

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

**21ST JULY 2013
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Sacred Hospitality is our theme: as the letter to the Hebrews says: “remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this some people have entertained angels without knowing it.” True hospitality lies in two things: first the welcome, encouraging the stranger to enter the house and be at home there: secondly, the gift - not just of food or drink, but of time: listening to the stranger, and giving of ourselves to them. This is what makes hospitality costly, but holy, and a true service of Jesus Christ.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</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, Bob Taylor, Rita Margiotta and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Michael Fogarty, Bernadette Rose, Agnes Ball, Eileen Woods, John McClellan</p> <p>Anniversaries: Jack McGarry, May McGarry-Norris, Jim Norris, Peter & Doreen Diduch</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Michael Fogarty, Jack McGarry (50th Anniversary), May McGarry-Norris, Jim Norris, Bernadette Rose, In thanksgiving for an answer to prayers, Joyce Knight, Baby Emma Jimanez (for a successful operation), Philip Hall (Birthday Remembrance), In thanksgiving to Our Lady, A Special Intention, Peter & Doreen Diduch, In honour of St Anthony, St Jude & The Sacred Heart, Eileen Woods</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 328; Readings 334; Preface at Priest’s choice		
Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) 3pm Signed Mass for the Deaf (SB) – <i>All Welcome</i>	
Monday <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>St Bridget</i>	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB) <i>A Day of Special prayer for Europe</i>	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday <i>St James</i>	1pm Requiem Mass for John McClellan (SB)	
Friday <i>St Joachim & St Anne</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Special Collection for</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am (SJ) 10.15am (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB) 11.30am & 2pm Baptism (SC) <i>Day for Life</i>	
<p>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></p> <p>Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John’s</i></p> <p>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></p>		

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Anniversary: Congratulations to Fr Joe who celebrates the first anniversary of his priestly ordination this Sunday.

Congratulations: To Erin O'Donnell who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

Summer Holidays

This weekend our schools closed for their summer holidays. It is a time to thank all members of school staff for their professional commitment and hard work during the last school year. We also pray for all our year 6 pupils as they leave our primary schools and move on. We ask that they may be given guidance and encouragement as they continue their journeys.

As many of our parishioners will be setting off on holiday over the coming weeks, we also wish you safe travel and we hope that the sun continues to shine!

Day for Life

Next weekend we celebrate the annual Day for Life which this year has the theme "Caring for Life" and focuses on care for unborn children and their mothers, care for the elderly and care for people who are suicidal & their families. Proceeds of the collection will go to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church. For more information see www.dayforlife.org

Thank You: Mary & John Marshall wish to thank all parishioners most sincerely for all their prayers, Masses, cards and "treats" during Mary's stay in hospital. Holy Mass will be said for you all.

Bill Jerstice: We congratulate Bill, a parishioner at St Columba's, on being awarded the recently created Arctic Star Medal. This is for his heroic service in the gruelling Arctic convoy campaign during the Second World War.

Eileen Murphy: We congratulate Eileen, a parishioner of St Brendan's who is suffering from incurable cancer, on writing a book to raise funds for Christie Hospital. *From Clogs to Black Shiny Shoes* tells the story of a Bolton family in the 1920's. It costs £10 and is available from Bolton Library or Horwich Heritage Centre.

Bromley Cross: The August edition of *Lancashire and North West Magazine* contains an article on Bromley Cross which includes a photograph of the outside of St John's Church.

Scripture Study: This is advance warning that from 3 October we will be running a course on Scripture on Thursday evenings for 12 weeks. Further details to follow.

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 order via email Sharon.beech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or telephone: 0161 761 0536

BRASS: The last collection of items for July will take place next weekend 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.*

St Brendan's 100 Club

	<i>June winners</i>	<i>July winners</i>
£25	S Lamb (105)	J Haynes (83)
£15	A Lindsay (78)	S Stell (53)
£10	D O'Toole (62)	C Stokes (45)

Bolton's Allocations Plan: This is a draft planning document that explains where new building and investment will be located in the Borough over the next 15 years. The Allocations Plan is now open for consultation until Friday 16 August and the opportunity to have a more detailed look at the plans in our area is available on the council website: www.bolton.gov.uk/LDF or in Bolton libraries.

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Think Vocation

"Mary has chosen the better part." Within the Church there is a variety of apostolic work to be done. Priests and Religious live busy lives in all their daily tasks and duties but are asked to ensure they make time for the Lord in prayer. We pray for vocations to the religious communities who dedicate themselves to contemplative prayer. This is a powerhouse behind all the good apostolic work that is done in the name of the Lord.

Important Notice: Road Works in Harwood

Starting on Monday, there are going to be major road works in Harwood which will affect our use of St Brendan's:

- From Monday 22 July, for three weeks, Longsight will be completely closed between Tottington Road and Longsight Lane to allow excavation work prior to re-surfacing. If you normally use that stretch of road to access St Brendan's, you will need to find an alternative route
- For the following two weeks, the stretch of Longsight from Tottington Road to Ruins Lane will be controlled by a series of temporary traffic lights whilst further patches of the road are prepared
- For three days over the bank holiday weekend, the whole stretch (Tottington Road to Ruins Lane) will be completely closed to allow the re-surfacing to take place. **We will not have access to St Brendan's site over that weekend and so those who normally attend the 11.15am Mass will need to avail themselves of one of the other four parish Sunday Masses at St Columba's or St John's**