

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

**9TH OCTOBER 2016 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**



There are many messages in today's Gospel: the power of God to heal, the compassion of Jesus for those in need, the fact that a despised foreigner (the Samaritan) is the only one who recognises what has been done, the role of faith and the importance of thanking God for gifts received. But because this Gospel is twinned with part of the story of Naaman the leper, the idea that the Church brings out most clearly is that of thanksgiving, or acknowledging what has been given to us. From an early age we are taught to say "Thank You" – to recognise that someone has gone out of their way to give us something or do something for us. Our thanks strengthens the relationship that binds us together, and it is the same with God. As we recognise the good things that come from God, so our faith is deepened and the bond of the Covenant in Christ Jesus is strengthened.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 455; Readings 461; Preface at Priest's choice		<p><b>Sick:</b> 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, 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, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Josephine Gell, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, John Pryor, Marie France and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Brian Crompton, Lyn Callun, Bernard Slater</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Emily Connolly, Elizabeth Villa, Terry McQuaid</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> In Thanksgiving to St Jude for a happy outcome, In thanksgiving for safe delivery of twin boys, Emily Connolly, Brian Crompton, Elizabeth Villa, Lyn Callun, Arnold &amp; Kathleen Banks, Marie France (sick), Terry McQuaid</p>
Sunday <i>Prisoner's Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	
Monday (10 <sup>th</sup> )	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (11 <sup>h</sup> )	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (12 <sup>th</sup> )	9.15am Yr2 Class Mass in School (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ) 6.30pm-7.30pm St John's Primary School Open Evening 7.15-8.00pm Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)	
Thursday (13 <sup>h</sup> )	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday (14 <sup>th</sup> )	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation Course (Patmos Room St John's) 5pm Mass (SC) – With Children's Liturgy	
Next Sunday (16 <sup>th</sup> )	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	

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**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

**Collections & Donations:** *All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.*  
**Mass Intentions:** *Cheques should be made payable to St John's*  
**Gift Aid:** *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. Thanks*

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**Congratulations:** To Josh Andrews who was baptized at St Brendan's last Saturday. We pray that he and his family continue to grow in faith



**Congratulations:** To our parishioners Terry and Teresa Smith who were married last Sunday at St Brendan's. We send all our very best wishes to you both.

**A Thank you:** Teresa and I would like to offer a warm, sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who blessed us with their presence at our Nuptial Mass last Sunday afternoon. Our particular thanks to Fr Michael for a memorable ceremony and inspiring homily and for staying with us to enjoy the rest of our celebrations. Thanks also for the many cards and best wishes from you all and to the many friends and family for the floral arrangements, music (live and recorded), readings, procession and general organisation. Finally may I say to my lovely bride 'Thank you for looking so absolutely beautiful'. *Terry Smith*

### Flower Festival

The final figure for the amount raised from the festival came to **£4,163!**

Thank you again to everyone who came to support the event and all those who helped organise it.

**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day:** This year is Friday 7 October. High up in the Andes, families are struggling to survive. With so many of our sisters and brothers around the world still not able to grow enough food this Harvest Fast Day we are inviting you to join 32-year-old Nicanora and her community in Bolivia, on their journey from poverty to abundance. At our Masses this weekend we will learn more about Nicanora and about that journey and how you can help. Envelopes are attached to the newsletter and we will collect them next weekend. *Thank you*

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### GODSPELL

11th - 15th October - 7.30 pm  
at

Walmsley Parish Church Hall

Tickets (£10) available online at [www.bcmcs.co.uk](http://www.bcmcs.co.uk) or phone 07958 459432.

**Bolton Wanderers Fans:** Caritas Bolton Young Parents Service needs 40+ volunteers (over 16s) for a Bucket Collection at the Bolton-Oldham Game at The Macron Stadium, on 15 October 2016 – Meet 1pm outside BW Club Shop, FREE MATCH TICKETS! Free Parking – register with Meriel – [m.woodward@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:m.woodward@caritassalford.org.uk)

**Caritas Diocese of Salford:** Is recruiting one Caritas Representative from each parish. As the parish representative, you'll receive the latest information about what Caritas is doing in your area. You'll be able to share your stories with us as well. If you would like to become a Parish representative, please first obtain consent from your Parish Priest, and then contact us (0161 817 2250) or [parishreps@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:parishreps@caritassalford.org.uk)

**Parish Quiz:** Tickets will be on sale for the parish quiz next weekend. Please contact Frances Smith at the office on 01204 301927

**Latest Octagon Theatre updates:** There is one ticket (£14.90) left for *Educating Rita* (Wednesday 8 February). There are two tickets left (£14) for *Talking Heads* on 21 June. I am collecting money for *Educating Rita* now. It can be brought along to 11.15am Mass at St. Brendan's or posted to me. Please make cheques payable to *The Octagon Theatre*. Thank you Madeleine (303505)

**Meditation Groups:** Will not be meeting on Tuesday 11 or 18 October and Wednesday 19 October. The next Tuesday meeting will be 25 October (2-2.45pm). The Wednesday meetings are as normal on 12 & 26 (7.15-8pm). Please note time change.

**Sacramental Programme:** The first meeting for parents and children from all three parishes will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 9 November at St Columba's Church. If you have a child in Yr 3 who does not attend one of our schools, or an older child who did not take part in the programme previously, and you would like them to take part in this year's programme, please have a word with one of the priests.

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 15 October (10.30am-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 contact the office to let us know if you will be attending by phoning 301927 or emailing [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

### SVP News

**Autumn Outing:** This will be held on Sunday 23 October for the sick and housebound. More details to follow.

**Annual Mass for the Deceased:** Will be held on Saturday 26 November at 11am in St John's Church. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

### Think Vocation

"The man threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him." Western society breeds a forgetfulness of God. As Catholics, we have the great gift of the Eucharist. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. Each time we come to Mass, we remember to thank God. The Spirit helps us to remember to say thank you to the Father through Our Lord Jesus Christ. May we show greater appreciation for the gift of the Eucharist and never take for granted the gift of the sacred priesthood.

### Marriage Matters ([twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://twoinoneflesh.org.uk))

Healing miracles in our marriage...He is there! God knows we need healing! Daily He performs, through the Holy Spirit, large and small healing 'miracles'. When we look carefully and sensitively at what happens in our marriages, we can detect God alive and active within us. As we learn to choose to cooperate with His grace and mercy, He becomes evident in our lives. Let's always thank Him.

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	V Cryer	F Ginty, C Molyneux
9.15 (SJ)	H O'Donnell	E Rothwell, T Armstrong, A Grundy, M Fau-Goodwin, A Rawlinson, M Cropper
11.15(SB)	T Regan	J Murphy, K Wilkinson, P Carolan,