

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

4 OCTOBER 2015 – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Today we tackle the issue of marriage and divorce; Jesus is asked an awkward question about the legality of divorce. He lays down very clearly that what God intends for marriage is what is found in Genesis (where the “two become one” for all time) rather than the dispensation granted through Moses (permitting a writ of divorce) which was an exception, not the rule. Here it is clear that Jesus abrogates this Old Testament procedure - a point emphasised when the disciples press him further on this issue on getting back home. While it is important for us to be sensitive and understanding towards those whose marriages have gone awry, we must be careful to let the teachings of the Lord speak for themselves.

Liturgy & Activities This Week

Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3

Sunday Missal: page 444; **Readings:** page 448; **Preface:** at priest's choice

Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Collection for CAFOD</i>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)
Tuesday	9.30am Seeds & Gardeners Mass (SJ) 7pm Mass for reception of Fr Michael Fasnacht (Holy Infants) 7.30pm SVP (SB)
Wednesday	9.15am Yr 3 Class Mass (SC) No 9.30am Mass Today (SJ) 12noon Requiem Mass for Fr Michael Fasnacht (Holy Infants) <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)
Saturday	5pm Mass (SC) 5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy <i>A Special Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their families</i>

Prayers Please



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, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Sheila Darbishire, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mark Shorrocks and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

Lately Dead: Bob Corlett, Bridie O'Sullivan, Fr Michael Fasnacht, Margaret Carney, Michael Varley, Rosemary Davies, Ashley Gullick

Anniversaries: Mary Hurst, Eve Mary McArdle, Florence Reid, Barbara Grimes

Mass Intentions: Mary Hurst, Esther Thomas (Birthday Remembrance), Eve Mary McArdle, Bob Corlett, Rosemary Davies, Florence Reid, Margaret Carney, James Arthurs (sick), Michael Varley, Joyce Knight, In honour of St Anthony, St Jude & the Sacred Heart, In thanksgiving to St Anthony, Little Eddie (very sick child), Barbara Grimes, Brian Newberry (sick), Ian & Jackie Kay (Golden Wedding Anniversary), Bridie O'Sullivan, For the Heywood & Shuttleworth families

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

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Congratulations: To Kian Lennon Culliney who was baptised at St John's last Saturday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

Sacramental Programme: The first meeting for parents and children from all three parishes will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 11 November in St Brendan's Church. If you have a child in Yr 3 who does not attend one of our schools, or an older child who did not take part in the programme previously, and you would like them to take part in this year's programme, please have a word with one of the priests.

The Resurrection (Voskresenije) Choir of Saint Petersburg: This wonderful choir will be coming to St Mary's Church, Horwich on Monday 2 November 2015 (7.30pm). Tickets will be priced at £10 but if ordered in advance, they will be £8. Please contact St Mary's Presbytery (01204 468209) or email: stmaryshorwich@gmail.com for tickets. Further information about the Resurrection Choir can be found on their website: <http://voskresenije.blogspot.com/>

Message of Thanks: Eileen would like to thank the person who found her bracelet at St Brendan's. She is really very grateful.

SVP

The Destitution Project: Thank you, as always, for your support towards our September collection. Our next general collection will be in December



The Harvest Fast Day envelopes will be collected at our Masses this weekend (3 & 4 October). Thank you.

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all members who attended our first Season 6 meeting of Book Club. It was lively and informative as members shared their summer reading. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 28 October at the trial time of 1pm-3pm. The book under discussion is *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. All welcome.

Cameo Group: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 October in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's (2-4pm). There will be a talk by Suzanne Hilton from Age UK. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome.

Becoming Catholic: We are beginning another programme, for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith starting on Tuesday 13 October (7pm). It will be held (hopefully) in St John's Church and the programme will run until Easter (approximately 6 sessions) for anyone in any of our parishes. If 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.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	K Egan	K Egan, C Molyneux
6.30 (SJ)	E Openshaw	TBA
9.15 (SJ)	J Carroll	E Rothwell, J Summerton, F Smith, J Carroll, M Cropper, A Grundy
10.15 (SC)	J O'Connor	F & P McDowell
11.15 (SB)	G Roohan	K Wilkinson, P Carolan, J Murphy



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Marriage Matters (twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Two in one flesh - God said: "It is not good that the man should be alone." Do I value my husband, my wife? Do I really know you, my beloved and lifelong companion? When was the last time we were intimate or celebrated our sexuality; the essence of our being two in one flesh? How much of a priority are you in my life?

Think Vocation

During this month of the Holy Rosary, let us continue to model our lives on the faith of Our Blessed Lady. We can resolve to pray the Rosary more regularly during this month and throughout the year. Perhaps we can dedicate our Rosary, at least once a week for vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life.