan's who have offered to help me with our local organisation. Please speak to any of us if you have any early queries. Thank you. *Terry Smith* 01204 531197. Email: terencesmith4@virginmedia.com.

APF/Mill Hill: A new collector is needed in St Brendan's parish to empty the red boxes in the Tottington Road area. There are only six houses involved and the collection is four times per year. If you are interested, please see Colin Spragg after the 11.15am Mass or telephone 01204 381354

Mass for the Deceased: Our annual Mass, organised by the SVP, for all who have died in the past year will take place at St Brendan's on Saturday 28 November at 11am.

St John's 200 Club

The November winners are:

£50 M Smith (150)
£30 A Clappison (77)
£20 F Delvard (12)



Volunteers needed: The clearance of furniture in St Columba's Presbytery is (hopefully) coming to an end! If anyone is available to help with the dismantling/removal of larger items of furniture on Tuesday 24 November (9.30am – 1pm) please let us know by telephoning the office (301927). *Thank you*

Christmas Toy Collection: We have been asked if we would hold a collection of newly purchased toys in aid of Fortalice. Fortalice was founded by volunteers as a Charity in 1977 and provides frontline services including a twenty-two bed refuge and a support centre for women and children who are affected by or who are fleeing domestic abuse. As the women and children have often lived a deprived and abusive life with little in the way of presents for birthdays or Christmas, Fortalice is always delighted to receive donations of toys and presents to ensure the residents in the refuge have a Christmas most of us would take for granted. It has been supported by local Churches and the Bolton community since the organisation began and without the generosity of people in the local community, would not be able to survive or give parents and children a new experience of receiving individual presents. We will hold the toy collection at our Sunday Masses on the 6 December and a representative from Fort Alice will give a short talk.

Christmas Draw Tickets

St Columba's: Tickets will be available this weekend.



St John's: Tickets will be available this weekend. Please take some to sell to your family and friends. If we manage to sell them all, it will raise over £2000 towards our new building work. The prizes will be gift vouchers (as last year) and a list will be available if you wish to donate vouchers of your own choice. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Danny & Vince

Marriage Matters (twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

We do not know the hour or the day: The world will not last forever, and marriage too will end when one spouse dies. This week, we married people are reminded to reflect on the treasures of love in our life: romance, warmth, tenderness, joyful celebrations, intimate moments and the fruitfulness of our love. Let's celebrate each other, reconcile past hurts and continually praise God for His blessings.

Think Vocation

We all have a part to play in vocations. We can look for qualities and signs in someone we think would make a good priest. We should tell them about what we see in them and we should pray for them. Such involvement will help those who are discerning what the Lord is asking them to do with their lives.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	K Egan	M Hilton, J Cranshaw
6.30 (SJ)	S Mikolajewski	M Fau-Goodwin, P McArdle, B Ramsden
9.15 (SJ)	P Barnes	E Rothwell, F Smith, J Carroll, D Ramsden, M Cropper, A Gracie
10.15(SC)	J O'Connor	M Hilton, J O'Connor
11.15(SB)	S Corr	J Proctor, T Taylor, T Proctor