

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

16TH OCTOBER 2016 – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Perhaps the hardest Olympic event is the marathon: not only does it demand strength and fitness, but it calls for immense perseverance and endurance. Life in general and the Christian life in particular, is a marathon. We will face hills and mountains as well as valleys and gentle slopes in life: we will face obstacles and pressures which will make us want to say, as the prophet Elijah did, “Lord, it is enough!” Especially in our lifetime of prayer, there will be times when we say “Lord, I can go no further.” Jesus himself understands the need for perseverance in prayer, and the temptation to lose heart, which is why he offers us this parable and teaching today. And remember the thought from the first reading: sometimes we may need to hold each other in our praying!

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 465; Readings 471; Preface at Priest's choice		Prayers Please
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) <p style="text-align: right;">CAFOD Collection</p>	<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, 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, 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>Lately Dead: Brian Crompton, Lyn Callun, Bernard Slater</p> <p>Anniversaries: Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Danny McKenna, Leila Parker</p> <p>Mass Intentions: A Special Intention, In thanksgiving for favours received, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, In thanksgiving to the Rosa Mystica for baby Hattie's recovery from a serious illness, Danny McKenna, A Special Intention, Bert & Cynthia Winstanley (Birthday Remembrance), Leila Parker</p>
Monday (17 th) <i>St Inatius of Antioch</i>	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (18 th) <i>St Luke</i>	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Becoming Catholic (Patmos Room, SJ)	
Wednesday (19 ^h)	9.15am School Harvest Mass in Church (SC) No Mass at St John's	
Thursday (20 ^h)	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday (21 st)	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday (22 nd) <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	2pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) – With Children's Liturgy <p style="text-align: right;"><i>A Special Collection for World</i></p>	
Next Sunday (23 rd) <i>World Mission Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy SVP Outing to Schoenstatt <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Missions</i></p>	
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		
<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. Thanks</i></p>		

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Congratulations: To Nyssa-Rey Rogers who was baptized at St Columba's last Saturday. Also to Patrick Thomas Parkinson who was baptized at St Brendan's last Saturday and Scarlett Poppy Kay who was baptized at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families continue to grow in faith

Thornleigh Salesian College

Congratulations to our local Catholic High School on gaining the best results ever in GCSE, BTEC and A-Level this summer. With a pass rate of 75% A*- C including English & Maths at GCSE, Thornleigh was ahead of every other school in Bolton (apart from in two areas). Those leaving the Sixth Form, including a number of our own parishioners who did extremely well, all gained a university place.

Parents choosing a high school for their children should of course always prefer the Catholic option – and with those results, why would you consider anywhere else?

Becoming Catholic: The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 October at 7.30pm (straight after the 7pm Mass at St John's). Please let the office know if you are attending (01204 301927) or email office@sbsj.org.uk

Thank You: To all parishioners that said prayers, lit candles and sent cards, letters and flowers to me during my recent illness. Your kindness meant so much and a Mass will be said for your intentions. *Mavis Smith*

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

CAMEO: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9 November in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. Kath Denton will hold a "Fun Auction" and money raised will go the St Brendan's SVP

Urban Outreach: Dear Friends, We are celebrating God's blessing to vulnerable people in Bolton through all the food that is flooding in from schools and churches harvest festivals; it really is wonderful to see all the food coming into our unit each day. Whilst this is brilliant, we do need to sort it all and put it into boxes so we can then use it to make up food parcels for Storehouse, and get ready to use it for Winter Watch. So we're asking whether anybody would be able to help the existing volunteers who are valiantly tackling the large piles of food at the unit. The unit will be open at the following times until at least the end of October: Mondays 2pm-4pm, Tuesdays 10am-12noon, Weds/Thurs/Fridays 10am-12noon & 2pm-4pm. There will also be two Tuesday sessions in the evening of 18 & 25 October (7.30–9.30pm). It would be great to see you or members of your churches down at the unit to help us out. Just come on down! The address is Unit 1 (former Comet, next to Jump Extreme), Trinity Retail Park, Springfield, Bolton, BL2 1HY. Thanks again for your support!

Meditation Groups: Will not be meeting this week. The next Tuesday meeting will be 25 October (2-2.45pm) and the next Wednesday meeting is on 26 October (7.15-8pm).

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.

SVP News

Autumn Outing to Schoenstatt: This will be held on Sunday 23 October for the sick and housebound. There is a list in the Patmos room for those wishing to go on the trip and for those who are willing to offer transport.

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

St John's 200 Club

The October winners are:

£50 A M Parkinson (53)
 £30 C Molyneux (2)
 £20 A Scott (5)



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)

Marriage Matters (twoinoneflesh.com)

Prayer is essential for a deeper loving: Today, Jesus encourages us to pray often and never lose heart. Praying together is a time for thanking God for His presence with us and for the blessing of our love for each other. We ask God to help us to forgive hurts, to share ourselves more deeply and to listen better. In darkness, pain or joy, He is there.

Think Vocation

"Remember who your teachers were." Many of our teachers made a deep and lasting impression upon us and we will never forget them. Our teachers in our Catholic schools and colleges have a tremendous opportunity to influence the lives of the children and young people in their care. How often do we pray for those who work in our schools and colleges? May we take a greater interest in our local Catholic schools and colleges and try to support their activities and initiatives whenever possible.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	T Lees	M Hilton, J O'Connor
9.15 (SJ)	E Rothwell	M Cropper, A Rawlinson, M Fau-Goodwin, M Speed, A Grundy, T Armstrong
11.15(SB)	C Bridge	K Wilkinson, P Carolan, J Murphy

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