

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

28TH JULY 2013

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When we see the child in the sweet shop nagging and moaning at mum or dad for something, we probably don't think of it as a model of our prayer lives! And yet, if we take the word of God seriously today, that is exactly what our faith teaches us to do! The message is persistence - never giving up, even if prayers do not seem to be answered. We shouldn't ask why they are not answered on the spot (God's probably got a reason), but should just continue beating on the door of heaven in faith and hope.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 338; Readings 344; Preface at Priest's choice		Prayers Please
Sunday	9.15am (SJ) 10.15am Mass (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB) 11.30am & 2pm Baptism (SC) <i>Special Collection for Day for Life</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: Bernice Caldwell, Eileen Woods, John McClellan, Ellen Day</p> <p>Anniversaries: Alan Guest</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Our Lady & St Jude for prayers answered and favours received, Bernice Caldwell, Eileen Wood, Alan Guest, Kathleen & Peter Grimes (Silver Wedding Anniversary), Denis Coughlan (seriously ill in hospital), Cynthia Winstanley, Joseph Parker (Birthday Remembrance), Joyce Knight, A Birthday Intention</p> <p>Lourdes: We pray for all those on the Diocesan Pilgrimage (30th July to 5th August).</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>
Monday <i>St Martha</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	2pm Wedding Service for Liam Spires & Marie Harkin (SC) 5pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am (SJ) 10.15am (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB)	
<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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Day for Life

This 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

Congratulations: To William James Stokes and Isabella Whittle who were baptised at St Brendan’s last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Adoration and Reconciliation: Please note that the usual period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Saturday of the month will not be taking place in August.

Parish Forum: We were due to hold a parish forum meeting in July but it did not prove possible to find a suitable date, so we will bring the October meeting forward to 7pm on Thursday 5 September and hold it at St Columba’s.

Following the last meeting held in March 2013 a number of actions have been completed, including the refurbishment of St Brendan’s Presbytery with Father Parkinson in residence, revised evening Mass times, sacristans and Eucharistic ministers have been trained, and some plans are underway for developing the spiritual life of the parish.

However, much more has yet to be done. The September meeting will be an important opportunity for parishioners to help shape and contribute to our parishes’ future. Please make a note in your diary. You will all be very welcome.

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. If anyone would like to express their interest in attending this course, there are sign-up sheets at the back of each church.

Thank You: To CAMEO and the Harbour Room Book Club for the recent donation of £75 to church funds.

CAFOD: Back in May, our CAFOD group organised a fund-raising event at Bolton Little Theatre. Despite the small numbers involved (because of the size of the venue), the evening raised £353 for CAFOD funds. Well done!

Schools: Congratulations to St Columba’s School on an excellent feature article in Monday’s edition of *The Bolton News* and belated congratulations to St Brendan’s School on achieving “Outstanding” in all categories of the Section 48 (Religious Education) Inspection back in April.

BRASS: The last collection of items for St Columba’s takes place this weekend. The collection, throughout August, will take place at the weekend Masses at St John’s. *Thank you for your continued support.*

CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration): St James the Great, Montserrat, holds the last session of the current series on Monday 29 July – *The New Evangelisation: The Call*

Year of Faith DVDs: The 8 talks organised by the Diocese as part of the Year of Faith are now available to purchase on DVD from: Department for Evangelisation, Guardian Angels, 54 Harvey Street, Elton, Bury, BL8 2RD; email Sharon.beech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or telephone 0161 761 0536

Smithills Community Choir: If you are interested in joining this brand new community choir, the first rehearsal will be on Tuesday 17 September (6.30-7.30pm) in the Band Room, Middle Drive, Smithills School. For further information contact Assistant Headteacher, Chris Wormald. Email: office@smithillsschool.net

Bolton’s Allocations Plan: This draft planning document 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

“Ask and it will be given to you.” We need to be persistent in our prayers and we need to be persistent in our prayers for vocations. We know that the Lord is faithful to his bride the Church and he will continue to call people to serve in the Church in the priesthood and Consecrated Life. We need to be consistent and persistent in our prayers and never lose heart.

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