

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

7TH JULY 2013

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The link between the First Reading and Gospel is not immediately apparent today, until you look at the “headings” which are always chosen “to make the connection between readings of the same Mass clear.” (Introduction to the Lectionary n.123). The “headings” present us with a simple picture today: a river of peace flowing out from the Lord, which we see in the Gospel as the flowing of the disciples as they are sent out on their first mission. From the Lord of Peace, others, like ripples in a pool, flow out carrying his simple message: “Peace to this house!”

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i>		<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O’Grady, Pauline Bowling, Emma Turner, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Emma Jimanez (baby), Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Julie Smith, Ernie Little, Mary Coyne, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Joshua Almond, Jacqueline Kay, Wynn Elliot, Tom Wardle, Joan Peake (nee Hooton), Elizabeth Evenson and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Winifred Hopkinson, Megan Kitching, David Price, Felipe Malinis, Denise Carolan, Veronica Booker, Anne Crawford, Cyril Connaughton</p> <p>Anniversaries: Leonard Dawson, Richard Gardner Hopkinson</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Leonard Dawson, Margaret Barrett, A Private Intention, Thanksgiving to St Anthony, Joyce Knight, Richard Gardner Hopkinson</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>
Sunday Missal: page 307; Readings 312; Preface at Priest’s choice		
Sunday	9.15am Mass Forward in Faith Mass (SJ) 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 2.15 pm Retirement Mass for Helen Reddy (SC)	
Thursday	9.15am (SB) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Europe</i>	
<i>St Benedict</i>		
Friday	11am Service for Fusilier Lee Rigby (Bolton Parish Church – coinciding with the funeral taking place in Bury) 7pm Retirement Mass for Anne Murphy (SJ)	
Saturday	12noon Ordinations to Priesthood (Salford Cathedral) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Special Collection for</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy <i>Apostleship of the Sea</i> 10.15am (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy <i>Sea Sunday</i> 2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers</i>	
<p>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.</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Cheques should be made payable to St John’s</p> <p>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. Please ask. Thanks</p>		

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Apostleship of the Sea

Next weekend we celebrate Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers are commonly recruited from poorer countries and work in difficult and often dangerous conditions suffering from loneliness, spiritual deprivation and even exploitation as they transport the goods we use and consume every day.

The Apostleship of the Sea is the official Maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain and it reaches out to seafarers visiting our ports, offering pastoral and practical care and support. It is wholly dependent on voluntary donations and so the annual Sea Sunday collection is vital to this work. For more information: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Congratulations: To Elena Elizabeth Barlow and Nathaniel Coby Finnigan who were baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation: The next baptism preparation meeting will take place on Saturday 20 July from 10.30am to 12noon at St John's. This is for parents from all 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.

SVP: Thank you to all who supported the recent sponsored walk. The amount raised will be announced when all the sponsor money has been received.

Helen Reddy

Dear Parishioners

Mrs Helen Reddy is retiring at the end of this school year after 28 years at St Columba's School. She started work at St Columba's as a temporary, part time teacher in September 1985. She became Deputy Headteacher in September 1994.

Mrs Reddy has organised the school choir along with her many, many other duties and has played guitar at all celebrations in church. She is well liked and respected by children, staff and parents. Helen and her late husband John have been active parishioners of St Columba's.

We have a special Mass planned for 2.15 pm on Wednesday 10 July followed by a celebration buffet in school. Please join us if you can. Please contact the school if you are able to come to her buffet.

BRASS: Thank you to all those who contributed items during June. The collection of items during July will take place at the weekend Masses at St Columba's. The following food items are much appreciated: Cartons of orange juice, tinned tomatoes, vegetable oil, tinned fruit, chick peas, kidney beans, coffee, jam, biscuits and sugar. There is also a request for items of good quality, unwanted clothing for both children and adults. *Thank you.*

Anne Murphy

The retirement Mass for Mrs Anne Murphy is at St John's church on Friday 12 July at 7pm, followed by a celebration and exhibition in St John's school. Please join us.

If you have any photographs of Anne or any special memories that you would like to share, then please contact St John's school (01204 333440)

Email: office@st-johns-bromley-cross.bolton.sch.uk

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Ordinations: Please pray for Nathan Horne and Frankie Mulgrew who will be ordained priest for our diocese at Salford Cathedral next Saturday. Please pray for them as they prepare for this very special moment in their lives and for their future ministry in our diocese.

Research: If anyone has any information or photographs relating to the history of Egerton Park (and in particular the barn and cottages) please contact Belinda John on belindajohn@btinternet.com or 07967 752497. Thanks.

Year of Faith

CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration)

St James the Great, Montserrat, present a compilation of sessions from different CaFE DVD collections:

- Monday 8 July - *The Poor*: A heart for the Poor
- Monday 15 July - *The Bible*: Where on earth is God?
- Monday 22 July - *The Church*: The tradition of the Church
- Monday 29 July - *The New Evangelisation*: The Call

Year of Faith DVDs: From November to April the Diocese organised a series of 8 talks as part of the Year of Faith. These talks have now been recorded onto DVD and are available to purchase from:

The Department for Evangelisation, Guardian Angels Parish House, 54 Harvey Street, Elton, Bury, BL8 2RD or they can be ordered via email:

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Think Vocation

"The harvest is rich but the labourers are few." The Lord tells us that there are many people who desperately need to know of the Lord's love in their lives. We need priests for the Eucharist and to proclaim the Gospel to the People of God. Our Lord instructs us to ask God for labourers to his harvest. Do we genuinely pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life?