

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

**20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Perhaps the hardest Olympic event is the marathon: not only does it demand strength and fitness, but it calls for immense perseverance and endurance. Life in general and the Christian life in particular, is a marathon. We will face hills and mountains as well as valleys and gentle slopes in life: we will face obstacles and pressures which will make us want to say, as the prophet Elijah did, "Lord, it is enough!" Especially in our lifetime of prayer, there will be times when we say "Lord, I can go no

further." Jesus himself understands the need for perseverance in prayer, and the temptation to lose heart, which is why he offers us this parable and teaching today. And remember the thought from the first reading: sometimes we may need to hold each other in our praying!

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 465; Readings 471; Preface at Priest's choice		
Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (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> <i>Special Collection for the Association for the Propagation of the Faith</i>	<p><b>Sick:</b> 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 &amp; 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 and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Anthony Duggan, Sheila Tyrrell, Glenys Hartshorn, Derek Barker, Eileen Hill</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Ernest Dawson, John Barrett</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Ernest Dawson, John &amp; Winnie Dunne (Diamond Wedding Anniversary), John Barrett, Lilian Dawson (Birthday), In honour of (and thanksgiving to) St Anthony, St Jude &amp; the Sacred Heart, In honour of St Anthony for a Special Intention, David Walton</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6)</b></p> <p>We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work &amp; the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners &amp; their families</p>
<i>World Mission Day</i>		
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	10am Requiem Mass for Eileen Hill (SB) 3pm Mass for Marjorie Greenhalgh's 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (SB)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 9.15am School Harvest Festival Mass in Church (SC) 4.00pm – Talk by Gee Williams (Thornleigh Chapel) 7.30 - 8.30pm Scripture Study Course (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 12noon Graveside Committal for Glenys Hartshorn (Tonge Cemetery) 7.30pm What about the Wounded? Evening [See overleaf]	
Saturday	5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <b>Clocks go back one hour</b>	
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 (SJ)	
<p><b>Collections &amp; Donations:</b> <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><b>Mass Intentions:</b> <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i></p> <p><b>Gift Aid:</b> <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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**World Mission Sunday:** Today the Pope asks Catholics all over the world to join together at Mass to pray, celebrate and care for the whole family of the Church. A big part of our Church (40%) still needs our help to survive and grow to be self-sufficient. Through Missio, your prayers and donations will support the work of the missionaries and the young Churches as they build schools, provide healthcare and share faith, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances. The money collected today will go in its entirety to support mission projects worldwide. Please give what you can; every gift makes a difference and, if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided. Thank you for your support.

**Congratulations:** To Charlotte Elizabeth Critchley who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family will continue to grow in faith.

**Congratulations:** To John & Winnie Dunne who are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

**Happy Birthday & Congratulations:** To Marjorie Greenhalgh (a parishioner of St Brendan's) who will be 100 years old on Wednesday 23 October. There will be a Mass at St Brendan's (3pm Wednesday) celebrated by her nephew Fr Bernard Charnock. All welcome.

**CAMEO Group:** The meeting planned for Wednesday 23 October has been postponed. Details to follow when it is re-arranged.

**3 Parish Social Group:** There will be a Christmas Lunch (11.45am for 12 noon) on Tuesday 10 December 2013 at the Ainsworth Arms, Bury & Bolton Rd, Radcliffe. The 3 course lunch costs £13.95 per person, but with an over 50's Diamond Card the price of the meal is £10.95. The card is free and is available from either the Ainsworth Arms, or by visiting [www.diamondclubcard.co.uk](http://www.diamondclubcard.co.uk). There are only 30 places available and a £5.00 non-returnable deposit is required to secure your place. To book, please see Edwin Rankin in the Harbour Room (SB) after Mass or e-mail him on [er@edwinrankin.plus.com](mailto:er@edwinrankin.plus.com)

**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](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk) or alternatively, please see any of our priests after Mass.

**Primary School Admissions:** Do you have a child whose date of birth is between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010? If so, you should have received an application pack for Reception Admission September 2014 by 7 October 2013. If you have not received a pack please contact Pupil and Student Services (01204 332143/332137) to register your child's details. The closing date for applications to Reception Class 2014 is 15 January 2014.

If you would like to visit any of our parish primary schools prior to submitting your application, please contact the appropriate school office: St Brendan's – 333133; St Columba's – 333421; St John's – 333440. In addition, St John's School is holding an Open Evening for prospective parents on Thursday 7 November at 7pm (further details available on the poster/handout in St John's church).

**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).

**Invitation:** As part of its Mission Week, Thornleigh invites parishioners to the college chapel on Thursday (24) at 4pm to hear Gee Walker speaking about her son Anthony's tragic and senseless killing at the age of 18 because of the colour of his skin. She speaks 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.

**What about the Wounded?** There will be a special fundraising evening, presented by the Bishop of Bolton and featuring musicians Adrian & Bridget Plass, for the victims of the church bombing in Peshawar, Pakistan. This will take place at St Peter's Church, Halliwell Road, Bolton BL1 5RR on Friday 25 October at 7.30pm. Entry £5.

#### Think Vocation

"Remember who your teachers were." Many of our teachers made a deep and lasting impression upon us and we will never forget them. Our teachers in our Catholic schools and colleges have a tremendous opportunity to influence the lives of the children and young people in their care. How often do we pray for those who work in our schools and colleges? In this Year of Faith, may we take a greater interest in our local Catholic schools and colleges and try to support their activities and initiatives whenever possible.

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