


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

7 JUNE 2015 – THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



The key to today's readings is the word "Covenant". A Covenant is a solemn and binding agreement between two parties, which establishes the way in which each party will behave towards the other. It establishes rights and duties, and forges a new relationship between two people or groups of people. In the Ancient World, a Covenant was always sealed with a sacrifice and a meal: the sacrifice brought divine blessing on the covenant, and the meal sealed the relationship between the participants. In the Covenant that God forged with his people in the Old Testament, it was expressed very simply: God said, "You will be my people, and I will be your God." God would remain faithful to the people, and they were to remain faithful to God (this is where the commandments come in). This Covenant was sealed in its greatest form on Mount Sinai, as we hear in the first reading.

When the Old Covenant had been broken beyond repair, God sent his only Son to establish a New Covenant: the sacrifice and meal of this New Covenant is Calvary and the Last Supper, where Christ is both priest and victim and altar. When we eat and drink this sacred meal at every Mass we are renewed in the New Covenant and the relationship with God, because Calvary and the Upper Room are present once more and the New Covenant is sealed for us anew.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i>		
Sunday Missal: <i>page 826; Readings page 832; Preface page at priest's choice</i>		
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 (SJ)	<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, Rosemary Davies, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Daniel Bradley, Rita Maycroft, Andrew Hustwit, Ron Kelly, Bernadette Walmsley, Kathleen Slater, Natalie Killeen, Pat Hall, Marie Donnelly</p> <p>Anniversaries: Walter Mariner, Kathleen Keeley, Joseph Healey, Harry Dawson, John Greene, John Crowley</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Andrew Hustwit, Ron Kelly, Bernadette Walmsley, Kath Gillett, Daniel Bradley, The Intentions of the Knowles Family, Walter Mariner, Kathleen Keeley, Veronica Fenney (sick), Gladys Hall, Joseph Healey, In thanksgiving for favours received, Harry Dawson, John Greene, Kathleen Slater, Natalie Killeen, Pat Hall, Marie Donnelly, Joyce Knight, Mr & Mrs P Villa, Mr & Mrs J Strange, John Crowley</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	9.15am Whole School Mass (SC) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	10am Requiem Mass for Rita Maycroft (SC)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	11am Baptism (SC) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 10.15am First Communion Mass (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy 2pm First Communion Mass (SB)	
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>This Newsletter is sponsored by</p> <p>HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE</p> <p>Peel House 638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton. BL1 7AL 01204 309609</p>  <p>www.lhfs.co.uk</p>
Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i>		
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>		

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Congratulations: To Jason and Joshua Abanda who were baptized at St Columba's on 23 May. To Hollie-Rose Catherine Atherton who was baptized on the 24 May at St Columba's. To John Stephen David May who was baptized last Saturday at St John's and to Ethan Joseph and Eva May Harrington who were baptized at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.



Congratulations: To Garry Wall and Ashleigh Halliday who were married at St Columba's on Saturday 23 May. And to Thomas Lucas and Jennifer Cuming who were married at St Brendan's on Friday 29 May. We pray that they will have a long, happy and fulfilling married life.

Proms in the Park: As part of our 175th Anniversary Celebrations, Christ's Church, Harwood are holding *Proms in the Park* on Saturday 13 June (7-9pm) on the church field (behind the lounge). This will include performances from our talented singers and musicians plus a special "Last Night of the Proms" performance by Eagley Brass Band. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children under 16. There is also a family ticket (max 6 children) which is £15. Bring your own picnic, blankets, chairs and candelabras etc. Gates open at 6pm for set-up. Tickets are available from Rev Canon Wendy Oliver (525196).

CAFOD Group: Thank you for the tremendous support at our Ceilidh, we raised a grand total of £705 which is fantastic! Please note the meeting for June is cancelled.

CAMEO Group: Are holding a *Fun Auction* to support the SVP on Wednesday 17 June (2-4pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. Please bring along one item for the auction. Refreshments will be available.

Northern Catholic Conference: This will be held on 12-14 June at Liverpool Hope University. For more information, contact Denise on 07543 800 812 (www.northerncatholicuk).

Readers: We are appealing for more readers at both the Saturday 6.30pm Mass (SJ) and Sunday 11.15 Mass (SB). If anyone would be interested in volunteering, please contact either Alison Howarth or the Parish Office.

SVP

Annual Mass for the Sick, Housebound and Disabled: This will be celebrated on Saturday 4 July (11am) at St Brendan's. Everybody is welcome and refreshments will be available after the Mass. If you require transport to attend this Mass, please contact any member of the SVP.

Annual Family Sponsored Walk: The sponsored walk will take place on Sunday 14 June (11am-4pm) around the reservoirs of Turton and Bromley Cross (maps will be provided). The event starts and finishes at St John's Primary School and refreshments will be available. If you would like to help raise money for local families and people in need then please take a sponsor form and come and join in. It is a great chance for families to help families!

The Destitution Project: Our next joint parish collection will be throughout June. All goods, food and clothes are much appreciated. *Thank you.*

Vacancies at Wardley Hall

PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

Salary: Between £18,639 and £20,092 subject to skills and experience.

Hours: 35 hours per week, excluding one hour for lunch Monday – Friday 09.00-17.00

An opportunity has arisen for an experienced Personal Assistant to provide high quality administrative support to the Bishop and Private Secretary. The successful candidate will provide an efficient service in a wide range of administrative areas and will interact with a wide and diverse range of individuals. Therefore, they must understand their role as a representative and ambassador for the Bishop and the diocese in all their encounters.

The successful post holder will be expected to represent and work in accordance with the ethos of the Diocese of Salford. This post is subject to pre-employment suitability checks and verification of working history.

HOUSEKEEPER WITH CATERING

Salary: £8.42-9.13 per hour subject to skills and experience.

This vacancy is being considered on a job share basis for a maximum of 40 hours per week either on the basis of 20/20 hour split or a 30/10 hour split or other variation by agreement, subject to terms. Hours are typically to be worked Monday – Friday 09.00-17.00 although flexibility will be required to include some occasional evening and weekend working. The successful candidate will provide an efficient and comprehensive housekeeping and cleaning service. In addition they will provide freshly cooked meals and occasional catering requirements for refreshments for functions or events.

Closing date for both applications: 12 noon on 18th June, 2015.

(We reserve the right to close this deadline sooner if there are a substantial number of applications)

To request an application pack including a job description or for more information, please contact:

The Director of Administration and Personnel, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Email: recruitment@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

For more information please see the Salford Diocese website: www.salforddiocese.net.

Think Vocation

"This is my body...this is my blood." These words of Christ said by the priest at Mass remind us that the Eucharist is an incredible gift from Christ to his Church. May we never take for granted the great gift of the Eucharist nor may we never take for granted the need to pray for and encourage vocations to the sacred priesthood.

Marriage Matters (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

A promise of eternal life: Today, the letter to the Hebrews speaks of a new covenant, a new promise of eternal life. We became a new covenant when we promised to be a married couple on our wedding day. We renew our married covenant each time we nourish and feed each other in our relationship with acts and words of tender kindness.