

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

**5 JULY 2015 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"A prophet is only despised in his own country."**



A prophet's job is to open people's eyes to the reality of their situation - pointing out to them the things they would rather forget or ignore. A prophet is a sort of "national conscience", always awake to situations of injustice and always speaking out about them. A prophet is commissioned to do this by God, who sends the prophet on his mission. Jesus is just such a prophet - teaching and preaching about the Kingdom of God and the best way to live. Despite the welcome his message has received elsewhere, when he comes to his hometown he is faced with rejection - such that "he was amazed at their lack of faith." It is curious that they seem to accept his wisdom, and his miracles, but because he grew up among them they cannot accept him as a teacher from God. We should remember that it is often hardest to stand up for the truth among those who know us well.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i>		
<b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 307; <b>Readings:</b> page 310; <b>Preface:</b> at priest's choice		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Forward in Faith Mass (SJ) 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SC)	<p><b>Sick:</b> 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, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Margaret Griffin, Christine Hargrave, John Everitt, Eilish Deverux</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Leonard Dawson, Patrick O'Brien, Mary Josephine O'Brien, James Crowther, Josephine Westley, Richard Gardner-Hopkinson, Mary-Rose Hanley</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Leonard Dawson, In thanksgiving to St Anthony, St Jude &amp; the Sacred Heart (exam success), In thanksgiving to Our Lady &amp; the Holy Spirit (exam success), Patrick O'Brien, Mary Josephine O'Brien, Margaret Griffin, James Crowther, Special Intention for Josephine Knowles (sick in hospital), Josephine Westley, Richard Gardner-Hopkinson (70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Mary-Rose Hanley, Eilish Deverux, Mr &amp; Mrs Hibbert</p> <p><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6):</b> 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>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10.45am Funeral Service for John Everitt (SC) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass in School (SB) - Yr 2 Celebration of Achievement	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation Class (Harbour Room, SB) <i>St Benedict, Patron of Europe</i> 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Special collection for Apostleship</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy <i>of the Sea</i> 10.15am Mass (SC) - with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	
<p><b>Collections &amp; Donations:</b> 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><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Cheques should be made payable to St John's</p> <p><b>Gift Aid:</b> 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>		

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**Congratulations:** To Flynn Joseph Worthington who was baptized at St Brendan's last Saturday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.



**Congratulations:** To all the children who have recently received their First Holy Communion. Let us continue to pray that they and their families continue their journey of faith. We also thank those, in our schools and in our parishes, who have helped the children and parents during the Sacramental Programme this year.

**Apostleship of the Sea:** Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Please give generously to support this important work. For more information please visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

**Home Visits:** If any parishioners from our three churches would like a house blessing or a general visit, Fr O'Brien will make arrangements to come to see you. Please contact the Parish office on 01204 301927 or email: [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

**An Afternoon of Music:** Will be held at St Thomas of Canterbury Church (Lonsdale Road, Heaton, BL1 4NP) on Sunday 12 July at 4pm. This is in aid of the Nepal Earthquake Disaster and includes performances from Cantamus Community Choir, SK4 Ladies Barbershop Quartet and St Thomas of Canterbury School Choir. Tea and cakes will be served afterwards and tickets cost £5 (children under 12 years £3). All proceeds will go to CAFOD and UNICEF.

**Preparing the Way Consultation 2015:** As promised, in the recent Pastoral Letter from Bishop John, the diocesan consultation is now ready and will remain open for several weeks at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Salford2015> where responses can be entered directly onto the electronic form. This is the best way to complete the questionnaire, since the system will also do the analysis of responses. For those who do not have access to a computer, paper copies of the questionnaire can be obtained from any of the priests or from the parish office. As well as your individual responses, we have been asked to provide a collective response from the parish and so we will have a parish meeting for this purpose sometime in the next few weeks [Details to follow]. Please submit all responses by the deadline of Friday 7 August 2015.

**CAFOD Box Collection:** This will take place at the Masses at St Columba's next weekend (11/12 July). *Thank you.*

**Christie Friend's Summer Fayre:** Saturday 11 July 2015 (12noon-4pm) at the Ukrainian Club (Castle Street, Bolton). The Phoenix Knights of Harmony will be supporting us and there will be a variety of stalls. All monies raised go to supporting patients and their families.

**Proclaim'15:** The third and final resource sheet is attached to the newsletter this weekend. As well as the resource sheet, you will see below the Proclaim'15 Prayer that we could use during our time of reflection before Mass.

*Loving Father, You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son, that we might believe in him and have eternal life. May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to "go out to the whole world and proclaim" our faith with confidence. Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel by our words and actions. Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that you may be known and loved by all people. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*

**Marriage Matters** ([www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk))

**Recognizing our real beauty:** When we married we became, together, a 'prophet', not predicting the future, but proclaiming the good news of marriage, here and now. Yet, there are times when we feel sorry for ourselves, blaming each other. Let's admit our own faults and weaknesses and remind one another of the beautiful qualities we found when we first fell in love.

**Think Vocation**

"This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary." Sometimes our remarks and comments can stifle confidence in other people. We do not see the potential a person has as God sees. When we speak to other people let's be encouraging and uplifting. We should be gently striving for each person to become the person God wants them to be.

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