

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

14TH JUNE 2015 – ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

It is the smallest of the seeds, yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all



How does a tree grow? The scientists can give us their answers, but the miracle of life on our earth, in all its dazzling complexity and variety is exactly that - a miracle. God is responsible for the miracle of Nature and growth - how, we don't know, but we accept God's guiding hand as a fact of our faith. This mysterious growth in Nature is used as a parable today, for the life of the Church and the Kingdom of God. Just as a seed, planted and watered, turns by miraculous processes into something different and bigger and beautiful, so the seed of the Gospel will grow into something else, by some means we can never fully understand. And that is the grace of God, encouraging, prompting and helping all men and women of good will to swell the coming Kingdom of our God.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i>		<p>Sick: 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, Sheila Darbishire and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Gladys Hall, Dorothy Waddicar, Hilda Hunt, Daniel Bradley, Roger Lespagnol, Rita Maycroft, Andrew Hustwit, Bernadette Walmsley, Kathleen Slater, Natalie Killeen, Pat Hall</p> <p>Anniversaries: Guy Warburton, Georgette Kosecki, Patrick O'Donnell</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Fr Gerard Haugh (Golden Jubilee), Dorothy Waddicar, A Special Intention, Guy Warburton, Andrew Hustwit & family, Hilda Hunt, Georgette Kosecki, Roger Lespagnol, Patrick O'Donnell, Bernadette Walmsley, Gladys Hall</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers</p>
Sunday Missal: <i>page 278; Readings: page 281; Preface: at priest's choice</i>		
Sunday <i>St John's Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	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) <i>Dedication of Salford Cathedral</i>	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.15am Forward in Faith Mass (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ) 2-4pm Cameo Group (Harbour Room, SB)	
Thursday	9.15am Forward in Faith Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	11am Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>Father's 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 (SJ)	
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>		
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 Fidelma Frances Price who was baptized at St John's last Saturday. And to Jacob Melville White who was baptized at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.



Correction: On last week's newsletter, it stated that Thomas Lucas and Jennifer Cuming were married on Friday 29 May at St Brendan's. It was in fact Saturday 30 May! Apologies for this mistake and we pray that they will have a long, happy and fulfilling married life.

Gladys Hall: Gladys died last Sunday and her funeral took place on Friday. Gladys was one of our oldest parishioners at 101 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. May she rest in peace.

Mass Intention: A Mass Intention, addressed to Fr Parkinson, was handed in a couple of weeks ago, but unfortunately there wasn't any information given as to who/what it was intended for. Please see one of the priests if you know anything about it, so that the Intention can be offered as soon as possible. *Thank you*

Annual Deanery Mass for the Deceased: This will be held at Heaton Cemetery on Wednesday 1 July 2015 at 7pm for all the deceased relatives and friends of those in the St Joseph's Deanery. In the event of rain, the Mass will be celebrated at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Lonsdale Road, BL1 4PN

APF Mill Hill: The annual Mission Mass will be held at St John's Cathedral, Salford at 3pm on Saturday 20 June. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Also, as the Patmos Room is not in use, I will be at both Masses this weekend (6.30pm and 9.15am SJ) to distribute the quarterly Missionary magazines, so please could promoters arrange to collect them. Any problems please contact me on 01204 592348. Thank you for your co-operation, *Margaret O'Kane.*

Music For A Summer Evening: The well-known *Brixci Singers* will be giving a concert of light music at St Brendan's Church on Saturday 27 June at 7.30pm. As well as some religious pieces the programme will include songs from shows, spirituals, folk songs etc. Tickets can be purchased on the door. Adults £10, Concessions £8, Under 19's free. Refreshments will be available.

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.

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.

St John's 200 Club

The June winners are:

- £50 A McGuire (176)
- £30 J Durkin (127)
- £20 G Brown (180)



Church cleaning (SJ): For the month of June is *Team 4.*

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 this Sunday 14 June (11am-4pm) 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: Sr Barbara has two very pregnant ladies in her care (one due to give birth next week) who greatly need items for a baby please. Bottles, nappies, clothes and anything "baby". All items can be taken directly to the project at Victoria Halls. Thank you.

Our joint parish collection continues throughout June. All goods, food and clothes are much appreciated. *Thank you.*

Marriage Matters (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

The seed that grows to become a shelter: Each of us has a 'seed' of love in us at our birth. This is fostered as we grow to value others through our relationships. Learning to love ourselves and each other more deeply helps our seeds of love to swell. Eventually our unified love becomes a 'shelter' for our children, our families and all those whose lives we touch.

Think Vocation

Like the mustard seed, a vocation can grow from something very small. We should always be aware of how some small act of kindness or encouragement done with love in the name of the Lord can make a huge difference to people's lives. The Lord can constantly use us to build up his Kingdom.

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