

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

**9 AUGUST 2015 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



The bread that comes down from heaven is not just a bread which nourishes the body, but one which gives renewed life - be this in the form of energy and purpose (as we see in the story of Elijah) or in the form of a gift of eternal life. As Jesus continues his discourse on the Bread of Life, he faces the complaints and criticism of the crowd, who take a very short-sighted view of what he says, and affirms for them that true life, a life that will never end, is found in him, he is the one who has come from the Father, and so is the living bread which gives life. Jesus here makes an explicit link between “belief” and “eating the bread of life”: the two lead to each other, and they both bring about that which man most desires - to live forever. The Response to the Psalm in many ways sums this up: ‘Taste and see that the Lord is good.’

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i>		<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, Rita Bell and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Tim Healey, Gwen Owen, Margaret Dolan, Dorothy Dickinson, Margaret Collins, Thomas McIver, Jill Mahon</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Stanley Mellor, Andrew Hayes, Peter &amp; Doreen Diddutch</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Stanley Mellor, Andrew Hayes, Gwen Owen, Thanksgiving for prayers answered, Margaret Dolan, Dorothy Dickinson, Margaret Collins, For a grieving family, Thanksgiving for favours received, Thomas McIver, Callum Fazackerley (sick), Jill Mahon, For the intentions of the Doyle family, Peter &amp; Doreen Diddutch, For a successful operation, Philip Hall (Birthday Remembrance)</p> <p><b>Please pray for:</b> Tim Healey (one of the builders at St John’s) and his family. Tim died suddenly on Tuesday night. May he rest in peace.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6)</b></p> <p>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>
<b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 359; Readings: page 362; Preface: at priest’s choice		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) 1.30pm Wedding Service for Christopher Grady & Karen Dodds (SC)	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
<i>St Lawrence</i>		
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
<i>St Clare</i>		
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 2-4pm CAMEO Group, Harbour Room (SB)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	No Mass Today	
<i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>		
Saturday	5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 10.15am Mass (SC) – Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SC)	
<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
<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 Beatrice Esther McArdle who was baptized at St John's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

**The Christie Friends Summer Fayre:** This went really well as it was the first attempt in Bolton! Thank you to the Ukrainian Club for the venue, the Bolton businesses, the entertainers, all the helpers and of course to all the general public who came along to support us. We raised £1500 (and still counting)!

Thanks also to Morrisons (Harwood) for allowing us to do a bag pack/bucket collection on the 7 July. This raised £709. These fantastic amounts will allow us to continue to support the patients and their families. *Kath Brown*

**SVP Charity Concert:** The Eden Singers are performing excerpts from Les Miserables on Friday 11 September (7.30pm) at Old Links Golf Club, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5SU. Tickets (are limited) and cost £6. Please contact any member of the SVP to purchase them.

**CAMEO Group:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 August. There will be a talk given by Anne-Marie Evans called *Flirting and Fainting*, a cultural history of the corset in literature and fashion. Refreshments are available and all are most welcome.

**Parliamentary Bill to Legalise Assisted Suicide:** On Friday 11 September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website [www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of St Brendan's and St Columba's and at the side doors in St John's.



**The Autumn Quiz:** Will be held on Friday 6 November at Dunscaer Conservative Club. Please put the date in your diaries and remember....this ever popular event is usually a sell out across our parishes so once the tickets go on sale, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible!

**Home Visits:** If any parishioners from our three churches would still like a house blessing or a general visit, during 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](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk)

**Urban Outreach:** Any help you can give with the BL15 lunches will be gratefully received. Please contact Hannah at [LWP@urbanoutreach.co.uk](mailto:LWP@urbanoutreach.co.uk) or on 01204 385848

**SVP Outing:** The Autumn outing for the elderly, disabled and housebound will be held on Sunday 27 September and will be to St Mary's, Horwich

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

**To love as God loves:** When we married we became a flesh and blood sacrament. Today, Jesus says "I am the bread of life". We are 'food and drink' for each other. Let's continue to nourish one another in our marriages, in all those little ways, with tender words and loving actions and become more a 'sign' of God's love for the world.

**Think Vocation**

St Paul tells us to "follow Christ by loving as he loved you". We are all called to be friends with each other. All friendship comes from God. Jesus invites us to follow him into a deeper friendship with God the Father.

**Quiet Prayer**

O God, to whom every heart is open, every desire known and from whom no secrets are hidden; purify the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily praise your holy name. *Amen*

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