

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

12 JULY 2015 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He began to send them out



Again it is prophecy that is our theme (see last week). Here, we concentrate on the sending of prophets, the entrusting of the mission to them, and most importantly the necessary qualifications to be a prophet. The only qualification necessary is an open ear, to hear the mandate from God. We see this in Amos, the simple shepherd, and in the Twelve, called by Jesus from their humble occupations, which no one would have thought qualified them to speak on 'religious' themes. As last week, the possibility of rejection and failure is quite explicitly treated - Jesus instructs the Apostles in what to do if they are ignored. When the Gospel simply states, "So they set off to preach repentance..." we can imagine all that was in their minds and hearts as they did so. They had heard the call of Jesus, and allowed it into their hearts: this was all they needed to go out and speak his words.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i>		
Sunday Missal: <i>page 317; Readings: page 321; Preface: at priest's choice</i>		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy (last one before the summer break)	<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, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Maureen Johnston, Harold Whittaker, Sylvia Glover, Lillian Power</p> <p>Anniversaries: John McCormick, Vera & Fred Boatfield, Anne Howarth, Rita Holder</p> <p>Mass Intentions: John McCormick, Vera & Fred Boatfield, Francis Xavier Price (Birthday Remembrance), Maureen Johnston, In thanksgiving to St Anthony, A Special Intention for Michael Hayes, Anne Howarth, Harold Whittaker, David & Margaret Attwood (Diamond Wedding Anniversary), For the sick and the Housebound (from the SVP), Rita Holder</p> <p>We also pray for Mr Ray McGloin (ex Headteacher at St John's school) who is poorly at the moment. We wish him a speedy recovery.</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>
<i>Sea Sunday</i>	10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>Special collection for Apostleship of the Sea</i>	
Monday	No Mass Today 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	10am Requiem Mass for Sylvia Glover (SC) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
<i>St Bonaventure</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	9.15am Yr 6 Leavers Mass (SB) 5pm Mass at Salford Cathedral for Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Diocesan Patron)	
Friday	9.15am Yr 6 Leavers Mass (SC)	
Saturday	11am Baptism (SB) 12noon Ordination of Kevin Murphy to Priesthood (Salford Cathedral) 2pm Baptism (SC) 5pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 10.15am Mass (SC) – Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy	
<p>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> <p>Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i></p> <p>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></p>		

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Congratulations: To Angel Louise Hodson and Kian Thomas Hodson who were baptized at St Columba's last Sunday. We pray that they and their family may continue to grow in faith.

St John's 200 Club

The February winners are:

- £50 T Fitzgerald
- £30 C Madden
- £20 P Barnes



Apostleship of the Sea: This 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

Harbour Room Book Club: The annual charity donation this year amounts to £50 and will be divided between the Oxfam Water Project (£25) and the Church Fund (£25). Many thanks to all members who helped make this possible. *Madeleine*

Lourdes Group 'Get Together': Just a reminder to all those, from our 3 parishes, who are attending this year's Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage that we will be having a short group meeting in the Harbour Room, St Brendan's on Wednesday 22 July starting 1.30pm. *Terry Smith*

An Afternoon of Music: Will be held at St Thomas of Canterbury Church (Lonsdale Road, Heaton, BL1 4NP) this 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: Will take place at the Masses at St Columba's this weekend (11/12 July). *Thank you.*

Home Visits: If any parishioners from our three churches would like a house blessing or a general visit, during July and August, 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.

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Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Sent out in pairs: Sending pairs out to proclaim the Good News is repeated in other parts of the New Testament, including accounts of up to forty being sent out in pairs; it is even possible this included married couples. Jesus obviously thought pairs work well together. Married couples can draw spiritual strength from their Sacrament, particularly when they're working together for the Church.

Think Vocation

"Take nothing for the journey." When someone presents themselves as a candidate for the priesthood, it is the people of God who will sustain that person through their seminary training. After ordination it is the people in the parish who support the priest through their generosity, love and kindness

Quiet Prayer

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.

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