

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

9TH JULY 2017 – FOURTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME



I am gentle and humble of heart

Today's Gospel is an answer to a very simple question: who is this Jesus we follow? What is he like? He tells us himself: he is gentle, and humble of heart. There is a simplicity about this Gospel which speaks very clearly to tired hearts. Indeed, it is often the case that we overlook the simplicity of the Gospel message - which is why it is valuable to be as children, constantly wondering and marvelling at the beauty and fascination of Jesus. How much God must love us: the message of salvation is so easy to receive, the promise is so welcome. This is a Sunday to wallow in the wonder of a God who is 'kind and full of compassion.'

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i>		<p>Sick: Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Josephine Knowles, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, John Pryor, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Robert Morissey, Edwin Rankin, Father Francis McCauley, Margaret Patterson, Zachary Ainscough (aged 7), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, Jacqueline Kay, Peter Westwell, Canon Dorran, Christine Everitt and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness</p> <p>Lately Dead: Raymond Stones, Kath Pilling, Beatrice Eccles, Edna Brooks, Fr. Tony Lawton, Maureen Westley, Fr Ivor Netto SDB, Barbara Hollinshead, Fr George Williams SDB</p> <p>Anniversaries: Eileen Dearden, Francis Xavier Price</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Raymond Stones, Barbara Hollinshead, Francis Xavier Price, A Special Intention, Rosemary Davies (Birthday Remembrance), Kath Pilling, Beatrice Eccles, Edna Brooks, Eileen Dearden</p>
<i>Sunday Missal: page 307; Preface: at priest's choice</i>		
Sunday <i>Sea Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Catenian President's Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy <i>A Special Collection for Apostleship of the Sea</i>	
Monday (10 th)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (11 th) <i>St Benedict</i>	2pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (12 th)	9.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Thursday (13 th)	9.15am Yr 2 Mass (SB) – Celebration of Key Stage 1 7.15pm-8pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)	
Friday (14 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday (15 th) <i>St Bonaventure</i>	10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation Course (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC)	
Sunday (16 th) <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Principal Patron of the Diocese</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am (SB) – with Children's Liturgy	
<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>		<p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6):</p> <p>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>

Parish Priest: Rev Canon Michael Cooke VG

Assistant Priest: Rev Francis Parkinson

Parish Office: St John's Presbytery, The Crescent, Bromley Cross, Bolton BL7 9JP

Tel: 01204 301927 E-mail: office@sbsj.org.uk Website: www.sbsj.org.uk

Salford Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered Charity – 250037 Diocesan website: www.salforddiocese.n

Apostleship of the Sea: This weekend is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It provides practical support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work, please visit the website: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk



Congratulations: To Ilaria Maria Riu who was baptised on 25 June at St Brendan's and Ellyn Mary Worthington who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that both they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Save The Date: St John's SVP are holding a charity concert with the Eden Singers on Friday 15 September (7.30pm) at Dunscair Conservative Club. The musical evening will include a *Tribute to the Beatles* and *Decades of Pop from the 1940's up to the present day* and promises to be a very enjoyable event. Tickets priced at £8 will be on sale soon and will include a pasty supper. There will be a full bar facility available at the Conservative Club.

Harbour Room Book Club: Our annual donation to charity this year is £70 and will be divided as follows: £30 to Church funds and £40 to the Alzheimer's Society. Thank you to all members who have helped to make these donations possible.

Theatre Lovers: I have provisionally booked 20 places for the Octagon's production of *Jane Eyre* on 27 January 2018. This will be a matinee 2pm performance on a Saturday (weekday performances heavily booked by school parties). The price is £18 (dearer on a Saturday) and I have booked the rear rows we prefer. Also, I have booked 6 seats for the front row with a ground floor entrance, (no stairs, no lift) to make access easier. If you would like to book seats for this event please ring Madeleine on 303505. I will not be collecting any money until September.

Christian Meditation Group: The group will meet in the Harbour room at St Brendan's on the following dates: Tuesday 11th and 25th July (2-2.45pm) and Thursday 13th, 20th and 27th July (7.15-8pm). All are most welcome!

Parish Forum: The parish consultation meeting, to discuss the forthcoming amalgamation of St John's and St Brendan's, and the continuing partnership with St Columba's, will be held on Tuesday 25 July (7.30pm-9pm) in the Patmos Room. All welcome. Further details to follow.

Baptism Preparation Course: The date for the next course is Saturday 15 July (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. If you wish to attend please email the Parish Office: office@sbsj.org.uk.

Just Youth: Is a youth ministry project based in Salford run by the Spiritans, which works with thousands of children and young people across the north west of England every year. They are looking for young volunteers, between the ages of 18—26 to join their diverse team in Salford this summer who are enthusiastic, creative, and willing to make a difference in the world. If you're fresh out of college or Uni, why not rise up to the challenge and take a gap year with them? Make your year really count! Email for more information at admin@justyouth.co.uk. Visit the website www.justyouth.co.uk as well.

Rosa Mystica: There will be a Mass on Saturday 15 July at St Mary's, Standishgate, Wigan (12 noon). This will be followed by Devotions Procession & Benediction at 3pm. All welcome. Please bring a packed lunch.

Contact Details: If anyone would like to add their email address to our contact list, please get in touch with the Parish Office: office@sbsj.org.uk. All details will be kept confidential. Thank you to those who have responded to this request so far.

St John's 200 Club

The July winners are:

£50 D Cowen (104)
£30 J Parkinson (141)



Colouring Social Group: The group will hold its next (and last) get together on Thursday 20 July. Thank you to everyone who has supported the group over the last few months.

CAFOD: The CAFOD group would like to thank everyone who signed the *Power To Be* cards at each Mass last weekend. They also ask those who took the cards home, to sign and post them directly to Cafod (free postage). If anyone did not get a card there will be some at the back of each church this week end.

Vacancy: Site Manager

The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit an experienced individual to the post of Site Manager for the Cathedral Church of the John the Evangelist and the Cathedral House. For more information about this position, please see the poster on the notice boards, email: personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or telephone: 0161-817 2222.

Marriage Matters

'Yoked' to Him we are not overburdened: A 'yoke' keeps oxen together when carrying a heavy load or ploughing a field. On the day you married, you chose to be 'yoked' together 'till death us do part'. The burdens of life can lower your spirits and create a barrier to intimacy in your relationship. Jesus says: "Stay 'yoked' to me and I will help you, however heavy the load."

Think Vocation

We pray that more men and women will learn from Jesus and discover that the yoke of their vocation is perfectly suited to them and respond with humble, gentle service as priests, deacons and consecrated religious.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 15/16 July

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	J O'Connor	F Ginty, C Molyneux, J O'Connor
9.15 (SJ)	V Holstead	M Russell, M Speed, A Rawlinson, T Armstrong, J Carroll, M Cropper
11.15(SB)	T Proctor	C Owen, P Brennan, M Durkan

This Newsletter is sponsored by

HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE

Peel House
638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton.
BL1 7AL
01204 309609



www.lhfs.co.uk