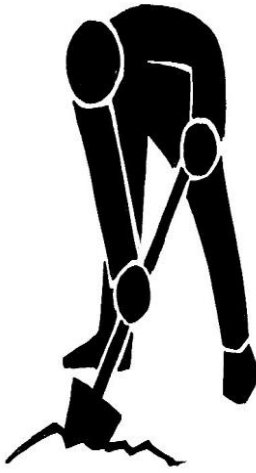



**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

<p>27TH JULY 2014 17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 338; Preface at Priest's choice</p>	<p>3RD AUGUST 2014 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: page 349; Preface at Priest's choice</p>
<p>He sells everything he owns and buys the field</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>What a gift it is, to be able to recognise the true value of things, and choose those which will last forever and bring us true happiness! Solomon, renowned for wisdom, is able to make the right choices when offered the chance to have anything he wants. What would we choose? The parable in the Gospel tells us that, in a sense, the choice is already before us: we can see the kingdom of heaven waiting for us: it is of greater value than anything else, and so all our hearts should be set on it. Nothing should stand in our way.</p> </div> </div>	<p>They all ate as much as they wanted</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>Divine providence is a wonderful thing: God is so generous with his creation (it is human greed that denies some their rightful share). The Kingdom of God is the time and place when this vision will be fully realised, when all who wish may 'come to the water', when all who are hungry may 'eat as much as they want', when what is left over is still enough for all the twelve tribes of Israel. Our contemplation of the kingdom of God, through the parables and miracles of Jesus, should stir us up to build this kingdom here and now. The miracle of Divine providence is allowed to work when human greed and selfishness give way to the power of the Spirit working within us, and we share all we have with those in need. Our hearts are set on the kingdom of God, where there is corn and wine and milk in abundance.</p> </div> </div>
<p>Masses & Feasts</p> <p>Sunday Masses 9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Day For Life</i></p> <p>Monday 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p> <p>Tuesday 7pm Mass (SB) - <i>St Martha</i></p> <p>Wednesday 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p> <p>Thursday 9.15am Mass (SB) - <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i></p> <p>Friday 9.30am Mass (SJ) 1pm Nuptial Mass for Kieran Seals and Lauren Shepherd-Lees (SC) - <i>St Alphonsus Mary Ligouri</i></p> <p>Saturday 1pm Wedding Service for Joseph Citarella and Anna Roe (SJ) Reconciliation 5.30pm-6pm (SJ) Masses 5pm (SC); 6.30pm (SJ)</p>	<p>Masses & Feasts</p> <p>Sunday Masses 9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB)</p> <p>Monday 9.30am Mass (SJ) – <i>St John Mary Vianney</i></p> <p>Tuesday No Mass Today</p> <p>Wednesday 9.30am Mass (SJ) – <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i></p> <p>Thursday 9.15am Mass (SB)</p> <p>Friday 9.30am Mass (SJ) – <i>St Dominic</i></p> <p>Saturday 2pm Baptism (SC) – <i>St Teresa Benedicta of The Cross</i> <i>Special Day of Prayer for Europe</i></p> <p>Reconciliation 5.30pm-6pm (SJ) Masses 5pm (SC); 6.30pm (SJ)</p> <p>Next Sunday: 9.15am Mass (SJ) 10.15am Mass (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SC)</p>
<p>Think Vocation</p> <p>Material possessions are of no comparison to the pearl of great value which is found in one's vocation. Let us celebrate when men and women, following the will of God, embrace the poverty of monasticism.</p>	<p>Think Vocation</p> <p>Although he sought the peace of solitude, Our Blessed Lord had to labour the whole day. Let us pray for parents in their sometimes wearying task of raising children and educating them in the faith.</p>
<p>Collections & Donations: <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>Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i></p> <p>Gift Aid: <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. Please ask. Thanks</i></p>	

Prayers Please

Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Eunice Brierley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Kathleen Hopwood, Maureen Kennedy, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, David Walton, Dr Bernard Higgins, Walter Norris, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Emma Turner, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Leila Parker, Rose Mellor and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

Lately Dead: Rita Holder, Mrs Ginny Dias, Anne Harmstone, Eileen Alston

Anniversaries: Eileen & John Wood, Ellen Day (1st Anniversary)

Mass Intentions: Anne Harmstone, Rita Holder, Eileen Alston, Mrs Winnie Leary (sick), Eileen & John Wood, Ellen Day

Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers.

Congratulations: To Livia and Suzanna Day who celebrated their First Holy Communion last Sunday. We pray that they and their family may continue to grow in faith

Congratulations: To Ava May Tramontana who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

Day For Life: This weekend we celebrate the annual day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life. This year we call upon young people, in particular, to protect and cherish life from conception to natural death. There will be a special collection at the Masses next weekend for The Anscombe Bioethetics Centre and other life related activities supported by the Church. For more information visit: www.dayforlife.org

Donations: Thanks for the £51.50 received from the Mini Book Sale held on July and the £50 from the Harbour Room Book Club. Thank you to all involved in raising this money will be put towards the cost of re-furbishing the Harbour Room in the coming months.

St Brendan's - Anti-Social Behaviour: There are ongoing problems at SB with youths gathering, verbal abuse and damage to the church fabric. GM Police have been made aware and have requested that if parishioners witness problems they should dial 101 and report the matter to the Police. Please also record the time, date and circumstances and let Father Parkinson know. Due to these problems, parishioners are asked to be vigilant and to lock both gates when they leave, unless the church or school are in use

Lourdes: Please hand any petitions you may wish to make this year to Fr Gee or any Lourdes group member before the group departs on 1 August.

World War I Centenary: To mark 100 years since the start of the First World War, there will be a variety of services at the beginning of August:

Sunday 3 - 2pm Service at Dunscair War Memorial
6.30pm Civic Service at Bolton Parish Church

Monday 4 - 11am Memorial Service in Victoria Square
7.30pm Service at Christ Church, Walmsley
10-11pm Vigil in the grounds of Bolton Parish Church

Tuesday 5 - National Day of Commemoration

At each of our Sunday Masses on the 2/3 August, we will pray for those who died in WWI, for those currently serving in the armed forces and for peace.

There will be a Deanery Mass for this same purpose at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17 September in St Patrick's Church, Great Moor Street.

BRASS: The collection of items during August will take place at the weekend Masses at St John's. *Thank you.*

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Come and Join Us!

Tea & Coffee is always served after the Sunday Masses at St John's (9.15am) and St Brendan's (11.15am)