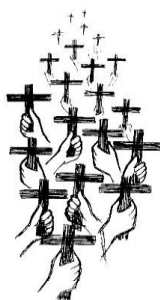


NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS

13 SEPTEMBER 2015 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME




As we follow through the Gospel of Saint Mark we come to an important turning point this week: after the preaching, the miracles and the journey so far, Simon Peter publicly recognises Jesus as the Messiah. But there is an important point, which is brought out by the choice of first reading today: this Messiah is a king who is destined to be rejected and killed. Jesus knows this very well, and rebukes Peter when he tries to lead him on a different path. From this point on, Saint Mark's Gospel leads to the cross: Jesus himself accepts his own cross, and reminds all his followers that the cross is a part of following him. If we are considering the question "Who is Jesus?", these scripture passages give us a deep insight into the mission of salvation that he accepts for us.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</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, Carole 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: Nuala Brolly, Annie Costello, Hannah Carson</p> <p>Anniversaries: Dr Bernard Higgins, Betty White, Gordon Hollinshead, Ralph Gubbins, John Edward O'Brien, Bridget & Jack Day, Michael Clarke</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Dr Bernard Higgins (1st Anniversary), Betty White, Gordon Hollinshead, Nuala Brolly, Ralph Gubbins, Sorelle Turnbull (9mth old baby being treated for leukaemia), John Edward O'Brien, Joyce Knight, Bridget & Jack Day, Michael Clarke, Little Eddie & his family, Annie Costello</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families</p>
Sunday Missal: page 411; Readings: page 414; Preface: at priest's choice		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) <i>A Special Collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice</i>	
<i>Racial Justice Sunday</i>		
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 1.30pm Funeral Service for Hannah Carson, known as Christine (SC) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
<i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>		
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>		
Wednesday	9.15am Yr 6 Class Mass in School (SC) 9.30am Whole School Mass in Church (SJ) 2-4pm CAMEO Group (Harbour Room, SB)	
<i>St Cornelius & St Cyprian</i>		
Thursday	9.15am School Mass in Church - Year 6 (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	2.30pm Wedding for Paul Hayes & Julie Horrocks (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>A Special Collection for the</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy <i>Home Missions</i> 10.15am Mass (SC) – Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) 5.30pm Reignite - Young Adults Mass & Social (Salford Cathedral)	
<i>Home Mission Day</i>		

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Mass Intentions: Cheques should be made payable to St John's

Gift Aid: 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

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Queen Elizabeth II

On 9th September 2015, the Queen exceeded the longest reign of any British Monarch. A Loyal Address from the President of the Bishops' Conference was sent to the Palace on behalf of the Catholic community in England and Wales (see below). We are also led to believe that His Holiness Pope Francis sent a greeting from the Vatican.

*Loyal Address to
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
on the occasion of Her becoming the
longest reigning Monarch in British History*

Your Majesty,

It is an honour and a pleasure to express the great loyalty and gratitude felt by the Catholic community of England and Wales for the outstanding and unstinting service you give to our nation and to people throughout the world.

We express these sentiments with particular warmth and admiration as you celebrate the occasion of surpassing the length of reign of any other British Monarch.

Along with Catholics across the world, and especially in the Commonwealth, we join our prayers of thanksgiving to those of other Christians for the many blessings of your reign.

Your vocation as our Queen has been unstinting over these years. The burden of high office fell upon your shoulders at a young age, and yet through the many and varied circumstances of your Reign, you have held integrity of service as a high standard and as an exemplar for other heads of state and leaders of nations. We give thanks too for the constant support that Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, has shown you in your time as our Queen; his role as Prince Consort being a source of strength and stay.

We thank you too, for your steadfast insistence on the great importance of our Christian faith, given in both word and example, alongside your appreciation of the contribution made by other religions in our rich and diverse society today. Our hope is that, enriched by the presence of many beliefs and cultures, our country will always maintain respect for our Christian heritage and the sure foundations that it provides for a flourishing of true human fulfilment. The Gospel of Jesus, which we seek to serve, is a challenge to our society to think more deeply about the sanctity of life, the constant need for forgiveness and reconciliation, and the faithfulness required in love and the self-sacrifice which brings true satisfaction

Your Majesty, it is my privilege to assure you of our prayers for you, now and in the future and, most especially, on the day when you become our longest reigning Monarch. All the Catholic communities in England and Wales have been asked to offer special prayers for you and your family on this most special of days.

May Almighty God bless Your Majesty, preserve you in health of mind and body, and grant you every grace and blessing, now and in the years to come.

+ *Vincent Cardinal Nichols*

President

Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales

*Prayer for
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on the occasion of Her becoming the
longest reigning Monarch in British History*

V. O Lord, save Elizabeth our Queen.

R. **And hear us on the day we call upon you.**

V. Lord, hear my prayer.

R. **And let my cry come before you.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with your Spirit.**

Almighty God,
we pray that Elizabeth your Servant and Our Queen,
who, by your providence has received the governance of this Realm,
may continue to grow in every virtue,
that, imbued with your heavenly grace,
she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil,
and being blessed with your favour
may, with her Consort and all the Royal Family,
come at last into your presence,
through him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God,
for ever and ever
Amen.





Congratulations: To Anya Rose Jenkins who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

SVP

The Destitution Project: The next collection of food items and clothing for our parishes will be during September. Below is a list of items that are desperately needed:

Tins of:- Tuna, baked beans, chopped tomatoes, pilchards, red kidney beans, chick peas, sweet corn, spinach, fruit (a real treat), corned beef or any other meat product. Cartons of concentrated apple or orange juice, vegetable oil (1ltr), long life whole milk, tea bags, coffee, sugar, small tins of sardines, long grain rice, jam, toilet rolls & tissues. Sr Barbara and the team are so grateful for everything we do to support them. Thank you.

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. Names of those who wish to go on the outing and those who are able to drive can be added to the lists available at the side doors of St John's Church, or please see any member of the SVP.

CAFOD

Change of Venue: Please note, the CAFOD meeting (7.30pm, Thursday 17 September) has had to be moved from the Harbour Room at St Brendan's to the Sacristy at St John's. All welcome

Fast Day (Friday 2 October): Here is a short story:
Hamani lives in a remote village in Niger. Life is incredibly tough there. With longer and hotter dry seasons, it is becoming more and more difficult to grow crops. Just three years ago, drought destroyed much of the harvest Hamani and his neighbours were dependent on. Your generosity provided Hamani's community with enough basic food to keep them alive. But his community don't want to rely on handouts. They want to be self-sufficient. Your support this Harvest, will ensure millions of people around the world are able to grow enough food to eat. Please give what you can this Harvest to grow a brighter future for people living in the world's poorest countries.

Becoming Catholic: You may, or may not be aware that we have previously run a programme for any adult who has an interest in becoming Catholic or simply wants to know more about the Catholic Faith. This year we are beginning another programme which will start on Tuesday 13 October (7pm) and will be held (hopefully) in St John's Church. The programme will run until Easter and is for anyone in any of our parishes. If you would like more information and think that this is something you would be interested in, please contact our parish office at office@sbsj.org.uk or alternatively, please see any of our priests after Mass.

CAMEO Group: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16 September (2-4pm) in the Harbour room at St Brendan's. Refreshments available and all are welcome.

Lourdes 2015

The Theme - The Joy of Mission

After being asked to give feedback on my first visit to Lourdes, I can honestly say it was one of the most memorable occasions I have experienced. Due, in part, to the superb organisation by the Lourdes' Committee and our very own Terry Smith who coordinated our Parish Group, but mainly because of the opportunity to really consider the Story of Lourdes.

We were blessed with excellent weather (some may say it was too warm) allowing outside celebrations to be enjoyed under a clear sky, for example The Torchlight Procession, Stations of the Cross and The Grotto Mass. Each day there was opportunity to reflect on Scripture, consider our needs and how we can be supported and sustained in our day to day lives.

Bernadette, during the apparitions, went to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As part of that continuous healing step in our pilgrimage, we were invited to do the same. The Reconciliation Service was very moving and thought provoking. The queues of people of all ages wishing to receive this sacrament was testament of faith and evidence of a very successful pilgrimage.

The sick and disabled, both old and young, were the main characters in each celebration. I was very impressed by the support given by young volunteer helpers. They carried out their responsibilities with sincerity, enthusiasm and obvious pleasure. They should be applauded for their dedication. We had two young helpers in our Parish Group, Johnny, many will remember, one of the two brothers who served on the altar at St John's and Tom, his school friend. (I think our future will be safe in their hands).

Most evenings, many of our group gathered back at the hotel to enjoy a night cap and exchange experiences of the day. We had fun, a great deal of laughter was heard and a few tears shed.

I'm sure all pilgrims of the Diocese will have returned home to continue their work motivated by the missionary spirit.

Ann.

Walsingham: A celebration for feast of Our Lady of Walsingham will be on Thursday 24 September at Our Lady of Grace, Fairfax Road, Prestwich, Manchester M25 1AS. Rosary & Confession is at 7pm followed by Holy Mass at 7.30pm. All most welcome. Please also note that the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham this year, will be on Saturday 7 May 2016.

Choir at St John's 9.15 Mass: Parishioners are invited to join the small choir which has started to sing at 9.15 Mass. There will be short practices after most 9.15 services. For further details or to join please approach Martin, the guitar player, after Mass or e-mail: mroe@loreto.ac.uk Instrumentalists are also needed, all ages welcome.

St John's 200 Club

The September winners are:

£50	I Smith
£30	E Minghay
£20	J Marshall





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HEAD TEACHER

We, the children of St John's, are looking for a new Head Teacher. Our mission statement is "In the light of Jesus, we learn to love and love to learn." We are looking for someone who will help us in this mission.

Our school is warm, friendly, loving and fair. We would like someone who is a good leader and good at organising sports, and who will support us.

We would like a Head Teacher who would be funny sometimes, and strict when needed.

Someone who is firm but fair, but will treat us all equally.

We would like it if you won't change everything and we think you need to be good at organising and planning. Also we think you will need to have quite a loud voice so we can hear you in assembly.

If you can help us with all of this, then please come and visit us and if you are the person for us, we can't wait to welcome you.

To arrange a visit please contact school on 01204 333440

For further details and application pack please contact: Gill Warburton by email - gill.warburton@bolton.gov.uk telephone: 01204 332124

Closing date for application: Wednesday 30th September 2015 at 12 noon

Shortlisting: Thursday 8th October 2015

Interview dates: Wednesday 14th October and Thursday 15th October 2015

**Salary Scale: Leadership 15 to 21
Number on roll: 201- Group 2
Required from 1st January 2016**

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Think Vocation

As Roman Catholics, we are invited to add our name to Peter's profession of faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. We are asked to not only say who we believe Jesus is for us, but to show it by the way we live our lives. This will inevitably lead occasionally to criticism and conflict, but it is then that we unite ourselves with the sufferings of Christ.

Job Vacancy

The Bolton Circuit of the Methodist Church is looking to appoint a

Project Development Support Worker for the Drop-In for refugees and asylum-seekers at Melbourne Road Methodist Church, Bolton.

This is a one year part-time post, to support the Church in assessing needs, building networks of support and in developing the refugee/asylum-seeker project to make it sustainable for the future beyond 2016.

You will also be working alongside church members and other volunteers, helping them to offer practical and pastoral support at the weekly Drop-In.

**Based at Melbourne Road Methodist Church, Bolton
12 hours per week - £7.85 per hour**

Interested applicants should email office@boltonmethodist.com to receive further information and an application form

Deadline for applications **30th September 2015**

Marriage Matters (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

Love in action: Jesus invites us "to love as He loves". We hear this so often in the Scriptures that there is a risk the words become so familiar that we stop really hearing them. We can say the words "I love you" to our spouse but without the relevant actions the words may mean little or nothing: 'actions speak louder than words'.

Quiet Prayer

Some Definite Purpose by Cardinal John Henry Newman

God has created me to do Him some definite service
He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another
I have my mission
I may never know it in this life but I shall be told it in the next
I am a link in a chain a bond of connection between persons
He has not created me for naught
I shall do good - I shall do His work
I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments
Therefore I will trust Him whatever I am, I can never be thrown away
If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him
If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him
He does nothing in vain
He knows what he is about
He may take away my friends
He may throw me among strangers
He may make me feel desolate; make my spirits sink; hide my future from me - still He knows what He is about.
Let me be Thy blind instrument. I ask not to see -
I ask not to know - I ask simply to be used.