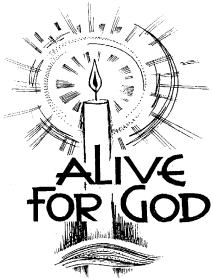


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

10TH NOVEMBER 2013

THIRTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



It is fortuitous that this passage of the Gospel is normally read near to the beginning of November, when we have celebrated the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, since it is a strong proclamation of the reality of life after death and the resurrection of the body. This Sunday is not without its difficulties, however, since this message is framed in two very sensitive passages: we have a story of cruelty and martyrdom in the first reading, and a controversial (and possibly upsetting) question about marriage in the Gospel. Remember that the example that the Sadducees bring is ridiculous, legalistic and completely misses the point: Jesus' reply does not mean that we are not with our loved ones after death – quite the contrary; he proclaims that we will all become one with God and each other as children of God.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i>		
Sunday Missal: page 494; Readings 500; Preface at Priest's choice		
Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.00am Remembrance Services (Victoria Square & Dunscar) 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	<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, 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, 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), Bob Taylor, Rita Margiotta, Noel Gannon, Sheila Derbyshire, David Walton, Dr Bernard Higgins, Winston Shanley, Vera Casey Shaw and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Brian Pilling, Geraldine Evans, Derek Barker, Catherine Crowley, George Cowley, Nicola Lamoury, Andrew Hall, George Handley, Stephen Rhodes, Esther Pope, Tony Whitehead, John Dillon</p> <p>Anniversaries: Philip Marshall, Eileen & Victor Gill, Robert Neil Proctor, Laurence Clossick, Maureen Smyth Taylor</p> <p>Mass Intentions: George Cowley, Geraldine Evans, Philip Marshall, Eileen & Victor Gill, Brian Pilling, John Hall, Robert Neil Potter, Deceased members of the Evans, Farrell, Feeny & Green families, Laurence Clossick, For a successful operation, Maureen Smyth Taylor, Vera Casey Shaw (very ill), for the private intentions of Christine Marghan</p>
<i>Remembrance Day</i>		
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
<i>St Martin of Tours</i>		
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7pm – 9pm Becoming Catholic (Patmos Room, SJ) 7.30pm-9.30pm Year of Faith Talk [see details overleaf] 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
<i>St Josaphat</i>		
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 2pm-4pm Cameo Group (Harbour Room, SB) 7.30pm Maranatha Lecture [see details overleaf]	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 7.30 - 8.30pm Scripture Study Course (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	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 (SJ) 3pm Signed Mass for Deaf People (SB) – All welcome	
<i>Prisoner's Day</i>		
<p>Collections & Donations: All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Cheques should be made payable to St John's</p> <p>Gift Aid: 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</p>		

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Congratulations: To Henry Joseph Goodall who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family will continue to grow in faith.

Becoming Catholic Course: The meetings for anyone who wishes to become a Catholic, or anyone who simply wants to know more about the Catholic Faith, start this Tuesday (12 November) 7-9pm in the Patmos Room at St John's.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 14 December (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is for parents from any of our 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 or e-mail office@sbsj.org.uk

Coffee (St John's): Coffee is served every Sunday after 9.15am Mass. All proceeds go to CAFOD and any volunteers who wish to join the rota to help would be very welcome. Please see Margaret Callaghan. **Please note, there will not be coffee at St John's this Sunday because of Remembrance Sunday Services.**

St John's 200 Club

The November winners are:

£50 Mr O'Rourke (14)
£30 M Settle (50)
£20 D O'Kane (171)



Year of Faith Talks: Paul Vallely (author of the new bestselling book *Pope Francis: Untying the Knots*) is a journalist, broadcaster and adviser to the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on Social Justice. Paul is giving a talk (The Church & Social Justice-What's in the future with Pope Francis?) on Tuesday 12 November (7.30pm-9.30pm) at St Gabriel's RC High School, Bridge Road Bury, BL9 0TZ. The cost is £5 per person and £1 of each registration will be divided between CAFOD & CARITAS). Prior registration is helpful, but not essential.

3 Parish Social Club: The proposed meeting (Monday 11 November) has been postponed. It will now take place on the following Monday (18 November) in The Harbour Room commencing at 11.00am. There will be a Christmas Lunch (11.45am for 12 noon) on Tuesday 10 December 2013 at the Ainsworth Arms, Radcliffe. To book, please see Edwin Rankin in the Harbour Room (SB) after Mass or e-mail him on er@edwinrankin.plus.com

Remembrance Poetry Event: This raised a wonderful total of £60 for the British Legion. It was paid immediately and the receipt is displayed on the notice board in the Harbour Room. Many, many thanks to all who came, to the wonderful readers, to those who helped with the room and refreshments, to those who brought photos and memorabilia and a special thanks to Ursula and Mavis for their delicious home-made cakes and biscuits! All that support made it the enjoyable afternoon it was. Thank you! *Madeleine*

CAMEO Group: The next meeting is on Wednesday 13 November (2-4pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's about "Safety in the Home". All welcome.

Stained Glass: The window at St John's which was broken in May has now been repaired. This has cost £1100 which will be claimed on the insurance (with the excess of £300 having been paid by the culprit). A few parishioners had given donations towards this repair and these will be used to provide a perspex shield outside the window to protect it from any future damage.

Maranatha Lecture: Sir Peter Fahy, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police Force, will present a talk about the challenges of being a Police Officer and a Christian, on Wednesday 13 November (7.30pm) at the Weston Theatre, Manchester Conference Centre, Sackville Street, Manchester M1 3BB. Tickets (£5) from Kevin McKenna (01612825523) or lecture@maranathacommunity.org.uk

St Columba's Christmas Fayre (8 December): Once again it's that time of year when we're asking for your generous donations (e.g. chocolates, bottles, brick-a-brack, toys) – anything that will sell to fetch funds in for the church. Thank you from The Friends of St Columba's.

Church Cleaning: A Gracie & M Isherwood

Bolton Dementia Support Group: The Christmas Fair for the group will be on Saturday 16 November 11.30am-3.30pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Tonge Old Road, Bolton. There is a £1 entrance fee, lots of stalls and hot food will be served.

Think Vocation

"May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ." When someone feels called to the priesthood or Consecrated Life, there are often a variety of emotions experienced: These can range from unworthiness through to fear. With our prayers and encouragement the Lord can help those who are discerning to trust in the Spirit at work within them. He will strengthen them and enable them to respond with courage and love to Christ's call.

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Synod on Family Life

In preparation for the forthcoming Synod on proclaiming the Gospel in view of the pastoral challenges facing the family today the Holy Father has requested a wide consultation. The main areas of consultation are 'How well known is the Church's teaching on marriage, how well is it taught and what areas of that teaching do people ignore or reject? What is the general understanding of marriage in society. What support do the Church, different groups and individual couples offer to those preparing for marriage, those who are married and those who might be experiencing difficulties? What difficulties exist and what solutions might there be for couples living together outside marriage and those who are divorced and remarried and Catholics who have married outside the church? What has been the effect of legislation allowing same sex couples to 'marry'? What should be the Church's response? Any response to these questions can be sent to ian.farrell@dioceseof-salford.org.uk for inclusion in the Diocesan response.