

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

**6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Faithfulness, faith and trust. These most invisible and difficult things are what God asks of us – just as we, in our own way, ask them of those who love us. “Trust me”, we say, “all will be well.” And if someone does trust us, the reward is simply that trust was well-placed. We have done our duty. Sometimes when we talk about “faith” we put the emphasis on “believe and accept”. Today’s readings (especially the passage from Habakkuk) invite us to think in terms of “trust”. The request of the Apostles is interesting: “Increase our faith” could also mean “Make it easier for us,” or “Prove that you are who you say you are.” Jesus replies that he can’t do that – you can’t make someone trust you. It has to be a gift, freely given.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<b>Sunday Missal:</b> <i>page 444; Readings 451; Preface at Priest's choice</i>		<p><b>Sick:</b> 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, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard &amp; 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, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Emma Jimanez (baby), 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), Elizabeth Evenson, Bob Taylor, Rita Margiotta, Noel Gannon, Sheila Derbyshire, David Walton, Bernard Aspinwall and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Carol Ainscow, Joan Taylor, Michael Mangan, Muriel Conniffe, Chris Ogden, Peter Bezkorowajnyj, Charmaine Hartshorn</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Bridget &amp; Michael Ryan, Ann Ryan, Mary Hurst, Eve Mary McArdle, William Westley, George Adamson, Anne Davies, Edward Brandwood</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Bridget &amp; Michael Ryan, Ann Ryan, Mary Hurst, Munachiso Sunny (1<sup>st</sup> Birthday), Joyce Knight, In honour of St Anthony, Joan Taylor, Joseph, Thomas &amp; George Parkinson, Eve Mary McArdle, A very Special Intention, William Westley, George &amp; Peg Adamson, Anne &amp; William Davies, Edward Brandwood, John Carr (Thanks)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6):</b></p> <p>We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work &amp; the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners &amp; their families</p>
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) <i>CAFOD Fast Day Collection</i>	
Monday <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	10am Requiem Mass for Peter Bezkorowajnyj (SC) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	10am Requiem Mass for Charmaine Hartshorn (SC)	
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) 1.45pm SVP Outing (St Joseph’s, Audley Range)	
<p><b>Collections &amp; Donations:</b> <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan’s, St Columba’s or St John’s as appropriate.</i></p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John’s</i></p> <p><b>Gift Aid:</b> <i>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</i></p>		

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**Congratulations:** To Oscar Michael Stephen Anderson who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. Also to Talia Mai Rogers who was baptised at St Columba's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families will continue to grow in faith.

**St Columba's School:** Congratulations to the headteacher, staff, pupils and governors on achieving "outstanding" in all categories during the recent OfSTED inspection. Well done!

**CAFOD Special Collection:** Please use the Fast Day Envelopes for the special collection this weekend and give as much as you can so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life.

**SVP Outing for the Elderly & Housebound (SJ):** There will be an outing to St Joseph's, Audley Range, Blackburn on Sunday 13 October 2013. There is a list in the Patmos Room for names of those wishing to attend and for volunteers willing to help with transport. Alternatively, please inform any member of St John's SVP.

**3 Parish Social Group:** The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 October, 11.30am in the Harbour Room. All welcome to attend. *Terry Smith.*

**BRASS:** The collections for October will take place at St Columba's. *Thank you for your continued support.*

**Scripture Study:** Continues at St Brendan's (7.30-8.30pm). If possible, please bring a Catholic Bible and a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

**Parish Quiz Night:** Friday 18 October at Dunscair Conservative Club. Tickets (£5) on sale after Masses this weekend

#### Think Vocation

"We are merely servants we have done no more than our duty." All of us have a role to play in building up the Kingdom and we are called to play our part to the best of our ability. None of us should need to be thanked for doing our best for the Church. In this Year of Faith let us be grateful to the Lord for all the people who encourage us and support us in our journey of faith.

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### St John's and St Brendan's SVP – Annual Reports 2012/2013

**St John's SVP** would like to thank our priests, friends and parishioners for their continued support, encouragement and generosity during the past year. Without this, our work would not have been so effective in offering friendship and support to the sick, housebound and lonely of our parish and those on the margins of society who need help. Our SVP has a thriving and active membership of 17 who are supported by a number of parishioners who help with transportation and other SVP activities. During the past twelve months the SVP has undertaken the following activities:

**Visits:** We have made 431 visits to people in their own homes and 4 visits to people living in residential homes. In addition, on 200 occasions we have helped with transport for people who have difficulty in attending Mass and appointments at hospitals and clinics.

**Outings:** Our visitees look forward to, and enjoy, these twice yearly events when we visit parishes of interest usually within the Salford Diocese. There is opportunity to learn a little of the history of the parish, usually followed by Benediction and afternoon tea - a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends! This year we have visited a beautiful Parish in Wroughtington and will be visiting St Joseph's in Audley Range in October.

**Sponsored Walk:** St John's SVP organises an annual sponsored walk for the Bolton District. The aim of this is to support the raising of funds to help families in need in the District. This year we have raised £1,539 in total across Bolton District Council parishes.

**Christmas Parcels:** Each year we deliver food parcels to parishioners in need, and from time to time are able to offer financial support. This year we have provided financial support on 12 occasions.

*We are constantly striving to find ways in which to reach parishioners who might benefit from our friendship and support. If anyone knows of someone who might benefit from this please contact any member of the SVP.*

**St Brendan's SVP** currently has 8 members plus 3 new members as a result of an appeal in July. This year we had the sad loss of our long-serving and devoted member and ex-President, Frank Brazel.

**Visits:** In the year to 31 March 2013 we made 332 visits, made up of: 264 to the elderly at home, 26 visits to families, 32 visits to parishioners in residential homes and 10 hospital visits.

**Main Activities (apart from visiting):** The annual party for parishioners; Lifts to church as and when possible; Taking part in the sponsored walk (St Brendan's raised £446 this year); Christmas gifts to the elderly housebound, people with disabilities. We supported two young children in India. We pay twinnage to India to aid SVP work. We donated to the Sudan baby feeding programme.

*If anyone would like a visit or knows of someone in need of a friendly chat please let us know. They do not have to be Catholic.*

**Joint Activities:** Mass for the sick and housebound; Mass for deceased parishioners; Food and clothing collection for Sr Barbara's project at BRASS. This year we will include the parishioners of St Columba's in these events.