

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

19TH OCTOBER 2014 – TWENTY NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God."



Everyone on this earth belongs to God. All are made in his image. Therefore it is right that all men and women, 'from the rising to the setting of the sun', should know the God to whom they belong. The only desire of our God is that all should know and love him, and find in him the fulfilment that they seek. Even a pagan king like Cyrus is used to further this knowledge of God - just as Jesus uses Caesar's head to make the point again: all belong to God, and the mission of all who acknowledge that belonging is to help others to find it. This is exactly what we see Paul, Silvanus and Timothy doing, as they write to the people of Thessalonica, to whom they carried the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 465 Preface: at priest's choice		Prayers Please
Sunday <i>World Mission Day</i>	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 (SB) <i>A Special Collection for Missio</i>	<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, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Dylan Crosby, Pat Hall, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, David Coffey, Magdalen Rothwell and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Leila Parker, Sharon Gordon, Emma Turner, Maria Jankiwsyj, Irene Reynold, Cliff & Nancy Wolstencroft, Winifred Lawrence, Fr Kevin Griffin</p> <p>Anniversaries: Terry McQuaid, George Cowley, Ernest Dawson</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Emma Turner, Terry McQuaid, Maria Jankiwsyj, George Cowley (1st Anniversary), Ernest Dawson, David Coffey (sick), A very successful birth, For David Walton in loving memory of a much loved husband, dad, friend & brother in grateful thanks for all he was & is to us, Joyce Knight, For prayers answered, Leila Parker, Magdalen Rothwell (sick), Sharon Gordon</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	No Mass Today 7pm <i>Passion for Bolton</i> Prayer Meeting (SJ) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	10am Requiem Mass for Leila Parker (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday <i>British Summertime ends</i>	5pm Mass (SC) 5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Clocks go back one hour</i>	
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	
<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>		
<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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Congratulations: To Jenson Jake Barlow who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

World Mission Day: This 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

Faith In Men

**Sandymount House of Prayer, Crosby
Saturday 15 November 2014**

An opportunity for men to discuss their lives in the light of their Catholic faith, led by Fr Tony Slingo (Spiritual Director of Cursillo in the Liverpool Archdiocese).

The cost is £20 including lunch, tea & coffee.

Contact: Tony Glynn (07974465675)
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More details can be found on the poster on the church notice boards.

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.

Thornleigh: This 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 the birth of Don Bosco and about Thornleigh Mission Week.

Passion for Bolton: There will be a Prayer meeting at St John's Church on Tuesday 21 October when we will pray for this ecumenical event. All are welcome to attend.

Save The Dates!

**Parish Quiz Night, Friday 14 November,
Dunscar Conservative Club.
Tickets on sale at Masses this weekend.**

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

SVP

St John's Autumn Outing for the Elderly & Housebound: This will take place next Sunday (26 October) 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. The items particularly needed are: cartons of orange juice, vegetable oil, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits, tinned tomatoes, kidney beans, chickpeas, coffee, tea and sugar. Any unwanted clothing is also greatly appreciated. Many thanks for all the support you continue to give to this cause!

Think Vocation

"Give to God what belongs to God." Our very lives belong to the Lord. Let us be open, with the Blessed Virgin, for them to be disposed to His will: "Be it done to me according to thy word".

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