

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

19TH JANUARY 2014 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time – one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the “revelation” of the Son of God – people realising who this “Jesus of Nazareth” actually was – and this continues today, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew’s Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord’s public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to

happen – even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God’s work.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: page 185; Preface at priest’s choice		Prayers Please
Sunday <i>Peace Sunday</i>	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 Deaf People (SB) – All welcome. <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Peace on Earth.</i> <i>Special collection for Pax Christi</i>	<p>Sick: 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 & 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>Lately Dead: Terance Behan, Bernadette Croft, Joe Kirkman, Ann Connor, Christine Hogg, John Shepherd, Dorothy Armitage, Tony Johnson, Canon Valentinas Kamaitis, Fr Joseph Duggan</p> <p>Anniversaries: Bernard Joseph Burke, John, Mary & Richard Benbow, Kathleen & Harry Howarth, Cynthia Winstanley, Michael Greene, Winefred Kenyon, Agnes Beeching, Catherine Cooke, Mary Joan Quinn,</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Bernard Joseph Burke, John, Mary & Richard Benbow, Kathleen & Harry Howarth, Cynthia Winstanley, To St Anthony for a Special Intention, Ann Connor, Michael Greene, Bernadette Croft, Christine Hogg, Winefred Kenyon, John Shepherd, Joe Kirkman, Agnes Beeching, Joyce Knight, Mary Joan Quinn, Dorothy Armitage, Tony Johnson, Fr Joseph Duggan</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Christian Unity Service (Tottington Rd Methodist) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>St Agnes</i>	7pm Becoming Catholic Meeting (SJ Patmos Room) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.15am Yr 6 Mass in School (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am School Mass in Church (SB) (Y3 Listening)	
Friday <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>	5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>End of week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	
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 (SB)	

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Peace Sunday: Pope Francis asks us to reflect on the theme of *Living as one family is the foundation and pathway to peace* as we celebrate Peace Sunday this year. Fr Rob Esdail, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton, Surrey writes: "He's not asking us to idealise our relationships (whether with our relatives, our local neighbours or the people of foreign lands). Rather, he's inviting us to recognise the depth of connectedness which exists between us and the potential that is there, once we acknowledge others as our brothers and sisters." We pray, also, for the ongoing work of Pax Christi, who work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice

Holocaust Memorial Day Talk: The Department for Evangelisation, together with the Council of Christians and Jew (Manchester), invite you to an evening to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. The talk will take place on Tuesday 21 February at St Gabriel's RC High School, Bridge Road, Bury, BL9 0TZ (7.30pm-9.30pm). There is a suggested donation of £5 per person to cover expenses. Please see our church notice boards for more information.

Parish Lunch Signature Restaurant: Thanks to an amazing take up of places, the lunch on Tuesday 11 February is fully subscribed. I was able to obtain eight more places - which have also been taken. Enquires will be made for further dates, hopefully to accommodate those disappointed this time. Thanks. *Ursula*

St John's 200 Club

The January winners are:

£50 M Roe (156)
 £30 M Speed (9)
 £20 M Marshall (10)



Readers (SB & SJ): The new rota is now available.

Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity: Please join us for the special service at Tottington Rd Methodist Church on Monday evening (7.30pm) to celebrate this special week of prayer for Christian Unity.

CAMEO GROUP: The next meeting (a *Fun Auction* held by Kathleen Denton) will be on 5 February in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's (2pm - 4pm). All proceeds will be for St Brendan's SVP. Refreshments will be available and all welcome. Please try to bring along an item for selling. Thank You.

Lourdes 2014: The 82nd 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.joewalshstours.co.uk (0161 8208790). For coach travel contact 01706 713966 or alternatively, visit the diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lourdes or www.salfordlourdes.co.uk.

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

Church Cleaners (SJ): M & J Gething

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

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Spirit

The Passion of Pentecost - A musical of hope and affirmation
7pm on 7 & 8 June 2014 at the Victoria Hall, Bolton

We are holding a launch event at the Victoria Hall Bolton on the 28th January 2014 at 7.30pm for people who might want to be involved in this fantastic production. (Entry by the main entrance on Knowsley Street).

We are presenting the musical as a semi-staged production and are looking for singers to be in the massed choir or to be one of our soloists/performers. So if you are a choir master and want more information or an enthusiastic singer why not come along to find out more. The rehearsal period will start after Easter.

We also require technicians, stage hands, stewards, tea and coffee makers and a whole range of volunteers to make the production a success. If you have a Passion for Bolton and want to be a part of the Passion family we invite you to come along to find out more. Our Musical Director Robert Aston will play some of the music and you will hear a couple of the solos performed by Sam Cain. If we have enough enthusiastic singers you may have a chance to sing some of the chorus numbers.

Refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you.

Bolton Christian Community Cohesion and Passion for Bolton