

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

14TH JULY 2013

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Both first reading and Gospel today invite us to be “down to earth” about the Law of God. It’s very easy to become an “expert in religion” - knowing all the right answers, remembering all the right quotes, and so on. But for Moses and for Jesus, if God’s Law is to be kept anywhere, it must be in our hearts and in our everyday lives. We are not to be concerned with keeping our eyes fixed on heaven, if it means that we cannot see the poor man at our feet.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</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 and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Cyril Connaughton, Father Brian Seale</p> <p>Anniversaries: Bernard Margiotta, Gordon & Kathleen Keeley, Conway Holt, John McCormick, Anne Howarth, Monica Scott</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Francis-Xavier Price (Birthday Remembrance), In honour of St Anthony, St Jude, & The Sacred Heart, For bereaved families, Cyril Connaughton, Mary Marshall (better health), Gordon & Kathleen Keeley, Conway Holt, Joyce Knight, John McCormick, Anne Howarth, Monica Scott, Bob Taylor (recent operation)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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>
<i>Sunday Missal: page 317; Readings 324; Preface at Priest’s choice</i>		
Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy	
<i>Sea Sunday</i>	2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>Collection for Apostleship of the Sea</i>	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
<i>St Bonaventure</i>		
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>		
Wednesday	9.30am School Mass in church (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am Year 6 Leavers’ Mass in church (SB) 6.45pm Year 6 Leavers’ Mass in school (SJ)	
Friday	9.15am Year 6 Leavers’ Mass in church (SC)	
Saturday	10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation (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 (SB) 3pm Signed Mass for the Deaf (SB) – <i>All welcome</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>		

Apostleship of the Sea

This weekend we celebrate Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers are commonly recruited from poorer countries and work in difficult and often dangerous conditions suffering from loneliness, spiritual deprivation and even exploitation as they transport the goods we use and consume every day.

The Apostleship of the Sea is the official Maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain and it reaches out to seafarers visiting our ports, offering pastoral and practical care and support. It is wholly dependent on voluntary donations and so the annual Sea Sunday collection is vital to this work. For more information: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Baptism Preparation: The next baptism preparation meeting will take place on Saturday 20 July from 10.30am to 12noon at St John's. This is for parents from all three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please let one of the priests know if you will be attending.

Ordinations: Please pray for Nathan Horne and Frankie Mulgrew who were ordained priest at Salford Cathedral yesterday. Pray for their future ministry in our diocese.

Signed Mass: Next Sunday afternoon (21 July) there will be a signed Mass at St Brendan's at 3pm. All welcome.

CAMEO Book Sale

Thank you to all who supported the CAMEO raffle at the Book Sale. Some prizes were unclaimed so please check your tickets!

- Box of biscuits 113 (white)
- Pottery figurine 498 (blue)
- Pottery spoons 12 (white)
- Commemorative mug 468 (blue)

If you have been lucky, please contact Cath (Bridge).

Many thanks to all who supported the recent Charity Cameo/Book Sale which raised a grand total of £195! It will be allocated as follows: Bolton Hospice £75, Church funds £75 (St. Brendan's, St. John's, St Columba's) and Book Club expenses £45 (printing paper and ink, refreshment basics etc).

It was a wonderful afternoon with many parishioners helping to set up tables, sort out books, buy books, make donations, buy tickets and dispose of leftovers, etc. Thank you especially to Ursula who made dozens of scones so we could enjoy fresh Devon cream teas! To everybody who helped in any way at all, a big **THANK YOU! Madeleine**

BRASS: The collection of items during July will take place at the weekend Masses 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 John's School

On Tuesday 9 July St John's received a Local Authority Review of its progress. The review went extremely well and it endorsed the many improvements we have made to the school. Clearly our standards are rising and the pupils of St John's were applauded for their excellent behaviour and manners. The review also gave us further advice on how to achieve even more which we will follow and implement to the full.

On this same day we received our official SAT results for our Year 6 children. They were a landmark result for our school and prove that our children are now reaching their true potential.

Over the last few years many parishioners have seen for themselves the standards of pupil welfare and spiritual development we have achieved and now we are equally proud of the standards of education we are providing for our children. As headteacher I would like to thank the many parishioners who have given us their prayers, support, time and encouragement over the last few years. It has always been good to know that you have been there for us.

I would like to thank the fantastic team of staff, governors and parents. By staff I mean teachers, support teachers, administrative and caretaking and cleaning staff. We are a real team with highly productive relationships which was also identified by the review body.

Finally and most of all I would like to thank our children. They give us so much, trust us so completely and are so happy. They are a massive credit to their school and parish community.

John Carroll, Headteacher

St John's 200 Club

The July winners are:

- £50 J Durkin (127)
- £30 J Coles (292)
- £20 M Aspinall (107)



There are still numbers available for the St John's 200 club. If you would like to join please see Frances Smith.

Children's Liturgy: After next Sunday (21 July) we will take a break from the Children's Liturgy until September. Thank you to those who provide this valuable service at our Sunday morning Masses.

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Think Vocation

Jesus, the Master teacher gives us the image of the Good Samaritan. In many ways Jesus himself is the Good Samaritan. Like the Good Samaritan, Christ will not pass us by, he will always be compassionate to us, he will always take a risk on us and he will use all that he has to give us what we need. We are asked to imitate Christ, the Good Samaritan, and draw others to know him and love him.