

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

**16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Back in the 60s some groups “adopted” Jesus Christ as an icon of rebellion, overturning authority and tearing up the rule book – possibly because of the frequent confrontations between Our Lord and the Pharisees. Today’s Gospel, however, shows us Jesus not as rule-breaker, but as rule-fulfiller, bringing an even greater depth to the rule that had guided the people of Israel for centuries. Jesus does not throw out the rulebook – or as the first reading says, He does not command us to be godless! He challenges us in this Gospel to see how far our keeping God’s Law will go: will it just be about the letter of the Law (“I have never killed anyone”), or will it look deeper (“Have I ever been angry? Have I been violent in my thoughts?”). The challenge of the Kingdom of Heaven is to keep the commandments first and foremost from within, so that our outward behaviour conforms to the requirements of God’s Law.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 227; Preface at priest’s choice		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday <i>Education Day</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 (SC) <i>A Special Collection for the</i> 3pm Mass for Deaf People (SB) <i>Catholic Education Service</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, 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, Mary Long, Teresa Hastings and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Tony Maher, James Holden, Albert Burrows, Bob Bowes, Gordon Leather, Ellen McCourt, Margaret McGowan, Philip Smith</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Billy Hodget, Ethel Leach, Terence Cocker, Josephine Mary Shackell, Tess McSherry, Mary Rowson, Terry Brooks, Ernest Pilling</p>
Monday	9am Mass (SJ) – <b>Please note earlier time</b> 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 2pm-4pm Teapot time (Harbour Room SB) 7.30pm CAFOD meeting (Patmos Room SJ)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday <i>The Chair of St Peter</i>	11am Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Brain’s 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination (Salford Cathedral) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) <i>Archbishop Vincent Nichols</i> 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>becomes a Cardinal today</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)	
<p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Bob Bowes, Billy Hodget, Ethel Leach (1st Anniversary), For a successful operation, Mary Cassidy, Tony Maher, In honour of St Anthony, St Jude &amp; the Sacred Heart, Terence Cocker, George Cowley (Birthday Remembrance), In honour of the Rosa Mystica for a special intention, In honour of the Holy Spirit for the gift of faith, Josephine Mary Shackell, James Holden, Patrick O’Donnell (2nd Birthday Remembrance), Tess McSherry, Holy Souls, Mary Rowson, Terry Brooks, Ernest Pilling, The Tetlow family (for all our sick relatives &amp; friends), K&amp;J Pendergast, Philip Smith</p>		

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

**St Columba's CAFOD Group:** Please could those of you with CAFOD boxes bring them along to the Masses next weekend (22/23 February). Thank you.

**Parish Lunch:** The lunch at the Signature Restaurant was a great success and enjoyed by everyone who attended. Thank you to all who came. *Ursula*

**Mass Intention:** We received a Mass Intention this week for an Anniversary. Unfortunately, the name of the person for whom the Mass was intended was missed off. Please could you contact us as soon as possible so that we can make sure it is included next week.

**Teapot Time:** Our first Teapot-time is on Thursday 20th February (1.00pm- 3.00pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. It's a time to relax, have a cup of tea, biscuits and cake and have a natter. Everyone welcome.

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 8 March (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 email [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

**Golden Jubilee:** On Saturday 22 February, Bishop Brain will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the Priesthood. The Bishop will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at Salford Cathedral at 11.00am on this day, to which he would like to invite the priests and people of the diocese to join him.

**Parish Forum:** The next forum will be on Thursday 27 March. More details to follow.

**CAFOD Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Thursday 20 February at 7.30pm in the Patmos Room (SJ). All welcome.

**St John's 200 Club:** Annual subscriptions (£12) are now due. Please pay at any Mass (cheques payable to St John's). Thank you for your continued support.

**Golden Jubilee:** Fr Bernard Charnock will be celebrating 50 years of his ordination into the Priesthood on Friday 23 May. He will celebrate with a Mass at St Monica's, Flixton at 6pm and invites you to attend.

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Talks for February and March:

**The Power of the Parables (part 2)** - Tuesday 25 February 2014 (7.30pm-9.30pm) with Fr Denis McBride at St Gabriel's RC High School, Bridge Road, Bury, BL9 0TZ. The cost is £5 per person.

**Transforming Lives in Africa** - Saturday 1 March 2014 (10.30am-1.30pm) with CAFOD partner Patrick Jamiru (Director of Caritas Kenema, Sierra Leone) at Our Lady of Good Counsel & Guardian Angels, Harvey Street, Elton, Bury, BL8 2RD. A simple soup and bread lunch will be served. For information contact 0161 7050605/0161 7610536

**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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