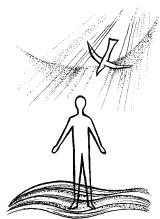


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**12TH JANUARY 2014 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> <b>Sunday Missal: page 172; Readings page 173; Preface page 176</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy	<p><b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard &amp; Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Pauline Bowling, Emma Turner, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, John Barrett, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Julie Smith, Ernie Little, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Joshua Almond, Jacqueline Kay, Wynn Elliot, Tom Wardle, Bob Taylor, Noel Gannon, Sheila Derbyshire, David Walton, Dr Bernard Higgins, Winston Shanley, Vera Casey Shaw, Heather Goil, Anne Rule, Joni Horton and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Terance Behan, Derek Quick, Robert Ladi, Bernadette Croft, Joe Kirkman, David Crompton</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Fr Gerard Duffy, William Hurst, Bill Houghton, Anne Cordner, Bernard Molyneux, Cathy &amp; Gerard Stuart</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Thanks for kindness from the family of Jean Stones, Fr Gerard Duffy, William Hurst, Derek Quick, In Thanksgiving to Almighty God &amp; in gratitude for the intercession of St Nicholas Owen, The William Sunny family (for Chigozie's successful operation &amp; may God grant us all our hearts' desires), Robert Ladi, Bill Houghton, In memory of Cathy &amp; Gerard Stuart, Bernadette Croft, Anne Cordner, Holy Souls, Joe Kirkman, Bernard Molyneux, David Crompton</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	10.45am Funeral Service for Terance Behan (Overdale) 6.30pm Sacramental Programme Meeting (SC School) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 6.15pm Sacramental Programme Meeting (SJ School)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 6pm Sacramental Programme Meeting (SB School)	
Friday <i>St Anthony</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	11am Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) <i>Beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i> 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>Peace 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) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Peace on Earth</i>	

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**Congratulations:** To Ivy Louise Josephine Pope and Violet Tina-Lynne Pope who were baptised at St Columba's last Sunday. We pray that they and their family will continue to grow in faith.

**Sacramental Programme:** The next meetings for children and parents take place this week in the individual parishes.

- St Columba – Tuesday 6.30pm in the school
- St John – Wednesday 6.15pm in the school
- St Brendan - Thursday 6pm in the school

**Lourdes 2014:** The 82<sup>nd</sup> annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Brain, will take place between 1–7 August (by air) and 31 July - 8 August (overland). For further details about travel by air, please contact Joe Walsh Tours at [www.joewalstours.co.uk](http://www.joewalstours.co.uk) (0161 8208790). For coach travel contact 01706 713966 or alternatively, visit the diocesan website [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lourdes](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lourdes) or [www.salfordlourdes.co.uk](http://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk).

**Parish Lunch:** There will be a lunch for all our parishes on Tuesday 11 February, 11.30am for 12noon at the Signature Restaurant (Bolton College). The cost of the three course meal is £11 per person (to be paid when booking). There are only 30 places available and they will be on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Ursula Shorrocks on 01204 392591.

**BCMCS & Bolton Symphony Orchestra:** To commemorate the centenary of the beginning of World War 1 and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings, there will be a performance of The Armed Man - a Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins and extracts from the Planets by Gustav Holst on Saturday 25 January at The Victoria Hall, Bolton (7.30pm). Tickets cost £10 (under 19's free) and are available from the Albert Halls (01204 334400).

**BRASS:** The collection of food items will take place at St Columba's during January. Thankyou for your continued support

**Think Vocation**

At baptism, when we entered the family of God, we received the gift of faith as well as the promise of eternal life. In this Year of Faith let us try to find out the name of the priest or deacon who baptised us and pray for them whether they are living or deceased.

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**Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6)**

We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed

**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.*

**Mass Intentions:** *Cheques should be made payable to St John's*

**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. Please ask. Thanks*

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