



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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2013</b> <b>20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 371; Readings 377; Preface at Priest's choice</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;">  <div style="width: 80%;"> <p>When we consider the Christian life, we often think in positive terms: peace, light, joy, goodness, life. And yet, as the Scriptures remind us today, that Christian life must be lived in the midst of a world which is filled with more negative terms: division, distress, cruelty and death. The words of the Gospel may appear shocking to us: Jesus says that he comes to bring "division, not peace", and this seems totally contrary to the message of the Gospel! And yet, Jesus is not announcing his desire – of course he wants peace, not division – but showing his understanding of the world in which we live. He is inviting us to weigh up the cost of the Kingdom, a cost he was willing to embrace: as the second reading tells us: "... Jesus, for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, endured the cross..." Whatever weighs us down, let us endure and persevere, so that the fire of God's love may blaze over the whole earth!</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2013</b> <b>21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 381; Readings 387; Preface at Priest's choice</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;">  <div style="width: 80%;"> <p>It's probably a nightmare we all share to some degree or other - being locked out of the house, the sales, the big match, or missing the train, the boat or plane. Contemplating watching the crowds that have got inside, while we can do nothing, can be unnerving. Complacency can leave us in this situation: today the Lord warns all who listen to him to be careful, taking nothing for granted, but making sure that we are (spiritually at least) like the people waiting with their sleeping bags and thermos flasks by the front door of the ticket office.</p> </div> </div>
<p><b>Roadworks in Harwood</b></p> <p>These are ahead of schedule and should be completed by next Friday, so we will now have access to St Brendan's over the bank holiday weekend and can have the 11.15am Mass as normal</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses &amp; Feasts</b></p> <p>Sunday Masses – 9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB) Monday – No Mass today Tuesday – 7pm (SB) – St Bernard Wednesday – 9.30am (SJ) – St Pius X Thursday – 9.15am (SB) – Queenship of the BVM Friday – 9.30am (SJ) Saturday – St Bartholomew – 5pm (SC); 6.30pm (SJ)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses &amp; Feasts</b></p> <p>Sunday Masses – 9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB) Monday – 9.30am (SJ) – Bank Holiday Tuesday – 7pm (SB) – St Monica Wednesday – 9.30am (SJ) – St Augustine Thursday – 9.15am (SB) – The Passion of St John the Baptist Friday – 9.30am (SJ) Saturday – 5pm Mass (SC); 6.30pm Mass (SJ)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Think Vocation</b></p> <p>"Let us not lose sight of Jesus who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection." Our faith tells us that Jesus is present to us in the Gospel, in the sacraments and journeys with us throughout our lives. In this Year of Faith may we help others to draw closer to the Lord by growing in their faith. In addition he is calling us all to grow in holiness and goodness.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Think Vocation</b></p> <p>"They will bring all brothers from all the nations." We can often get so caught up with ourselves and our local community that we can lose sight of being part of the bigger picture – that is that we are part of a universal Church. Let us choose another country and commit ourselves this week to pray for the Church in that land.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communion Under Both Kinds</b></p> <p>When Christ instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, he invited his disciples to eat his body and drink his blood. Our Catholic faith tells us that, when we receive Communion, Christ is fully present to us in either the host or the precious blood. However, we are encouraged to receive under both kinds because this gives a fuller sign of our participation in the Eucharistic banquet. We have had this practice at St John's and at St Columba's for many years and, following the training and commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers earlier this year, we are ready to introduce it at St Brendan's (from the beginning of September). Parishioners in all three churches are invited to consider receiving Communion under both kinds (if they don't already do so). For those not familiar with this, you receive the host as usual and then go to the minister who is holding the chalice. They will say "The Blood of Christ" and you answer "Amen". They will then hand you the chalice, you take hold of it, take a little drink and hand it back to the minister.</p>	

## Prayers Please

**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, Noel Gannon and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

**Lately Dead:** Jack Whittle, Tony Mullany, William Parkinson, George (Des) Hand

**Anniversaries:** Bob Whaley, Andrew Hayes, Rose Allen, Mary Mathen, Mary Carter

**Mass Intentions:** Joyce Knight, Bob Whaley, Jack Whittle, Tony Mullany, William Parkinson, For a safe confinement for Sarah Moore, Andrew Hayes, Rose Allen, Mary & James Mathen, Mary & John Carter

**Chalices:** We have recently purchased six new chalices for distributing Communion under both kinds. We began to use four of these at St John's last weekend to replace the little silver cups, so making the reception of the precious blood more dignified. Two of the chalices are for use at St Brendan's (from the beginning of September). We already have sufficient suitable chalices at St Columba's. The new chalices have been paid for by an anonymous donor and we are grateful for this gift.

**Cemetery Masses:** On bank holiday Monday there will be Mass at 11am in Moston and Wardley Cemeteries and in the Catholic Section of Southern Cemetery, Manchester.

**CAMEO Group:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28 August (2-4pm) in the Harbour Room and will be a Flower Arranging Demonstration. All welcome.

**SVP:** Many thanks to all who supported the recent sponsored walk. The total amount raised was £1539 of which £446 came from St Brendan's and £881 from St John's

**SVP:** The Mass for the housebound, sick and disabled this year will be celebrated at St John's on Saturday 28 September at 11am. Everybody is welcome. Refreshments available after Mass. If you require transport to attend this Mass, please contact a member of the SVP.

**Adoration and Reconciliation:** The next period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on the first Saturday of September (11am-12noon).

**Scripture Study:** A reminder 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.

**BRASS:** The collection of items during August will take place at the weekend Masses at St John's. *Thank you.*

**Social Committee:** Two events have been arranged for later this year, a Quiz Night on Friday 18 October and a Christmas Dance on Friday 20 December, both at Dunscair Conservative Club. Tickets will be on sale 3 or 4 weeks before each event.

Over the past few months the Social Committee has met the cost of purchase and installation of a water heater in the Patmos Room and also the cost of the new Altar Missals for St John's following the revision of the Mass translation introduced in September 2011. Many thanks.

**Thank You:** The Flower Festival Committee from St Anne's, Turton, has written to thank St John's for sponsoring an arrangement at their recent festival. Monies raised at the festival go to local charities.

**Jeriatric Jazz:** Live music and dance night at St Osmund's on 24 August. See poster for further details.

**St John's 200 Club:** The August winners are:

£50 M Settle (4)  
£30 P Dobson (210)  
£20 G Hall (31)



**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](mailto:office@smithillsschool.net)

**Catenians:** This is an organisation for Catholic men. They made an appeal for new members at the 6.30pm Mass last Saturday. If you are interested in finding out more about them please see [www.thecatenians.com](http://www.thecatenians.com) or call the local contact (John Flannery) on 01204 594648

**Parish Forum:** A reminder that we are bringing the October meeting forward to 7pm on Thursday 5 September and holding it at St Columba's. This 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. The agenda will be published on the next newsletter (1 September).

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## Everyone Always Welcome

If you have time to stay and chat with friends and parishioners for a while after Mass, why not join us? There are always refreshments available every Sunday in either the Patmos Room (after 9.15 Mass) or Harbour Room (after 11.15).