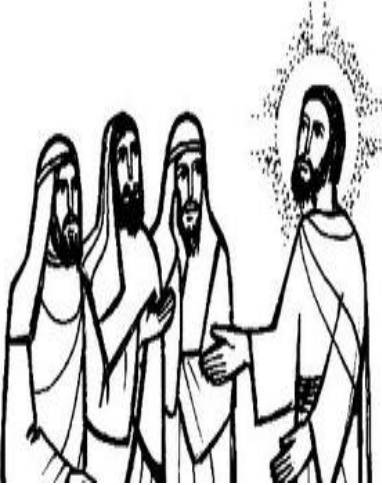



**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

<p><b>26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014</b>  <b>30<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i>  <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 475; Preface at priest's choice</p>		<p><b>2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2014</b>  <b>THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS</b>  <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i>  <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 944; Preface page 948</p>	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="padding-left: 10px;"> <p>When you look at something like the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and see its 691 pages, or look at the 2,000 pages of the big Jerusalem Bible, you can be forgiven for thinking that Christianity is a complicated affair. But Jesus reminds us today that it is essentially very simple: everything can be summed up in</p> </div> </div>		<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="padding-left: 10px;"> <p>“A huge number, impossible to count – that is the picture this Solemnity creates. In every age there have been men and women who have followed the Lord faithfully and now rejoice in the</p> </div> </div>	
<p>two basic rules: love God, love your neighbour. Exodus backs this up, by talking about the simple love that we must show to each other. Not that this is easy - love is always costly, and involves some degree of sacrifice. We will have to change, to become perfect in love; but it is possible, and when we do, like the people of Thessalonica, we become a great example to people everywhere.</p>		<p>Liturgy of Heaven, as they stand before the throne of the Lamb. These are the “anonymous” saints, whose names we don't remember – but even though their names are not on our lips, their memory, inspiration, example and prayers are set before us today, so that we too can be encouraged in our own “journey of perfection”. What does it take to be a saint? Surely the Gospel that is appointed for today (the Beatitudes) shows us that it is in the small things that we triumph: gentleness, mercy, making peace, faithful mourning, purity of heart, poverty in spirit – these are not grand, public ways to sanctify. These are domestic, and homely, to be practised and perfected with those closest to us. We sometimes exalt the “named” saints to the degree that we can feel they are distant from us. Today's feast, as well as celebrating the memory of the many whose names we do not know, also prompts us to see holiness as within our grasp.</p>	
<b>Sunday</b>	9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB) 2pm St John's SVP Outing (Schoenstatt Shrine, Kearsley)	<b>Sunday</b>	9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB) 11.15am (SB); 2pm (SJ)
<b>Monday</b>	10.30am Requiem Mass for David Coffey (SC)	<b>Monday</b>	9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>All Souls' Day</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.30am Requiem Mass for Magdalen Rothwell (SJ) – <i>St Simon &amp; St Jude</i>	<b>Tuesday</b>	7pm Mass (SB) – <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am Mass (SJ)
<b>Thursday</b>	No Mass Today	<b>Thursday</b>	2-4pm Cameo Group (SB) 9.15am Yr3 Class Mass in School (SC)
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	<b>Friday</b>	9.15am Mass (SB)
<b>Saturday</b>	10am-6pm Youth Conference, Liverpool 11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation Masses: 5pm (SC); 6.30pm (SJ)	<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am Mass (SJ)
		<b>Reconciliation Masses</b>	11am Baptism (SB) 5.30pm-6pm (SJ)
		<b>Next Sunday</b>	5pm (SC); 6.30pm (SJ)
		<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB) <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>
<p><b>Think Vocation</b></p> <p>God wants you to love him with everything – with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. Meditate on that “all” and how you can reach closer to it in your vocation.</p>		<p><b>Think Vocation</b></p> <p>November is the month of the Holy Souls. May all of us remain faithful to the need to remember those who have died. May we take seriously the need to pray for the souls of those who have died and to ask the Lord to forgive them for their sins and to welcome them into their eternal home.</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, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Dylan Crosby, Pat Hall, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

**Lately Dead:** Leila Parker, Magdalen Rothwell, David Coffey, Walter Norris

**Anniversaries:** Nicola Lamoury, Danny McKenna, George Cowley, Patrick Murray, Teresa Murray, Joseph Cassidy, Hannah Kilroy, Agnes Kay

**Mass Intentions:** Leila Parker, David Coffey, Rosemary Davies (sick), Magdalen Rothwell, Nicola Lamoury, Cynthia Winstanley (Birthday Remembrance), Walter Norris, Danny McKenna, Thomas Norman Tate (Sympathy & love to Val Tate & family), George Cowley (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), Joyce Knight, Patrick Murray, Teresa Murray, Joseph Cassidy, Hannah Kilroy, Agnes Kay (Birthday Remembrance & Anniversary), Margaret & Ben Blunt

**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 Benjamin Charles Cooper who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family will continue to grow in faith.

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 15 November (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John'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).

**Cameo Group:** The next event will be on Wednesday 12 November (2-4pm) in the Harbour Room, St Brendan's. Mike Perris, a local Amateur Historian, will give a talk on *The History of Barrow Bridge*. Come and remember the boating lake. Refreshments will be available.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** Will be meeting on Wednesday 29 October (1.30-3pm) to discuss *The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier. All welcome. *Madeleine*

**Hindle Wakes:** At the Octagon in March. These tickets are now all booked but there is a waiting list. If you would like your name on the list please ring 303505. *Frank & Madeleine*

## Embrace Youth Conference

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral  
1 November 2014 10am-6pm

This is the first Youth Conference in the North West for those who are aged 16+.

Keynote speakers are John Pridmore (ex East End gangster) and Fr Duncan McVicar from St Ethelbert's and the Schoenstatt Shrine, Kearsley.

There will be workshops, praise and worship, Adoration, Mass and wonderful music.

To register, telephone 0151 440 2015 or email: [www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk](http://www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk)

A coach will be leaving from St Ethelberts. Please ring 01204 62653 or email: [fr.duncan@schoenstatt.org.uk](mailto:fr.duncan@schoenstatt.org.uk)

**Pavane:** Stephen J. Wood's new music release 'Pavane' is dedicated to the late Alan Henning, the recently killed aid worker to Syria. All profits from the sale of the single will go to the 'Alan Henning Memorial Fund' to help his family and to help children in Syria. Please support Steve in this 'act of unity' with the people of Eccles, by buying the track which is for sale as a download at CDBaby ([www.cdbaby.com/cd/stephenjwood4](http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/stephenjwood4)), (price £1.80), and available also for 79p via iTunes \$2.99 or 99p via Amazon (search for Stephen Wood Pavane). Thank you and please tell your family, friends, and colleagues!

**BRASS:** The next collection will be a joint effort across all our three churches in November. Many thanks for all the support you continue to give to this cause!

## Parish Events

**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

## St John's Christmas Draw

Tickets will be available from Saturday 1 November at the 6.30pm Mass and Sunday 2 November at the 9.15am Mass. Prizes will be gift vouchers only. Anyone wishing to donate a voucher of any value will be very welcome.

This year we are hoping to raise a substantial amount towards the Patmos Room extension project. Thanks for your generosity and help.

**Faith In Men:** An opportunity for men to discuss their lives in the light of their Catholic faith, led by Fr Tony Slingo at Sandymount House of Prayer, Crosby on Saturday 15 November 2014. More details can be found on the poster on the church notice boards.

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