
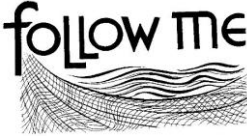



**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>24TH AUGUST 2014</b> <b>21<sup>ST</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 381; Preface at priest's choice</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>There is a very simple theme to this Sunday's readings: it is the principle of authority in the community of the Church: we are introduced to the idea that God gives authority to someone in the first reading, where Shebna is dismissed by God and replaced. This is a prelude to the Gospel story of Peter being given authority: not because he is powerful or wise in the world's sense, but because he was able to profess his faith in the one sent by the Father. This is the principle of all authority in the Church: it is to spring only from God and our faith in God, professed by our way of life and rooted only in Christ, for 'to him all authority, in heaven and on earth, has been given.'</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>31ST AUGUST 2014</b> <b>22<sup>ND</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 391; Preface at priest's choice</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>A quick glance at last week's Gospel reveals the interesting development of the story: last week, we heard Peter proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah, and being given authority as a result. This week, Peter gets it wrong: he is rebuked by the Lord because he does not understand who the Messiah is. The Messiah is the one who will give everything for his people - even his own life. To be a follower of Jesus demands an understanding and acceptance of this fact, and a willingness to take up the cross as Jesus did. Our introduction to this is the prophet Jeremiah - also persecuted for doing and saying what was right. Have a look at the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, where this twinning of Jeremiah and prophecy of persecution also appears.</p> </div> </div>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Think Vocation</b></p> <p>The differing opinions on the identity of Jesus did not change the reality. We pray for the Bishops of the Church, that they will recognise the will of the Father when presented with candidates for the Sacred Priesthood.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Think Vocation</b></p> <p>Today's psalm is also used in Morning Prayer, part of the Divine Office of the Church faithfully prayed by millions of priests, religious and laypeople every day. We are all thirsting for God and the best way to satisfy this thirst is through a well-disciplined life of prayer.</p>
<p><b>New Websites</b></p>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  <div style="flex: 1; padding-left: 20px;"> <p>If you have not checked out the parish website recently, you will be in for a pleasant surprise. We now have a new design for the site which is much crisper and clearer than the old one. Please bear with us as the information on the site is updated and further items added. Thank you to James Proctor for all his work on this. Please contact him if you have any comments.</p> <p>The diocesan website is also in the process of being rebuilt after suffering problems in recent months.</p> </div> </div>	

## 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, Dr Bernard Higgins, Walter Norris, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Emma Turner, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Leila Parker, Rose Mellor, Mary Long, Oliver Smith, Dylan Crosby and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

**Lately Dead:** David Walton, Mike Collins, Virginia Dias, Margaret Carter, Canon Stewart Ansbro

**Anniversaries:** Ellen Anne Corlett, Andrew Hayes, James Dowbakin

**Mass Intentions:** Ellen Anne Corlett, Bill Callaghan, David Walton, To the Sacred Heart for a sick person, For a successful operation, Virginia Dias, Andrew Hayes, Fr Kevin O'Toole SVD (Diamond Jubilee of Ordination), Cynthia Winstanley, Margaret Carter, James Dowbakin

**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.

**Collections & Donations:** *All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.*

**Mass Intentions:** *Cheques should be made payable to **St John's***

**Gift Aid:** *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*

**Congratulations:** To Emily Brooke Taylor and James Warren Thomas Brown who were baptised at St Columba's on Sunday 10 August and to Bethany Wardak who was baptised there on Saturday 16 August. Also to Finlay James Crompton who was baptised at St John's on Sunday 17 August. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

**Congratulations:** To Christopher Vaughan and Rebecca Harwood who were married at St Columba's on Saturday 23 August. We pray that they will have a long, happy and fulfilling married life.

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 13 September (10.30-12noon) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan'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).

**Rest in Peace:** The Mike Collins mentioned in the Lately Dead is the husband of Noreen Collins who was head teacher at St Columba's Primary School for many years. Canon Stewart Ansbo was parish priest at St Willibrord's, Clayton, Manchester and has died at the age of 62, a great loss to the diocese. We pray for their eternal rest.

**Cemetery Masses:** On Bank Holiday Monday (25 August) there will be Mass at 11am in St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley and St Joseph's Cemetery, Moston.

**St John's 200 Club:** The August winners are:

£50 N Murphy (89)  
£30 J Howarth (191)  
£20 R Evans (16)



**Pilgrim Mother:** This is an invitation for families or individuals to have the "Pilgrim Mother" (a framed picture, blessed at the Schoenstatt Shrine) come to their homes each month. If interested, please sign the form (currently at the back of St John's) giving your address and contact details.

**Exam Success:** Congratulations to all our parishioners who have recently received their GCSE, AS and A-Level results, as well as those who received degrees earlier in the summer. We hope that these achievements will enable them to move on to the next stage of their education or employment. Well done.

**World War I Centenary:** There will be a Deanery Mass at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17 September in St Patrick's Church, Great Moor Street, Bolton to pray for those who died in WWI, for those currently serving in the armed forces and for peace.

**APF-Mill Hill:** The amount raised at St Columba's by the summer collection from the Red Mission Boxes and by donations was £645.00. This figure does not include direct donations, by standing order to APF-Mill Hill. Such generosity is very much appreciated. A sincere thank you to all Red Mission Box holders, to all who made donations, and to all Promoters (Collectors). If you would like any information concerning APF-Mill Hill, such as how contributions can be gift aided, please contact Kevin Egan. [kevin.egan3@btinternet.com](mailto:kevin.egan3@btinternet.com) Tel: 844762. Thank you.

**Flower Festival:** We have received a letter from the organisers of the recent Flower Festival at St Anne's, Turton, thanking St John's for sponsoring an arrangement. Well done to all those involved, as well as to those parishioners who were involved in the recent Flower Festival at Christ's Church, Harwood, and those who helped with displays in Bolton Parish Church for the World War 1 commemoration services. We have some very talented arrangers.

**Church Cleaners (SJ):** The Whittleston Family

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