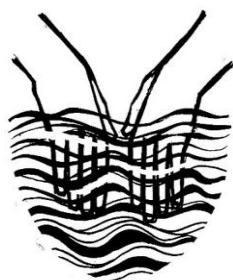



**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**30 AUGUST 2015 – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**



We now return to Saint Mark, for the rest of the year. The Gospel brings out one of the central problems of all religion: the way in which peripheral laws and customs gradually take over the more fundamental commandments, and the way in which “externalism” and a concern with superficialities gradually suffocates a true “internal” faith which is lived out. Here we see the angry Jesus: he calls them “hypocrites”, as he condemns their “worthless worship”. He teaches a central truth: it is what comes from within that determines whether we are clean or unclean, good or evil. The commandments of God, which Moses puts before the people with such great pride, become the source of justice when they are given a place in the heart. When other rules and regulations about how to wash and what to eat displace them, then they are stifled and justice is practised no longer.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</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> Colleen Baxendale</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> James Dowbakin, Joseph Hopkinson, Sarah Kendall, Tom Prendergast, Mr &amp; Mr Gilmartin, John Gilmartin, Mary Marshall</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Bridget Knowles (Birthday Remembrance), For a speedy recovery following a serious operation, Colleen Baxendale, James Dowbakin, Joseph Hopkinson, Sarah Kendall, Tom Prendergast, Elizabeth Webster (very sick), Mr &amp; Mrs Gilmartin, John Gilmartin Mary Marshall (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</p> <p><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6):</b> We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work &amp; the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners &amp; their families</p>
<b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 391; <b>Readings:</b> page 394; <b>Preface:</b> at priest's choice		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB)	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) No SVP today	
Tuesday <i>St Edmund Arrowsmith</i>	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 10.15am Mass (SC) – Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB)	
<b>Collections &amp; Donations:</b> <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>		
<b>Mass Intentions:</b> <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i>		
<b>Gift Aid:</b> <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 David Parnell & Rebecca Hood who were married at St Brendan's last Saturday. We pray that they will have a long, happy and fulfilling married life.

**SVP**

**The Destitution Project:** The next collection of food items and clothing for our parishes will be during September. Sr Barbara and the team are so grateful for everything we do to support them. Thank you.

**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.

**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

**Evening of Reflection for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:**

At the beginning of July, Fr Parkinson held an afternoon training/reflection session for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. For anyone who wasn't able to make the last date, Fr Parkinson will run another session on Thursday 10 September (7-9pm) in the Harbour Room (SB). This is an invitation for current or new volunteers of both Ministries. Please let one of the priests know if you will be attending or contact the Parish Office.

**Reignite Masses for Young Adults (16+):** These take place at Salford Cathedral at 5.30pm on the third Sunday of the month (excluding July and August). They are followed by a social evening which includes a guest speaker and a chance to meet other young people who are engaged, enthused and committed about their faith. Please see the poster for more details.

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 12 September (10.30am-12noon) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This is for parents from any of our three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please let one of the priests know if you will be attending or email [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

**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. This can be done by either sending 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 by sending a letter or post card, 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 Dunsar 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!

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

**Choosing what is best for 'us':** Today, Jesus almost affirms His disciples' rule-breaking. He talks of people honouring Him with lip-service, with hearts far from Him. In marriage, it's the same when behaving 'husbandly' or 'wifely': saying/doing the right words/actions with hearts far from one another. Making listening to Jesus and each other a lifestyle choice enables us to choose what is best for 'us'.

**Think Vocation**

"You must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves". People can often feel unable to share their thoughts about a possible vocation with anyone else. Let us pray at this present time for those who feel called to the priesthood and Religious Life, but lack the courage to do anything about it.

**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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