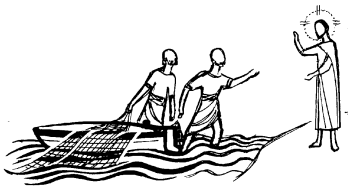


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**26TH JANUARY 2014 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



We will spend most of the Sundays of the coming year in the company of Saint Matthew. His Gospel (like the others has its own characteristics. He is writing for a Jewish audience, and so is always at pains to stress one thing: that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah. He does this by reference to Jesus' teaching and miracles, and very often by quoting the prophecies of the Old Testament to show that Jesus was their fulfilment. Today is a perfect example. "Zebulun and Naphthali" was an old name for the area round Capernaum by the side of the Lake of Galilee, a busy fishing and trading area, with many Gentile towns and settlements: it is here, rather than in the dangerous town of Nazareth, that Jesus "settles" and begins his ministry. This is where the proclamation of the Kingdom of God begins, as was foretold, and the first followers are invited to join Jesus.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> <i>page 195; Preface at priest's choice</i>		<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 2pm Baptism (SB)	<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, 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> Catherine Martin, Mary Doig, Joan Ratcliffe, Isabelle Karzynski, Ann Connor, Christine Hogg, John Shepherd, Dorothy Armitage, Tony Johnson,</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Bridget Knowles, Thomas Brooks, Michael Axford,</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Catherine Martin, Josie Knowles (Special Birthday Mass), Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit for exam successes, In honour of St Anthony, St Jude &amp; the Sacred Heart (exam success), Michael Axford (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), Bridget Knowles, Thomas Brooks, Isabelle Karzynski, Joyce Knight,</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)  <i>Holocaust Memorial Day</i>	
Tuesday <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.30am Requiem Mass for Catherine Martin (SJ) 9.30am Yr 5 Class Mass in School (SJ) 7pm Becoming Catholic Meeting (SJ Patmos Room) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 11.30am Funeral Service for Mary Doig (Overdale) 1.30pm for 2pm Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration (Bolton Town Hall) 1.30pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday <i>St John Bosco</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 12.45am Funeral Service for Joan Ratcliffe (Overdale)	
Saturday	11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>The Presentation of the Lord</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)	

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**Congratulations to:** Miles Angus Harbot-Taylor and Lewis Benjamin Jackson who were baptised at St John's last weekend. We pray that they and their families will continue to grow in faith.

**Holocaust Memorial Day:** This event will be held at the Festival Hall, Bolton Town Hall on Wednesday 29 January at 2pm (please arrive at 1.30pm). The theme this year is *Journeys*. Tributes to remember victims of the Holocaust will be led by school children (including St Brendan's) and community & civic leaders.

**Parish Lunch:** As the first date for the Signature Restaurant was so popular, another date has been booked (Wednesday 12 March). There are 30 places available to people who were unable to obtain places for the first date at a cost of £11 per person. If you are interested please contact Ursula Shorrocks (392591).

**Harbour Room Teapot Time:** We are hoping to pilot *Teapot Time*, a new social event for our parishes every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month (the first one will start on 21 February). The Harbour Room will be open 1pm -3pm for Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Cakes, etc (at very reasonable prices). Magazines will be available to read and computers for those who wish to use them, or you may just want to come along for a brew and a chat. Just come and try it! *Ursula*.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting of the Harbour Room Book Club will be on Wednesday 29 January at 1.30pm. The book under discussion is *Lone Wolf* by Jodi Picoult. All welcome.

**Theatre Trips:** An early reminder that the two trips to see *Hobson's Choice* at the Octagon will be on Monday 3 February (5pm) and Saturday 8 February (2pm).

**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.

**BRASS:** The last collection of items for St Columba's takes place this weekend. The collection, throughout February, will take place at the weekend Masses at St John's. *Thank you for your continued support.*

**Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** You will have seen in Parish Newsletters that the 2014 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (1-7 August) will take place under the leadership of Bishop Brain.

This year the Diocesan Committee have decided to simplify the arrangements by using an agent for travel and accommodation. I have no idea of the 2013 prices but can confirm that there appears to be little increase to costs this year, and in some cases, dependant on the Hotel chosen, there is a slight decrease. On average, costs by air are approx £660 and by coach/ferry/train approx £570-£620.

If you are interested in going on the Lourdes Pilgrimage this year, as part of a Parish/Deanery group and would like to see the full information details, please contact me after Mass (St Brendan's) or by email (terencesmith4 @ virginmedia.com) or telephone (01204 531197). You can, of course, book individually through the travel agent if you so wish (Joe Walsh Tours 0161 820 8790). *Terry Smith*

**Adoration & Reconciliation:** The next period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Saturday (11am-12noon) at St John's. All welcome.

### Think Vocation

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Perhaps Jesus chose a number of fishermen as his disciples because fishermen need to be strong, trusting and courageous. Despite their weaknesses they all proved themselves to be up to the task eventually. The Lord continues to call men to be his priests today: they also need to be tough and resilient. Let us pray that the priests of our Diocese have the courage and strength they need to lead the Church and preach the Gospel.

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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

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