

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

8TH FEBRUARY 2015 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This world, as we know, is a fragile and fallible place, in which we encounter hunger, disease, sickness and death. Jesus proclaims, by his actions of healing, that there is another world, the Kingdom of God, which will be free from all such anxieties and afflictions. The story of Paradise and the Garden of Eden painted a picture of a world which was perfect, and free from all problems. Jesus came into the world precisely to offer us a return to Eden, if we follow him. Each of his miracles is also, in some sense, a parable or teaching, pointing out to us something of the lost happiness and perfection which he is restoring. This vision of Paradise is not Utopian or delusory, not just a vain hope to comfort us

with, but the true manifestation of God's love for us. Jesus could not cure every disease or sickness in the world then: but his miracles of healing are a sign that one day, when the Kingdom comes, sickness and disease will be wiped away forever.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i>		
Sunday Missal: page 217; Readings: page 219; Preface: at priest's choice		
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 (SC) <i>A Special Collection for Caritas</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, 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, Bernard Neyland, Rosemary Davies, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Mary Thomas and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Michael O'Connor, Sharon McDowell, Kenneth Powell, Florence Sloan, Stephen Lane, Margaret Morgan</p> <p>Anniversaries: Bob Bowes, Agnes & George Beeching, Betty Finn, Joyce Knight, Frederick Martin, Bernard Coop</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Michael O'Connor, Agnes & George Beeching, Lucy Hesford (very poorly), Sharon McDowell, Kenneth Powell, Betty Finn, Mary Dobbins (Birthday Remembrance), Florence Sloan, Mary Thomas (sick), Joyce Knight, Stephen Lane, Frederick Martin, Margaret Morgan, In thanksgiving for a successful operation, With grateful thanks to Our Lady & St Jude for prayers answered & favours received, Bernard Coop, Bob Bowes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed</p>
<i>Caritas Sunday</i>		
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
<i>St Scholastica</i>		
Wednesday	9.15am Y4 Class Mass in School (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ) 2pm-4pm Cameo Group (Harbour Room, SB) <i>Day of Special Prayer for the Sick & Those who care for them</i>	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 7.30pm-9pm CAFOD Group (Harbour Room, SB)	
Friday	9.15am Mass (SC) – A special celebration for Mrs Amanda O'Carroll 1pm Nuptial Mass for Daran Makin & Michaela Fox (SB)	
Saturday	2pm Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Day of Special Prayer for Europe</i>	
<i>St Cyril & St Methodius</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 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Day of Special prayer for the Unemployed</i>	
<p>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.</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Cheques should be made payable to St John's</p> <p>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</p>		

Caritas Sunday: At our Masses this weekend, we will be holding a collection for Caritas, our diocesan charity. Caritas continues the work of the Catholic Children's Rescue Society and Catholic Welfare Societies to help people in need throughout our diocese – from providing hot meals and warm clothing for homeless people to supporting vulnerable children and families: Caritas means something different to everyone we help. Your donation will help people at the margins of society who are so often overlooked. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Congratulations: To Jarvis John Conlon who was baptised at St John's last Saturday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

CAFOD Group: This month's meeting is this Thursday, 12 February (7.30-9.00pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's.

Fairtrade Stall: Fairtrade goods will be available after the weekend Masses at both St John's and St Columba's next weekend - 14th/15th February. Do support the stalls and help to make a difference to overseas producers. Thankyou!

Harbour Room Audio Visual Equipment: The installation work is now completed. The AV system will provide an excellent shared parish resource. So that the system is used to its full potential we intend to train a group of authorised users representative of all our three churches and groups e.g. CAFOD, SVP etc. Only those who have been trained will be able to use the system.

If you wish to be included in the training, please email the Parish Office at office@sbsj.org.uk or call 301927. Please give names & contact details (email addresses preferred) and organisation e.g. John Brown; St. John's; SVP. This will ensure that everyone who needs to be trained is included. It is expected that training will take about an hour and will be delivered on a Thursday morning and at a weekend session (probably a Saturday morning). Please indicate any preferences you may have.

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all members who attended the last Book Club meeting despite wintry showers. It was most enjoyable and informative especially as we met in the church due to work in the Harbour Room! Thanks to those members who kindly brought extra biscuits and chocolate (to keep out the cold)! The next meeting will be on 25 February (1.30pm -3pm) to discuss *The Little Coffee Shop in Kabul* by Deborah Rodriguez. All welcome.

Cameo Group: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 February - *The Origin of Surnames* with Peter Watson (this should be a very interesting talk) in the Harbour Room from 2pm-4pm. Thanks to everyone for their continued support.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 14 March (10.30am-12noon) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan'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.

St John's 200 Club

The February winners are:

£50 J Cowley (131)
£30 C Madden (45)
£20 M Boardman (102)



There are plenty of numbers available if anyone from any of our parishes would like to join the 200 Club. The cost is £12 per year (paid in March). Anyone who wishes to have more than one number could pay quarterly. Please ring St John's (301927), email office@sbsj.org.uk or see Frances Smith. Thank you.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Auschwitz-Birkenau, Krakow, Czestochowa & Zakopane (Sunday May 24th - Sunday May 31st 2015): 2015 is the year in which we commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz Concentration Camp (27th January 2015) and also the liberation of many other camps. To commemorate this, the diocese are organising this Pilgrimage once again this year. The cost is £820.00 per person (single room supplement £175). Places are limited, so early booking is recommended. For a full itinerary and booking form please contact Sharon Beech (0161 761 0536) or email: sharon.beech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. Please also see the poster on our notice boards.

Think Vocation

In the Gospel we see a day in the life of Jesus. It was busy but he made time for prayer. Let us remember those men and women who serve the Church in the contemplative religious life. Their mission is to support through prayer, those who are busy with the apostolic work of the Church. May others be drawn to live this vital and generous way of living the Christian vocation.

Marriage Matters

www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk

Making the time to talk and to listen

As married couples we need time to grow in knowledge and understanding of each other. This week let us make time when we are not tired, to talk together, to share what's happened in the day, our thoughts and feelings, the things that worry us or make us happy. Perhaps we can also plan a regular celebration of our love.

Come & Join Us!

Tea & Coffee are always served after the Sunday Masses at St John's (9.15am) and St Brendan's (11.15am)

Caritas (Diocese of Salford). Vacancies

Service Manager (Fostering) - 37 hours per week, at Head Office, Salford.

Assistant Cook - 25 hours per week, at the Cornerstone Day Centre, Manchester.

Closing date for both posts: Monday 16 February 2015.
Details are available at www.caritassalford.org.uk/jobs
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