

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

27TH JANUARY 2013 – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



After our brief excursion last week into Saint John's Gospel, we are back on track this week with Saint Luke - whom we will follow for the rest of the year. Today is about beginnings: the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It begins with the Word of God, in the synagogue. Jesus reads from the Old Testament, as we do every Sunday, and tells the people that it is fulfilled in him. Everything that God has said to his people, through his prophets, comes together in Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God. Today is an ideal Sunday to think about the ministry of reader - about how as readers we make present the same fulfillment, Jesus, when we read the word of God in our Churches.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal page 195; Readings 200; Preface (at priest's choice)		<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Margaret Edge, Frank Brazel, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Emma Turner, Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Amanda Calcutt, Emma Jiminez (baby), Bernard Cummings, Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Denise Carolan, Leila Parker, Julie Smith and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Joan Stronge, Ann Wilkins, Eileen Mason, Stanley Coxon, Noeleen Hewson, Elizabeth Levett (nee Harte), Arthur Liddell, Gerard Dobson, Pat Cody, Catherine Cooke, Michael Axford</p> <p>Anniversary: Bernard Burke, Veronica & Doug Sweetland, Barbara Irving, Bernard Coop, John Hall, Bridget Knowles, Anthony McKiernan, Betty Finn, Katie Littlewood</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Joyce Knight, Bernard Burke, A Special Intention, Joan Stronge, Gerard Dobson, Timothy Barrow, In honour of St Jude, Veronica & Doug Sweetland, Barbara Irving, Pat Cody, Bernard Coop, John Hall, Bridget Knowles, Elizabeth Levett (nee Harte), Arthur Liddell, Anthony McKiernan, Betty Finn (10th Anniversary Remembrance), Katie Littlewood, Catherine Cooke</p> <p>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</p>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Day of Special Prayer for Students & Teachers</i> <i>Special Collection for Catholic Education Service</i>	
<i>Education Day</i> <i>Holocaust Memorial Day</i>		
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ) 8pm Churches in Harwood Meeting (CC Vicarage)	
<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>		
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	No Mass today 12noon Requiem Mass for Catherine Cooke (Oldham) 1.30-3pm Harbour Room Book Club 6.15pm Sacramental Programme (SJ School)	
Thursday	9.15am (SB) 7-8.30pm Baptism Preparation (Patmos Room, SJ)	
<i>St John Bosco</i>		
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	10am-12noon Eucharistic Ministers Preparation (SJ) 12noon Mass & Commissioning of Ministers (SJ) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6pm Mass (SC); 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
<i>The Presentation of The Lord</i>		
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>Special Collection for Caritas</i>	
Collections, Donations, Gift Aid		
<p><i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate. 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.</i></p>		

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Education Sunday: At our Masses this weekend, we pray for all those involved in education and have a collection for the Catholic Education Service

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 30 January (1.30pm to 3pm). The designated read is *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, an American classic. There will be the usual £1 member's fee and refreshments provided. All welcome. *Madeleine*

Baptism Preparation: The next preparation session will take place on Thursday 31 January (7 to 8.30pm) at St John's. This is for parents from each of our parishes wishing to have a child baptised in the coming months. If you will be attending this session, please let Fr Cooke or Fr Gee know.

Eucharistic Ministers: There will be a preparation and reflection session for new and existing Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday 2 February. It will be held at St John's beginning at 10am and ending with Mass at 12noon during which the ministers will be (re)commissioned.

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

Caritas Sunday Special Collection: Next weekend we will pray for and have a collection for Caritas, the diocesan organisation that continues the traditions of the Catholic Childrens' Rescue Society and the Catholic Welfare Services to help people in need throughout our diocese.

Year of Faith – Catholicism: St James' Parish Montserrat continue with the second series of meetings using the *Word on Fire* material by Fr Robert Barron:

- Monday 28 January – *The Fire of His Love*: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit.
- Monday 4 February – *World Without End*: The Last Things.

Each session begins at 7.30pm and lasts about an hour. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2013: The 81st annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Brain, will take place between Tuesday 30 July and Monday 5 August 2013. It is hoped that people from all over the Salford Diocese will join the bishop and priests, in this year of faith, at Our Lady's shrine at Lourdes in France. For further details please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office (0161 8172209) or visit the diocesan website at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lourdes.

Harwood Methodist Church Concert: There will be an evening of live music at the Longsight Methodist Church Hall in order to raise money for the Church Redevelopment Fund. This will take place on Saturday 2 March at 7.30pm. The performers are Luke Jackson (a young singer/songwriter) and BrightShapes (a trio band from Manchester). Tickets are available at £10 but there will be a discount for groups of 10 or more. Please ring Alison Davies (07963 255390).

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Catherine Cooke RIP

As many of you will know by now, my Mum died on Wednesday. She had been admitted to hospital in Oldham the previous Friday and they were unable to control the chest infection, which led to pneumonia. Thankfully myself and my three sisters were with her when she died peacefully. May she rest in peace.

Her Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday at 12 noon at Sacred Heart Church, Whetstone Hill Road, Derker, Oldham OL1 4NA

Thank you for all your prayers, support and expressions of sympathy received during the past few days.
Fr Cooke

St Osmund's Parish Hall

St Valentine's Big Band Night

featuring

Nostalgia – Swing Band, with vocalist "Beverley"
and The Nostalgiks – Jazz Group

Dance or listen to the sounds of the Big Band era.

Saturday 16th February

7.30pm -12 Midnight

Licensed Bar & Grand Raffle

Tickets £10 including pastie & peas supper.

For tickets, please ring David Lee (01204 533118)

Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships

For the last ten years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer at least 6 internships: Three interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster, two in public policy with CAFOD and one in a media internship in Archbishop's House Westminster.

All internships will run from September 2013 - July 2014 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found at: www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-internships

Completed application forms must either be emailed to interns@cbcew.org.uk or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 9am on 25th February 2013 and Assessment days will be 25th and 26th March 2013.

If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

Think Vocation

"The Spirit of the Lord..... has anointed me." The word 'Christ' means anointed one – appointed by God for a mission. At a priestly ordination, the hands of the priest are anointed with the Sacred Oil of Chrism. The priest is then able to lead the people of God with the authority of Christ.