

5TH OCTOBER 2014 – TWENTY SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.



Today we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned, cared for if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heartbreaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending then and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce?

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: page 444 Preface: at priest's choice		Prayers Please
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC)- with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB)- with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	<p>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, Joan Pearce, Walter Norris, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Emma Turner, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Leila Parker, Mary Long, Oliver Smith, Dylan Crosby, Sharon Gordon, Pat Hall, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Florence Reid, Mary Grundy, Mr Bielby, Ken Brzezicki</p> <p>Anniversaries: Eve Mary McArdle, Barbara Grimes, William Westley, Mary Hurst, Jane Connaughton</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Joyce Knight, Barbara Grimes, St Anthony for a Special Intention, William Westley, Mary Joan Tornai (sick), Mary Hurst, For deceased members of the Heywood & Shuttleworth families, Linda Southern (sick), Jane Connaughton, Mr Bielby, Mary Grundy Ken Brzezicki</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.15am Yr 5 Class Mass in School (SC) 9.30am Seeds & Gardeners' Mass in Church (SJ) 2-4pm Cameo & Tea-pot Time (SB)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	7.30-9.15am Bolton Prayer Breakfast (Town Hall) 10.30am Requiem Mass for Florence Reid (SC)	
Saturday	11am Mass for the Housebound, Sick & Disabled (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) - with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy <i>A Special day of Prayer for Prisoners & their families</i> 2pm Baptism (SB)	
<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>		

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Our New Bishop

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop John Arnold, currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Westminster, to be the next Bishop of Salford. He will be our eleventh

Bishop, succeeding Bishop Terence Brain who was appointed in 1997.

Bishop John Arnold was ordained Priest in July 1983, and after completing further studies in Rome he was appointed to Westminster Cathedral as a chaplain with responsibilities for the Westminster Hospital in 1985. In 1989 he was appointed as Sub-administrator of Westminster Cathedral. In 1993 he became parish priest of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George in Enfield and remained there until 2001, when he was appointed as Chancellor and Vicar General of the Archdiocese. Bishop Arnold was appointed as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Westminster on 3rd February 2006, with responsibility for the pastoral care of the deaneries of Barnet, Brent, Enfield, Haringey, and Harrow.

On hearing of his appointment, Bishop Arnold, Bishop-elect of Salford said:

"I accept the appointment as Bishop of Salford with much trepidation but will do all I can to serve the people, priests, and religious of the Church of this Diocese as we all seek to respond to Pope Francis' call to be 'missionary disciples'. I have much to learn in this new experience, after thirty one years of priesthood spent entirely in Westminster. On leaving Westminster I would like to give thanks for all that I have received, most especially from the three Cardinals under whom I have served and the many people from all walks of life who have encouraged me in my ministry. I am very pleased to join with so many others in offering thanks and gratitude to Bishop Terence Brain for his leadership and shepherding of the Diocese with the hope that all the good work may be progressed. And I ask for prayers, that this diocesan family may journey together with determination and vision in faith and good works. I ask your prayers."

Bishop Arnold's Mass of Installation will be on Monday 8 December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Congratulations: To Jacob William O'Neill who was baptised at St Columba's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

Congratulations: To Nirmal Daniel & Hannah Russell who were married at St John's last Saturday. We pray that they will have a long, happy and fulfilling married life.

Bolton Prayer Breakfast: This will be held on Friday 10 October at Bolton Town Hall (7.30-9.15am) and the cost is £10 per person. To request tickets or for more information, Telephone 0161 790 8289 or email: susan@edmonsons.org.uk.

Save The Date!

**Parish Quiz Night, Friday 14 November,
Dunscar Conservative Club.
Tickets on sale soon.**

Early notice for Theatre lovers: I have just booked 20 tickets for *Hindle Wakes* at the Octagon Theatre for 11 March 2015 (matinee performance at 2pm). These seats are booking very fast so if you are interested, please ring us on 303505 or see us after Mass on Sunday at St Brendan's. Tickets are £10.45 (concessionary price) Payment ASAP please. *Frank and Madeleine*

Piety Stall (SB): There will be a sale of reduced priced goods (this weekend) to make way for the Christmas stock

SVP

Mass for the Housebound, Sick and Disabled: This year will be celebrated at St Brendan's on Saturday 11 October (11am). Everybody is welcome and refreshments will be available after Mass. If you require transport, please contact any member of the SVP.

St John's Autumn Outing for the Elderly & Housebound: This will take place on Sunday 26 October 2014 and will be to the Schoenstatt Shrine, Kearsley. There is a list in the Patmos Room for the names of those wishing to go and for volunteers willing to help with transport. Alternatively, please contact any member of the SVP.

BRASS: The collection for September comes to an end this weekend. Instead of our normal collection at St Columba's during October, the next collection will be a joint effort across all our three churches in November. Any donated items will then be sent to Sr Barbara in December. Thank you for all your support.

Cameo & Tea-pot Time:

Forthcoming Events Harbour Room (SB) 2-4pm:

Wednesday 8 October: Lyn Massey a local Textile Artist will talk and demonstrate her Spinning Techniques. There will be an opportunity to buy some of her unique products.

Wednesday 12 November: Mike Perris a local Amateur Historian will talk on The History of Barrow Bridge. Come and remember the boating lake.

Wednesday 10 December: Come and enjoy making your own Christmas Decorations with our own extremely talented Margaret Fazackerley

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available!

Think Vocation

St Paul tells us that if there is anything that we need we should pray for it. Quite often we confuse asking for what we need with what we want. Let us always make sure that we pray for other people not just ourselves and that we always pray for what is needed. May God's will be done and not our own.

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