

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

16TH NOVEMBER 2014 – THIRTY THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness



We must be very careful that the real point of today's first reading is not washed away in genuine concerns over what one can and cannot say about the responsibilities of spouses. This is not, in fact, a recipe for the perfect wife, but an illustration, from one age, of the virtue of fully employing the talents God gives us. Some things are timeless, such as holding out a hand to the poor, while other talents shift and change. The point is that all of us are gifted in varying ways and degrees: none of us should begrudge anyone else their talents, for fear that we overlook our own. We work wisely and well, looking forward to the master's return, when we can hand over to him not just what he gave us, but also the fruits that our labours have gained.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 504 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 (SB) <i>A Special Collection for Retired Clergy</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, 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.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Joy O'Sullivan, Margaret Parkinson, JohnJo Collins, Paul Reynolds, Kathleen Roach, Gladys Hyde, Rae Hill</p> <p>Anniversaries: Emily Connolly, Mary Jo Fairhurst, John Lynd, Philip Southern, Maureen Smyth Taylor, Olive Cranshaw, Jean Clements.</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Emily Connolly, Mary Jo Fairhurst, For a Successful Operation, John Lynd, Peter Quinn, Marie Marshall, Mary Anne & William Quinn, Philip Southern, Joy O'Sullivan, Margaret Parkinson, Maureen Smyth Taylor, Olive Cranshaw, Jean Clements</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bishop John Arnold</p> <p>Please keep our new bishop in your prayers over the coming weeks as he prepares to move to Salford and take up this new role in his ministry of service to the church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6)</p> <p>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) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.15am Yr 2 Class Mass in School (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am School Mass in Church (SB) – Y3 Prayer Partners	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
<i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
Saturday	11am Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
<i>St Cecilia</i>		
Next Sunday <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</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 <i>A Special Day of Prayer for Young People</i>	

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Retired Priests' Fund: This weekend we have our annual appeal for this fund. The bishop and priests of the diocese are very grateful for people's generosity to this collection over the past four years. We have a considerable number of retired priests and, as you know from your own experience, the cost of everything goes up from year to year. Please be as generous as you can with this special appeal. You might wish to Gift Aid your donation, to give regularly by standing order, or to donate via the diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Congratulations: To Faye Veronica Olivia Hodgkinson who was baptised at St Brendan's last Saturday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

Sacramental Programme: Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Presentation Service on Wednesday evening. Let us pray for them and for their families during this special year.

Bolton Interfaith Week (16-22 November 2014)

Activities

Sunday 16 November - Interfaith Walk of Friendship.

Monday 17 November – Open Day at the Hub.

Tuesday 18 November – Faith Trail

Wednesday 19 November – Unity in the Community

Thursday 20 November – Faith Trail

Friday 21 November – Interfaith Shared Lunch

Saturday 22 November – 2nd Interfaith Street 20 Cricket Tournament for 11-18 yrs.

All the events are in partnership with many organisations, places of worship, schools and many individual friends and volunteers who help deliver the work of the Bolton Interfaith Council.

For more information please see the church notice boards or contact Chan Parmar on 01204 546110/07533021028

www.boltoninterfaithcouncil.org.uk

Harbour Room (SB) Refurbishment: This will take place during w/c Monday 17 November. The work will be carefully phased and managed to minimise inconvenience and 'after Mass' refreshments should not be affected. On completion the Harbour Room will continue to provide an excellent meeting and social space available for our three churches.

St John's 200 Club

The November winners are:

£50 C Guest (47)

£30 J Kelly (203)

£20 K Madden (124)



Fairtrade Stall: We have a monthly stall of fairtrade goods at both St John's and St Brendan's Churches. Our next stall will be after Masses this weekend at St John's. We work with Justicia, Bolton's long established Fairtrade Shop and receive 5% commission on all goods sold which goes to support Cafod.

SVP

The Annual Mass for the Deceased: The SVP invite the family and friends of those who have died in the last year, to a special Mass which will be held at St Columba's on Saturday 29 November at 11am. There will be an opportunity to light a candle on the altar in memory of those who have died. Tea & coffee will be available after Mass. If anyone has difficulties with transport, please contact a member of the SVP.

BRASS: 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. All donations from across our three churches in November will be taken to Sr Barbara. Many thanks for all the support you continue to give to this cause!

Christmas Parish Events

St Columba's Christmas Fayre: Sunday 7 December. Christmas Draw tickets are now on sale.

St John's Christmas Draw: Tickets are on sale (Saturday) at the 6.30pm Mass and (Sunday) at the 9.15am Mass. Prizes will be gift vouchers only. Anyone wishing to donate a voucher of any value will be very welcome.

Christmas Coffee Morning: Friday 12 December after 9.30am Mass at St John's Church. A warm welcome to all!

Parish Christmas Dance: Friday 19 December at Dunscair Conservative Club

Piety Stalls: Please note that Christmas cards are now on sale at each of our churches.

Think Vocation

As the end of the Church's year approaches, we are to be focused on the end of our lives. May we always be aware of the need to live out our Christian vocation each and every day, knowing that we can be called by the Lord to his side at any moment. May we always remember to examine our consciences at the end of each day.

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*

Come And Join Us!

Tea & coffee are always served after the 9.15am Mass (St John's) and the 11.15am Mass (St Brendan's)

A Message from St. John's School

We are proud to announce that in our recent Ofsted Inspection St John's was judged to be **'A Good School'**. It was judged 'Good' in all categories which include: Leadership, Achievement, Quality of Teaching, Behaviour and Early Years. We were one of the first schools to be inspected under the new Ofsted framework which has far more rigour than those that have gone before. Our staff, governors and children have worked so hard for this whilst our parents have been loyal supporters of our vision and aims.

It is a long time since the school received a full endorsement from Ofsted and because of this we are so proud to share this with you. This is a success for all of our parish community. All of our governors are members of our parish and so many of you have shared so much with us, from those who have supported our liturgies to members of the St Vincent de Paul Society and the CAFOD group.

We would also like to thank Father Joe, Father Frank and of course Canon Cooke who despite supporting some odd football teams have shared the journey with us. We will continue to serve our parish community as best we can and hope that we continue to work together to make St John's school and parish the best that it can be.

Please keep us in your prayers as you are in ours.

John Carroll
Headteacher

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Urban Outreach

Dear friends

A complete Christmas Day meal in a box including the chicken, vegetables, crackers and chocolates and much more, were delivered last year to nominated individuals and families around Bolton who were finding the time of year difficult. How wonderful it was to be able to take Jesus into so many homes bringing His love in a practical way!

As you can imagine this was only made possible through so many individuals, churches, schools and organisations coming together to donate money, buy food items, pack hampers and deliver. It was amazing fun being a part of **Christmas Dinner on Jesus 2013** and hearing about the many creative ways friends rose to the challenge and raised money to support. One lady wrote: "When we arrived to collect the parcels, seeing all the volunteers restored my faith in society."

This year we want to bring Christmas dinner to 1000 households in Bolton. The BIG question is 'are you and your church fellowship up for the challenge and able to join us on this venture?' You can get involved by:

- Donating items for hampers
- Donating money to pay for hampers
- Nominating people to receive a Christmas hamper
- Volunteering to help pack & give out the hampers (17-23 December)

Please feel free to contact myself for any questions. Best Wishes

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