

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

13TH OCTOBER 2013

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There are many messages in today's Gospel: the power of God to heal, the compassion of Jesus for those in need, the fact that a despised foreigner (the Samaritan) is the only one who recognises what has been done, the role of faith and the importance of thanking God for gifts received. But because this Gospel is twinned with part of the story of Naaman the leper, the idea that the Church brings out most clearly is that of thanksgiving, or acknowledging what has been given to us. From an early age we are taught to say "Thank You" – to recognise that someone has gone out of their way to give us something or do something for us. Our thanks strengthens the relationship that binds us together, and it is the same with God. As we recognise the good things that come from God, so our faith is deepened and the bond of the Covenant in Christ Jesus is strengthened.

| Liturgy & Activities This Week | | Prayers Please |
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| <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i> | | <p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, 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), 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, Sheila Derbyshire, David Walton, Bernard Aspinall and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Celina Wojnarowska, Irene Bramwell, Carol Ainscow, Anthony Duggan, Peter Bezkorowanjyj, Charmaine Hartshorn, Sheila Tyrrell, Glenys Hartshorn, Derek Barker</p> <p>Anniversaries: Elizabeth Villa, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Danny McKenna, Rowland Coles, Terry McQuaid</p> <p>Mass Intentions: In honour of St Jude, St Anthony & the Sacred Heart, Carol Ainscow, To St Anthony (for a successful operation), Anthony Duggan, Elizabeth Villa, Peter Bezkorowanjyj, In thanksgiving for a successful operation on Emma Jiminez, Irene Bramwell, Peggy & Gerald O'Brien (Golden Wedding Anniversary), Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Joyce Knight, Celina Wojnarowska, David Philip Fletcher, Deceased Members Of the Tangeloan, Benigay, Tano, Omabac, Partington & Marsden families, Special thanks for all the blessings to God Almighty, Ss Brendan, Bernadette, Mary, Sr Santo Nino & All Saints, Mary Coyne, Danny McKenna, Sheila Tyrrell, Rowland Coles, Terry McQuaid, A very special intention</p> |
| Sunday Missal: <i>page 455; Readings 461; 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 1.45pm SVP Outing [<i>See Overleaf</i>] 2pm Baptism (SJ) | |
| Monday | 9.30am Mass (SJ) 11.30am 3 Parish Social Group Meeting (SB) 8pm SVP (SJ) | |
| Tuesday <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i> | 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB) | |
| Wednesday | 9.15am Year 4 Class Mass in school (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ) | |
| Thursday <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i> | 9.15am Mass (SB) 10am Requiem Mass for Glenys Hartshorn (SC) 7.30 - 8.30pm Scripture Study Course (SB) | |
| Friday <i>St Luke</i> | 9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Parish Quiz Night (Dunscar Conservative Club) | |
| Saturday | 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Special Collection for the Association for the Propagation of the Faith</i> | |
| Next Sunday <i>World Mission Day</i> | 9.15am (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) 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. Thanks</i></p> | | |

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Congratulations: To Isla-Rose Higgs and Jessica Megan Smith who were baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families will continue to grow in faith.

CAMEO Group: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23 October (2pm-4pm) in the Harbour Room (St Brendan's). There will be a talk on *Safety in the Home* and everyone is welcome.

Harbour Room Book Club: Please make a note in your diaries for Wednesday 6 November (day after Bonfire Night). In tribute to Remembrance week, there will be a short talk on War poetry, some selected readings of famous poets (Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon & others), accompanied by discussion and refreshments. All copies of poems will be provided and can be kept! We are hoping to start at 2pm and finish about 3.15pm. Everybody is welcome. For further details ring Madeleine on 303505

Becoming Catholic: You may, or may not be aware that at St John's Church we have previously run a programme for any adult who has an interest in becoming Catholic or simply wants to know more about the Catholic Faith. This year we are looking to begin a new programme in November (date to be confirmed) which will run until Easter. This is open to adults from each of our parishes (St Brendan's, St Columba's and St John's). If you would like more information and think this is something that you would be interested in, please contact our parish office at office@sbsj.org.uk or alternatively, please see any of our priests after Mass.

St John's 200 Club

The October winners are:

- £50 E Brooks (147)
- £30 A.M Hailwood (236)
- £20 J Leather (24)



3 Parish Social Group: The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 October, 11.30am in the Harbour Room. All welcome to attend. *Terry Smith.*

Parish Quiz Night: Friday 18 October at Dunscair Conservative Club. Tickets (£5) on sale after Masses this weekend.

Sacramental Programme: We will begin the programme in November. Details will automatically be given to Year 3 children in our schools. If you have a child of this age 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 participate in this year's programme, please have a word with one of the priests.

BRASS: The collections for October will take place at St Columba's. *Thank you for your continued support.*

Scripture Study: Continues at St Brendan's (7.30-8.30pm). If possible, please bring a Catholic Bible and a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

Invitation: Thornleigh Salesian College is holding a Mission Week beginning Monday 21 October. On the Thursday (24) at 4pm, parishioners are invited to the college chapel to hear Gee Walker speaking about forgiveness and love. Gee is the mother of Anthony Walker who was tragically and senselessly killed at the age of 18 because of the colour of his skin. She speaks about her son with love and fondness, about his love for life, and about the fact that she has been able to forgive her son's killers. She hopes that all people can appreciate difference and diversity, can embrace all that is good in humankind and strive to live in harmony, respecting each other.

Think Vocation

"The man threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him." Western society breeds a forgetfulness of God. As Catholics, we have the great gift of the Eucharist. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. Each time we come to Mass, we remember to thank God. The Spirit helps us to remember to say thank you to the Father through Our Lord Jesus Christ. In this Year of Faith may we show greater appreciation for the gift of the Eucharist and never take for granted the gift of the sacred priesthood.

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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).