

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

**12TH OCTOBER 2014 – TWENTY EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"Invite everyone you can find to the wedding."**



The Church's year is drawing to a close: in a few weeks we will be thinking very clearly about the end of time - but here we have a preview. The parable of the banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the looking forward to the end times which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are baptised, we go to Church and we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith is that the Bridegroom will come again; let us be careful that the same parable is not addressed to us.

| <b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>   |  | <b>Prayers Please</b>   |
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| <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i><br><b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 455 <i>Preface: at priest's choice</i>   |  | <p><b>Sick:</b> 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, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Leila Parker, Mary Long, Oliver Smith, Dylan Crosby, Sharon Gordon, Pat Hall, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, David Coffey and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Emma Turner, Florence Reid, Irene Reynold, Cliff Wolstencroft, Winifred Lawrence</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Anne Davies, George Adamson, Danny McKenna, Elizabeth Villa, Mary &amp; Walter Cranshaw</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Anne &amp; William Davies, George &amp; Peggy Adamson, Irene Reynold, Cliff Wolstencroft, Florence Reid, Danny McKenna, For a Special Intention, Elizabeth Villa, In honour of St Joseph for a Special Intention, Ellen Kirkham, Mary &amp; Walter Cranshaw, Joyce Knight, Leila Parker (sick), Gladys Hall (sick), Winifred Lawrence</p> <p><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6):</b> We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work &amp; the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners &amp; their families</p> |
| Sunday  | 9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy<br>10.15am Mass (SC)- with Children's Liturgy<br>11.15am Mass (SB)- with Children's Liturgy<br>2pm Baptism (SB) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners</i>            |   |
| Monday  | 9.30am Mass (SJ)<br>7.45pm SVP (SJ)  |   |
| Tuesday   | 7pm Mass (SB)<br>7.30pm SVP (SB)   |   |
| Wednesday   | 9.15am School Harvest Mass in Church (SC) - Mayor of Bolton will be attending<br>9.30am Mass (SJ)<br><i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>   |   |
| Thursday  | 9.15am Mass (SB)<br>1.45-2.45pm Peace Prayers at the Friends Meeting House<br>4-6pm St Brendan's School Open Evening<br>7pm St John's School Open Evening  |   |
| Friday  | 9.30am Mass (SJ)<br><i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>  |   |
| Saturday  | 2.30pm Schoenstatt Centenary Celebrations, Kearsley<br>5pm Mass (SC)<br>5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ)<br>6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>A Special Collection for Missio</i><br><i>St Luke</i>                                |   |
| Next Sunday   | 9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy ( <i>World Missions</i> )<br>10.15am Mass (SC) - with Children's Liturgy<br>11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy<br>2pm Baptism (SB)<br><i>World Mission Day</i> |   |
| <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. Please Ask. Thanks</i></p> |  |   |

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**Prisoner's Sunday:** Please pray for prisoners, their children, families and all those affected by imprisonment.

**Congratulations:** To Oliver Mason who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

**World Mission Day:** Next Sunday the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. Thanks to the work of missionaries, many Churches throughout the world can now take care of themselves; however four out of every ten parishes worldwide still need your help to survive. For more information visit [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

**Sacramental Programme:** The first meeting for parents and children from all three parishes will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 12 November in St John's Church. If you have a child in Yr 3 who does not attend one of our schools, or an older child who did not take part in the programme previously, and you would like them to take part in this year's programme, please have a word with one of the priests.

**Open Evening at St John the Evangelist RC School:** This is on Thursday 16 October (7pm) for parents interested in a place for their child in September 2015. Please come and meet our staff and hear about what we have to offer your child. We also invite you to attend one of our Family Assemblies at 9.15am on any Friday morning and following this we will be happy to give you a tour of the school in session to see the best thing about our school..... our children.

**Open Evening at St Brendan's RC School:** This will be held on Thursday 16 October (4-6pm) for parents interested in a place for their child in September 2015. No appointment needed. All welcome.

**Peace Prayers:** As part of the Week of Prayer for World Peace, Bolton Interfaith Council has organised a time of prayer (1.45-2.45pm) on Thursday (16 October) at the Friends Meeting House, Silverwell Street, Bolton. All are welcome

**Lourdes Pilgrimage:** There will be two pilgrimages held for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. A one day (8 December 2014) and a 4 day (6-9 December 2014). Please see the church notice boards for more details.

**Schoenstatt Centre:** There will be a special celebration on Saturday 18 October 2014 to mark the Centenary of the Covenant of Love. The celebration will take place at the Shrine in Kearsley starting with afternoon tea at 2.30pm, live streaming of the international celebration in Schoenstatt at 3.20pm and to finish, at 5pm, there will be a 100 Years Covenant Mass. All are welcome.

**CAFOD:** The Fast Day Collection last weekend raised a total of £1,530.29. We are also sending off £1,800 for CAFOD's general work from our ongoing fundraising so far this year

## Thornleigh

Open Evening for Sixth Form – Wednesday 15 October 6-8pm. No appointment needed.

Next Sunday some pupils and staff from Thornleigh will be at St Brendan's for the 11.15am Mass. They will have some display material with them about the Bi-Centenary of Don Bosco and about Thornleigh Mission Week.

**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*

## Save The Dates!

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

**Parish Christmas Dance  
Friday 19 December  
Dunscar Conservative Club**

## St John's 200 Club

The October winners are:

£50 T Scott (13)  
£30 F Smith (96)  
£20 A Winstanley (253)



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

## 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 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.

## Think Vocation

We are all called to holiness; we are called to be saints. Every state in life must be focused on weaving the garment of grace necessary to enter the banquet of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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