

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

28TH AUGUST 2016 – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Humble behaviour is the mark of the Christian, as it always was the mark of someone “in favour with the Lord.” In the Gospel, we see Jesus watching the Pharisees: it’s almost amusing to picture them shuffling for the best places, the polite “After you!” to put themselves in a better position. How would they have reacted to his teaching? They may well have remembered the passage we read from the Old Testament, and realised that Jesus was teaching the teachers something they should be well aware of.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i>		<p>Sick: Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, Derek Crompton, Roy Shepherd, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, Barbara Stoppard, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, John James McLaughlin, Carrie Roscoe, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Josephine Gell, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Barbara Proctor, Don Howcroft, Anna Seddon, Effie Tomlinson</p> <p>Anniversaries: James Dowbaken, Mary Marshall</p> <p>Mass Intentions: James Dowbaken, Philip Ward, Terence Crowther, Margaret Barrett, A Special Intention, Mary Marshall, Phillip Gooden (for a successful operation), Anna Seddon, Mary Cassidy, Hannah Kilroy, Patrick Murray, Teresa Murray</p>
Sunday Missal: <i>page 391; Readings 397; Preface at Priest's choice</i>		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SJ)	
Monday (29 th) <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday (30 th)	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (31 st)	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday (1 st September) <i>St Edmund Arrowsmith</i>	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday (2 nd)	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday (3 rd) <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	11am-12noon – Adoration & Reconciliation (St Brendan's) 5pm Mass (SC)	
Next Sunday (4 th)	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB)	
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		
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>		

Parish Priest: Rev Canon Michael Cooke VG

Assistant Priests: Rev Seán O'Brien & Rev Francis Parkinson

Parish Office: St John's Presbytery, The Crescent, Bromley Cross, Bolton BL7 9JP

Tel: 01204 301927 E-mail: office@sbsj.org.uk Website: www.sbsj.org.uk

Salford Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered Charity – 250037 Diocesan website: www.salforddiocese.net



Congratulations: To Finlay Jonathan Julian Kennair who was baptised on Sunday 14 August at St Columba's and to Cody Stefan Urban who was baptised last Saturday at St John's. We pray that both children and their families continue to grow in faith.

Mass for the Feast of St Ambrose Barlow: On Saturday 10 September (12noon) in the Cathedral there will be a Diocesan Celebration of Missionary Discipleship, as part of the Year of Mercy. The Mass will be celebrated in the presence of the relic of St Ambrose, which will be brought from Wardley Hall. We have been allocated 12 tickets for this celebration so if you would like to go to this Mass please telephone or e-mail the parish office on 301927 or office@sbsj.org.uk

Magic of the Musicals

A Charity Concert with the Eden Singers

**On Friday 16 September at 7.30pm
at Old Links Golf Club, Chorley Old Road,
Bolton, BL1 5SU**

Tickets (£7) are available from any member of the SVP, Peter Carolan (SB) or Frank McDowell (SC) after weekend Masses

All proceeds are in aid of the SVP

See posters for more details

SVP - Destitution Project

Our next collection of items will be during September. Both the volunteers and those who receive your donations are enormously grateful for everything our parishes do to help.

Besides the food and clothing items, there is a request for bars of soap, toothpaste and toilet rolls. If anyone also has any carrier bags lying around, these are also really useful.

Thank you for all your continued generosity!

Flower Festival

Friday 23 - Sunday 25 September
at St Brendan's Church, Harwood
Tickets £3

(Accompanied children free of charge)

We still need promises of cakes for the three days, if you are able to help with this, please give your name in after each of the Sunday Masses.

The Festival will open with a short service and preview on Thursday 22 September at 7pm. This is a ticket only event (£5) and they will be on sale after Sunday Masses.

Diocesan Communications Manager

The Diocese is seeking to appoint a Diocesan Communications Manager to be responsible for the diocese's internal and external communications (including relations with the press and the media) and to develop a communications strategy for the diocese. For further information, job description and an application form, contact Patrick O'Dowd, Director of Administration and Personnel, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP; Tel 0161 817 2203; Patrick.odowd@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. Further details are also available on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Caritas Diocese of Salford

Wish to recruit a Fundraising Co-ordinator at our Head Office. This position will be based in Salford. For more information and to download an application form please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/jobs or call 0161 8172264.

Marriage Matters (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

Raised by our love: We live in a world where self-promotion is at the heart of many superficial relationships. But ours is a New Covenant of love – Jesus refers to this in the Gospel. In this unique relationship we seek to encourage and raise each other higher. When we fail, as inevitably we do, He calls us to ask forgiveness of each other.

Think Vocation

“Behave humbly and then you will find favour with the Lord.” The Lord can work with us most readily and easily when we are most disposed to the work of the Holy Spirit. When we know that we depend for everything in our lives upon God then we are being truly humble. Let us pray for the gift of humility upon those in positions of authority within the Church.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	T Lees	M Hilton & J Cranshaw
9.15 (SJ)	C Grundy	F Smith, T Armstrong, D Ramsden, M Fau-Goodwin, A Rawlinson, M Cropper
11.15 (SB)	T Regan	C Owen, P Brennan, M Durkan



**Come and join us for tea,
coffee and a chat after Sunday
Masses at St John's and St
Brendan's.
Everyone welcome!**

This Newsletter is sponsored by

HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE

Peel House
638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton.
BL1 7AL
01204 309609



www.hfs.co.uk