

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

**27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



A few weeks ago (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) we had a Gospel about humility in social life – today we hear the Lord reiterating the message, but this time in reference to our prayer lives. The two Gospels are linked by the last words today, which also appear in the other story: “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” This phrase is obviously a key part of our Lord’s teaching! The sin of “self-exaltation” consists in putting others in a lower place – as the Pharisee does to the tax collector. Perhaps the most telling phrase in today’s Gospel is where Jesus refers to the Pharisee saying “this prayer to himself,” rather than offering it to God! And since the Pharisee wasn’t talking to God, how could he expect to be heard?

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<b>Sunday Missal:</b> <i>page 475; Readings 480; Preface at Priest's choice</i>		<p><b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard &amp; 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, , John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), 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), Bob Taylor, Rita Margiotta, Noel Gannon, Sheila Derbyshire, David Walton, Dr Bernard Higgins and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Bernard Aspinwall, Tony Whithead, Anne McIvor, Wyn Davies, Catherine Crowley, Eileen Hill, Derek Barker, George Cowley, Nicola Lamoury (nee Parkinson), Andrew Hall</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Mary Ann Quinn</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> George Cowley, Bernard Aspinwall, Cynthia Winstanley (Birthday Remembrance), Tony Whitehead, Anne McIvor, Mary Ann Quinn, Mary Joan Tornai (Birthday), Bernard &amp; Rita Holder, Mary Greenhalgh(100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration), Wyn Davis</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6)</b></p> <p>We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work &amp; the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners &amp; their families</p>
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 (SJ)	
Monday <i>St Simon &amp; St Jude</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 12noon Funeral Service for Derek Barker (SC) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30 Mass (SJ) 1.30pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)	
Thursday	10am Requiem Mass for George Cowley (SB) 7pm First Mass for Feast of All Saints (SJ) 8-9pm Scripture Study Course (SB)	
Friday <i>All Saints</i>	9.15am Mass (SB) <span style="float: right;"><b>Holy Day of Obligation</b></span> 7.30pm Mass (SC)	
Saturday <i>All Souls</i>	11-11.55am Adoration and Reconciliation (SJ) 12noon Mass for All Souls (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	
<p><b>Collections &amp; Donations:</b> <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><b>Mass Intentions:</b> <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John’s</i></p> <p><b>Gift Aid:</b> <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. Thanks</i></p>		

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**Congratulations:** To Lily Elizabeth Thompson who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family will continue to grow in faith.

**Sacramental Programme:** The first meeting for parents and children from all three parishes will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 6 November in St Columba's Church. Further details next week.

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Closing Date: 1 November 2013

Interviews: Friday 15 November 2013

**Remembrance Week Tribute - War Poetry:** This is a *one-off* event to pay tribute to all the poetry that has been written about War. It begins at 2pm on Wednesday 6 November (Harbour Room, St Brendan's) and finishes about 3.15pm. The event will consist of a short talk, readings of selected poems and discussion. Poems and refreshments will be provided and any donations will be paid to the British Legion or Help for Heroes. This event is open to everyone in all three churches. Bring along any photos or memorabilia you have. If you are willing to read a poem you will be doubly welcome!

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 30 October at 1.30pm (Harbour Room). The book under discussion is *A Cold Season* by Alison Littlewood. Refreshments are available and all welcome. *Madeleine*.

**Calling all theatre lovers:** Are you interested in going to the Octagon Theatre to watch some of its matinee performances? Here are some dates:

February 2014 - *Hobson's Choice* (Monday 3rd at 5pm & Saturday 8th at 2pm).

June 2014 - performance of *Brassed Off* with a local Brass Band on stage! (Saturday 14th 2pm).

The cost is about £9.50 per person. Transport there and back will be up to individuals. If you are interested, please ring 303505 (Frank and Madeleine) or email [evansfb@btinternet.com](mailto:evansfb@btinternet.com). *Thank you.*

**3 Parish Social Group:** There will be a Christmas Lunch (11.45am for 12 noon) on Tuesday 10 December 2013 at the Ainsworth Arms, Radcliffe. To book, please see Edwin Rankin in the Harbour Room (SB) after Mass or e-mail him on [er@edwinrankin.plus.com](mailto:er@edwinrankin.plus.com)

**Primary School Admissions:** Do you have a child whose date of birth is between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010? If so, you should have received an application pack for Reception Admission September 2014 by 7 October 2013. If you have not received a pack please contact Pupil and Student Services (01204 332143/332137) to register your child's details. The closing date for applications to Reception Class 2014 is 15 January 2014.

If you would like to visit any of our parish primary schools prior to submitting your application, please contact the appropriate school office: St Brendan's – 333133; St Columba's – 333421; St John's – 333440. In addition, St John's School is holding an Open Evening for prospective parents on Thursday 7 November at 7pm (further details available on the poster/handout in St John's church).

**St John's Christmas Draw 2013:** Tickets will be available next weekend at both Masses (2 & 3 November). This year the organisers are making changes to the prize list - we will have three main prizes and instead of the many bottles and gifts, which are kindly donated by our generous parishioners, we will be asking for gift vouchers of any value which will be more useful to families. Thankyou for your kind donations over the past years, and for buying and selling tickets. *Vince & Danny*

**Maranatha Lecture:** Sir Peter Fahy, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police Force, will present a talk about the challenges of being a Police Officer and a Christian, and the balance between punishment, rehabilitation and blame. The event will take place on Wednesday 13 November (7.30pm) at the Weston Theatre, Manchester Conference Centre, Sackville Street, Manchester M1 3BB. Tickets cost £5.00. Contact Kevin McKenna (01612825523) or [lecture@maranathacommunity.org.uk](mailto:lecture@maranathacommunity.org.uk)

**Church Cleaners:** P Edginton & G McGowan

**Brass Collections:** The next food collections are as follows: November – St John's; December – St Brendan's. Thank you for all your continued support.

### Think Vocation

"I have run the race to the finish: I have kept the faith." Commitment seems to be lacking somewhat these days. A lifetime seems a long time to commit oneself to something. Short-term contracts and commitments seem to be more comfortable. In this Year of Faith, may St Paul's tremendous zeal and example inspire others to a lifelong commitment to serve in the Church in the priesthood or Consecrated Life.

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### St Columba's

We have had a further break-in this week – again via the presbytery and into the sacristy. If you know or hear anything about this, please let us know so that we can pass the information to the police. Thanks.