

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

10TH JANUARY 2016 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Strange if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but not if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved".

On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 172; Readings 173; Preface 176		Baptismal Blessing
Sunday	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)	<p><i>Almighty Lord and God, Who are the source and origin of all life, Whether of body or soul, We ask you to bless this water, Which we use in confidence To implore forgiveness for our sins And to obtain the protection of your grace Against all illness and every snare of the enemy. Grant, O Lord, in your mercy, That living waters may always spring up for our salvation, And so may we approach you with a pure heart And avoid all danger to body and soul. Through Christ our Lord Amen</i></p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>
Monday (11 th)	11am Requiem Mass for Ron Brierley (SB) 2pm Funeral Service for Ann Farrell (Overdale) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (12 th)	6.30pm Sacramental Programme – Preparation for Reconciliation (SC) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (13 th)	9.15am Yr 6 Class Mass (SC) 9.30am Requiem Mass for Ann Farrell (SJ) [<i>Cremated on Monday</i>] 11.45am Funeral Service for Andrew Corr (Overdale) 6.15pm Sacramental Programme – Preparation for Reconciliation (SJ)	
Thursday (14 th)	12noon Requiem Mass for Vincent John (SB) 6pm Sacramental Programme – Preparation for Reconciliation (SB)	
Friday (15 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday (16 th)	10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation Course (Harbour Room, SB) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday (17 th)	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	
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		

Prayers Please

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, Derek Crompton and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

Lately Dead: Ron Brierley, Ann Farrell, Vincent John, Andrew Corr, Ken Mitchell, Linda Smith, Helen Jameson, Margaret Considine, John Hayhurst, Christine Littaye, Carl Airey, Peter Whithead, Michael Carding, Alf Patient, Bill Ginty, David Clegg

Anniversaries: Patricia Dolorosa Jameson, Bernard Molyneux, Marian Kosecki, Paul Goggins, Tony Whyte, Bernadette Croft, Eileen Croft, Harriet McAvoy, Margaret Airey, Kathleen Taylor, Jim Gartland, Maureen Mullarkey, Michael Clarke

Mass Intentions: Deceased members of the Quinn & Marshall families, Kathleen Quinn(sick), Ron Brierley, Ann Farrell, Ken Mitchell, Linda Smith, Helen Jameson, Patricia Dolorosa Jameson, Hannah Kilroy, Patricia Murray, Teresa Murray, Mary Cassidy, Bernard Molyneux, Marian Kosecki, Paul Goggins, Margaret Considine, Tony Whyte, Deceased members of the Whyte and Eastwood families, John Hayhurst, Mark & Norah Maher, Bernadette Croft, Gordon Holt, John & Winifred Gruark, John & Margaret O'Connor, Anthony Markland, Kathleen Daly, Christine Littaye, Rosemary Davies (a special intention), Vincent Heron, Elizabeth Kerlin, Bill Carey, Bridie & John Barrett, Eileen Croft, Harriet McAvoy, Carl Airey, Margaret Airey, Catherine Slater, Kathleen Taylor, Chris Taylor, Agnes Brazel, Jim Gartland, Deceased members of the Gilmartin & Callan families, Peter Whithead, Michael Carding, Alf Patient, Bill Ginty, Maureen Mullarkey, Michael Clarke. Mr & Mrs Ambrose Royle, deceased members of the Royal & Kilcoyne families, Patricia Allen, Virginia Dias, To the Holy Family for the special intentions of the Smith & Harris families, David Clegg, John McCormick, Vera & Fred Boatfield, Kevan Dunleavy, Leila Parker



Congratulations: To Donaldson and Hollie Atem who were baptised at St Columba's on Saturday 19 December. And to Lucy Marie Stott who was baptised at St John's on Sunday 27 December. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.



Congratulations: To Lewis Grant & Laura Glanvill who were married at St Brendan's on 31 December. We wish them a long, happy and fulfilling married life together.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 16 January 2016 (10.30am-12noon) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan'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.

Christie Friends: The recent Musical Evening raised £750. Once again, we would like to thank the Ukrainian Club, Band and Rock Choir and to all who supported us (especially for turning out in such bad weather). *Kath Brown.*

St John's Christmas Draw: Many thanks to all parishioners and friends who supported St John's Christmas Draw. The total raised was £837. We would also like to thank everyone for their generosity in donating gift vouchers (donations totalled a staggering £500)! Also thanks to those who won vouchers and passed them on to various charities.

The Destitution Project: Thank you, as always, for your tremendous donations and continued support throughout December. The next joint parish collection will be in June.

Early notice for Theatre lovers: Reminder – *Singin' in the Rain*, at the Octagon, is booked for us on Wednesday 8 June (2pm Matinee). It's the theatre's summer show and seats are going fast. The price is £15.45 (concessionary) and I have some seats left. If you are interested, please ring 01204 303505. We shall start taking payments after Sunday Mass at St Brendan's in the Harbour Room. Cheques should be made payable to: **The Octagon Theatre.** *Frank & Madeleine*

Harbour Room Book Club: This will take place on Wednesday 16 December at 1pm. There will be refreshments and a raffle. The books under discussion are the Regency Romances of Georgette Heyer. All welcome!

Readers: The Readers' Rota will be published in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to become a reader at Mass or you would like to have your name removed from the list, please contact the office: 301927 or office@sbsj.org.uk.

Think Vocation

At baptism, when we entered the family of God, we received the gift of faith as well as the promise of eternal life. In this Year of Mercy let us try to find out the name of the priest or deacon who baptised us and pray for them whether they are living or deceased.

Marriage Matters (twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Being what we promised to be: Today's feast tells us who Jesus really is; it calls us to be what we promised at our wedding – a sign to the world of God's love for all of us. At the core of this commitment is the undertaking to trust our spouse with who we really are – feelings, thoughts, ideas; all that makes us who we are today.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	T Lees	P & F McDowell
6.30 (SJ)	C Holmes	TBA
9.15 (SJ)	P Margiotta	J Carroll, M Russell, A Gracie, D Ramsden, A Grundy, A Rawlinson
10.15(SC)	N Villa	F Ginty, T Owen
11.15(SB)	G Roohan	T Taylor, J Proctor, T Proctor

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