

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

**24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING**



The year of Saint Luke ends with a characteristic take on the feast of Christ the King: in Luke's gospel we are so familiar with seeing and hearing the voiceless, the rejected, those whom society puts in second place: how suitable, then, that on the feast of the King of all Creation we see him at his most vulnerable – on the cross, with only an abrupt inscription to announce that he is the King. He is King because of the work he has done, which is described by Saint Paul in the Second Reading: “all things [are] reconciled through him and for him ... when he made peace by his death on the cross.” Next week, when we re-enter Advent and a new Liturgical Year, we will be thinking of the King who will come again: though he will come as his disciples saw him go at the Ascension, the marks of the cross will still be visible for all time, to remind us of the one who came to reunite all Creation, especially frail human creatures.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> <b>Sunday Missal: page 514; Readings 520; Preface 523</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 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Young People</i>	<p><b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, 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, Brendan O'Grady, Pauline Bowling, Emma Turner, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), 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), Bob Taylor, Rita Margiotta, Noel Gannon, Sheila Derbyshire, David Walton, Dr Bernard Higgins, Winston Shanley, Vera Casey Shaw and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Gladys Mills, Paul Sale, Thekla Rock, Malcolm Maybury</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Eva Sheridan, Graham Taylor, Olive Cranshaw, Kevin Canning</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Joyce Knight, Eva Sheridan, The Durkin &amp; Kelly families, A solution to a family's trouble, Gladys Mills, Joseph Cassidy, Kathleen McCabe, Pakine &amp; Tessa Murray, Hannah Kilroy, Cynthia Winstanley, In honour of St Anthony, St Jude &amp; the Sacred Heart, Graham Taylor, Deceased relatives &amp; friends of the Tetlow family, Paul Sale, Olive Cranshaw, Thekla Rock, Kevin Canning</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	9.30am Year 6 Mass in School (SJ) 7pm-9pm Becoming Catholic Course (SJ Patmos Room) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 1.30pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 7.30 - 8.30pm Scripture Study Course (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10.00am Coffee Morning (SJ)	
Saturday <i>St Andrew Patron of Scotland</i>	11.00am Mass for the Deceased (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
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<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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## CAFOD's Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Appeal

Last weekend there was a special collection for CAFOD's emergency response to the extensive damage and suffering caused by Philippines Typhoon Haiyan. CAFOD is working with local Church partners to provide emergency shelter, food and water. If there are any further donations, please hand them in as soon as possible. You can also donate online at [cafod.org.uk/typhoon](http://cafod.org.uk/typhoon), or by calling CAFOD on 0500 85 88 85.

*CAFOD is appealing as part of a national response by the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC). In the unlikely event of income exceeding need for this appeal, additional monies will be allocated to other urgent emergencies.*

**So far we have collected around £1,600 across the parish. The CAFOD Group have also given a further £800 from their general fundraising throughout the year. Thankyou!**

**National Youth Sunday:** The Feast of Christ the King is designated as National Youth Sunday. We are invited to pray for our young people and celebrate the contribution they make to our communities.

**Congratulations:** To Zayne Vincent White who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family will continue to grow in faith.

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 14 December (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is for parents from any of our three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please let one of the priests know if you will be attending or e-mail [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk)

**SVP Mass for the Deceased:** The SVP invite family and friends of those who have died in the past year to a special Mass which will be held at St Brendan's on Saturday 30 November at 11.00am. There will be an opportunity to light a candle on the altar in memory of those who have died and there will be refreshments, following Mass, in the Harbour Room. Should anyone have difficulties with transport, please contact any member of the SVP.

**SVP Coffee Morning:** On Friday 29 November there will be a coffee morning at St John's starting at 10am. This is to raise funds to help families in need at Christmas in all our three parishes. Please come along and support us. Everyone welcome!

**BRASS Collection:** There will be a joint food collection during December at each of our three churches. The items particularly needed are: cartons of orange juice, vegetable oil, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits, tinned tomatoes, kidney beans, chickpeas, coffee and sugar. The items will be taken directly to the BRASS base at Victoria Hall after each weekend's Masses. Thankyou for your continued support!

**Vincentian Volunteers:** Are looking to recruit a qualified accountant to assist their Trustees in all areas of financial management, systems and control. The work involved would not be more than one calendar day per month. The organisation works with young people on a gap year to encourage their spiritual growth and enable them to work with people encountering various forms of poverty. Anyone interested should apply in writing with a full C.V. by Thursday 28th November to Sr Susan Molloy DC, Vincentian Volunteers, St Matthew's Presbytery, Worsley Road, Winton, Eccles, Manchester M30 8BL or email [susan.molloy@hotmail.com](mailto:susan.molloy@hotmail.com)

**Children's Missals:** We now have a few copies of *My Little Missal* for our young church members. Please feel free to use during the Mass, but please return the Missals afterwards.

## Advent & Christmas

**Walk With Me:** The booklets and calendars for Advent are now available – free of charge. Do please take one for your home and use it to help your prayer during this season of preparation for Christmas.

**CAFOD:** The interactive, online Advent Calendar, with daily reflections on scriptural passages, can now be accessed through the CAFOD website: [www.cafod.org.uk/adventcalendar](http://www.cafod.org.uk/adventcalendar).

**Christmas Posters:** The *Keep Christ in Christmas* posters (from the Knights of St Columba) will be available for you to take home next weekend.

**St Mary's, The Hidden Gem:** Are holding daily, midweek, lunchtime carol services throughout Advent (until Thursday 19 December). They start at 1pm after the 12.30pm Mass. Please see our Church notice boards for more details or visit the website [www.hiddengem.catholicfaith.co.uk](http://www.hiddengem.catholicfaith.co.uk)

**Rosa Mystica:** There will be a Mass on Monday 9 December at St Thomas of Canterbury's, Lonsdale Road, Bolton (11.30am) for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. This will be followed by the Hour of Grace for the Whole World at 12 noon.

**CAMEO Group:** *Christmas Decoration Workshop.* The next event will be on Wednesday 11 December. More details to follow

**St John's Christmas Draw:** Tickets are now on sale

**St Columba's Christmas Fayre:** 8 December 2013

**Parish Christmas Dance:** Friday 20 December (for all three churches) at Dunscair Conservative Club. Tickets and more information available soon.

**Transport Request:** Hello everyone. This is a request for help with transport, please, to Christie's at Hope for Dave's radiotherapy treatment. God bless you. Love Christine & David Walton (01204 772818).

**CAMEO Group:** Thankyou to those who came last Wednesday. A donation of £25 was given to The *Fire Fighter's Charity* on your behalf. A donation of £25 is also going to Bolton Hospice as a thankyou for the gift of a wheelchair for St Brendan's (donated by a parishioner).

**3 Parish Social Group:** In response to many of our parishioners from within the 3 parishes, the above named group has held invitational meetings over the past months as advertised in the Parish Newsletter.

Although there has been only a limited response in attendance at the meetings held to date, the discussion has, nevertheless, been quite fruitful in formulating a suitable organisation to cater for our parishioners whose activities, for various reasons, are limited to daylight hours.

I acted as Chairman of our first meeting in October and commenced the meeting by outlining various suggestions that had been passed on to me by parishioners and confirmed Fr. Cooke's wishes for integration of the 3 Parishes, particularly socially. It soon became very clear, however, that we may be trying to create something which was almost impossible to operate within our limited capabilities. Conversely, it also became clear that the wishes of most were fairly simple and that perhaps a more simplified organisation would suffice for our needs.

During this initial 3 month period a lot of effort has been made by members of the group to get the ball rolling and they deserve our gratitude for organising the following events:

1. Reserving group tickets for a matinee performance of *Hobson's Choice* and *Brassed Off* at the Octagon Theatre.
2. Organising a 'Christmas Lunch' at the Ainsworth Arms.

The above events have proved popular and are now fully booked with all 3 Parishes represented and it was agreed at our last meeting (Monday 17 Nov) that this should be the way forward. With this very much in mind, Ursula Sharrocks, from St Brendan's Parish, has agreed to take over the mammoth task of *Event Organiser*. Ursula is very enthusiastic about the role and I know that she will do her very best to provide the outings required. She will be telling us through the Parish Newsletter, in the very near future, about a super lunch which she has already pre booked for the New Year. Get your name down quickly, it will be popular and is limited in numbers! Monthly meetings are to be discontinued simply pass your ideas to Ursula and she will then be able to advise us all of things in the pipeline through the channels of the Newsletter.  
*Terry Smith.*

**Cathedral Centre Books:** The bookshop at the Cathedral Centre has now been in operation for three years and has become a great resource and service for the diocese. They have a good selection of books, cards, gifts and repository items, especially at the moment for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The bookshop is open six days a week from 9am to 4.45pm for visitors and is always open to taking inquiries and orders by phone (0161 817 2208).

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 27 November at 1.30pm to discuss *Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. All welcome!

### St. Columba's - APF-Mill Hill Red Mission Boxes:

Promoters will soon be calling on red mission box holders to deliver the calendars for 2014 and to empty the boxes. It would help, however, if you were able to bring your box to church to be emptied. Please hand it to the priest or one of the volunteers rather than leaving it at the back of church. If you would like to contribute to the mission of the Church by holding a box, or making a donation please see Kevin Egan or go to [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk).

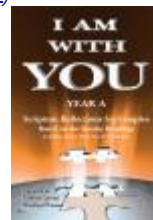
**Almanacs:** The new Diocesan Yearbook for 2014 is now on sale at £3.

### *I Am With You*

Over the past two years, a number of couples in our parishes have bought copies of these simple but thought-provoking reflections written by married couples for married couples. They are inspired by the scripture readings for each of the Sundays and major feasts for the coming year in the life of the Church. This is a good way through which couples can spend time praying and reflecting together.

The project started with Year B of the Sunday cycle of readings (in Advent 2011), Year C was published last year (Advent 2012) and the final book (for Year A) is now available, together with a box-set containing all three volumes. Individual books cost £7.99 (plus postage and packing at £3) and the box-set costs £15.99 (plus postage and packing at £4.50) which is a real bargain.

If you would like to order a copy of Year A or a box-set, either for yourself or as a present for someone else, please have a word with Fr Cooke or you can order direct from McCrimmons (01702 218956 or [sales@mccrimmons.com](mailto:sales@mccrimmons.com)), from the authors ([sales@twoinoneflesh.org.uk](mailto:sales@twoinoneflesh.org.uk) or via their website [www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)) or via Amazon ([www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)).



### Think Vocation

Our Holy Father is the leader of the Universal Church, of which Christ is the Head and Universal King. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Church has a presence in almost every country of the world now. As we give thanks for the Year of Faith initiated by the Pope, we reflect on how our own faith in the Lord Jesus has grown. Let us pray for our Holy Father, that his faith will always be strong and that he will continue to lead the Church with zeal and fervour and proclaim Christ's love for all people.

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