



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

12 OCTOBER 2015 – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Go and sell everything you own and follow me.



In today's story of the rich young man, who comes to Jesus full of good intentions, there are some simple words that speak so clearly to our own age: when Jesus tells him to sell everything and give it to the poor, "his face fell at these words, and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth." How sad it is that such a keen (he runs up to Jesus), and by all accounts good young man (whom Jesus loves) could not free himself from the one thing that was holding him back: his dependence on money. Jesus' words "How hard it is..." perhaps indicate his own sadness that the young man could not free himself from this. Jesus' teaching was new - as the disciples' reaction shows. In Israel at the time, riches were thought to be a blessing from God. But as Jesus knew and taught, holding on to anything that passes away can distract us from holding on to things that are eternal.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i>		<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <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, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mark Shorrocks, Fr Denis Sheahan and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Kevin Booth, May Jennings, Bob Corlett, Fr Michael Fasnacht, Fr Patrick Earley</p> <p>Anniversaries: Danny McKenna, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Ellen Kirkman, Joe & Leila Parker</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Kevin Booth, Eileen Wakes (recovering from a hip operation), Danny McKenna, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Fr Michael Fasnacht, May Jennings, Ellen Kirkman, Bernard & Pauline Tucker (Golden Wedding Anniversary & formerly of St Columba's parish), Joe & Leila Parker</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> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-size: small;"> <p>This Newsletter is sponsored by HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE Peel House 638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton. BL1 7AL 01204 309609</p>  </div>
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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 <i>A Special Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their families</i>	
Monday	No Mass Today 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	11.30am Requiem Mass for Bob Corlett (SJ) 7pm Becoming Catholic Meeting (<i>St John's Church</i>) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.15am Yr 2 Class Mass (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ) 1.45pm Yr 6 Class Mass (SJ School) 2-4pm Cameo Group (Harbour Room, SB)	
Thursday <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	9.15am Mass (SB) 1-2.30pm Peace Prayers (Bank Street Chapel) [<i>See overleaf</i>]	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	5pm Mass (SC) 5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>A Special Collection for the Propagation of the Faith</i>	
Next Sunday <i>World Mission Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	

Temporary Change of Mass Times

On the weekend of 24/25 October, we will only have one priest available to celebrate the Sunday Masses. So, for that weekend, we will just have three Masses rather than our usual five:

Saturday 5pm at St Columba's, Sunday 9.15am at St John's and Sunday 11.15am at St Brendan's.

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Congratulations: To Ian and Jackie Kay who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding and to Pete and Belinda John who celebrated their Silver Wedding. We send them every best wish and our prayers for many more years to come.



Congratulations: To Niamh Isobel Moss who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that she and her 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.

Salford Catechist Adult Formation Group: This is a group which invites all catechists, or interested adults, to get together to support each other in their mission. Maybe you are involved with Children's Liturgy, the Sacramental Programme, bereavement counselling etc., or maybe you put on occasional programmes in your parish, we would love to hear of your experiences. The next session (24 October, 10am-3pm) is at Wardley Hall, Worsley. Given room constraints it will be necessary to register for this meeting. You will need to bring a packed lunch, but tea and coffee will be provided. Mass, at 12 noon, will be celebrated by Bishop John Arnold. Please register by contacting: Barbara Delafield 01942 814634. Email: barbara.delafield@gmail.com

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/>

The Destitution Project: Pam Green has sent the following message of Thanks: Dear Fr Cooke, on behalf of the Destitution Project at Victoria Hall, may I say Thank you to everyone concerned for the huge amounts of food, clothing and household goods etc which have been sent to us this month. They are very much appreciated.

Cameo Group: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 October in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's (2-4pm). Refreshments will be available and all are welcome.

Peace Prayers: As part of the World Prayer for Peace Week, Bolton Interfaith Council are holding a day of prayer on Thursday 15 October 1pm-2:30pm, Bank Street Unitarian Chapel, Crown Street, Bolton. The programme will include music and reading of peace prayers by members from our communities and school children. The Prayers for World Peace will also remember Alan Henning, the taxi driver who lost his life a year ago and all the Victims of Wars. Everyone welcome and light refreshments will be provided. For further info please contact Chan at Bolton Interfaith Council on 01204 546100 or email: chan@boltoninterfaithcouncil.org.uk

St John's 200 Club: The October winners are:

- £50 J Marshall (10)
- £30 M Armstrong (64)
- £20 D Harwood (139)



Building Update

St Columba's Presbytery: Some of you will have seen a skip arrive at the presbytery on Thursday and a few volunteers to-ing and fro-ing with boxes etc. This is because work is about to commence on our urgently needed new heating system (in preparation for the winter) and on the demolition of the presbytery. We are waiting for the results of the usual surveys and then work will commence. Most of the furniture from inside the Presbytery will be given to the British Heart Foundation and as carpets etc were destroyed during the flood, they will be placed in the skip along with any other items that are unfit for purpose. After having had all our recent vandalism and break-ins these steps to make St Columba's a more secure building are necessary and, with the addition of a brand new heating system, will make the running costs more effective. We thank you for your patience and understanding with this project, and hope that there will be minimum disruption.

St John's Patmos Room Extension: Work is continuing at the expected pace, though of course the initial problem with the foundations did put the project back by several weeks. So completion is now expected in November rather than October. Once the project is complete, we will have a very useful meeting space and a great enhancement to this church.

Finances: Much as we dislike talking about money, you will all be aware that building work (even demolition) is quite expensive. Given these two current projects, and the previous extensive work at St Brendan's, we will need to have a fund-raising drive in the not too distant future. Any ideas for raising funds would be welcome.

Marriage Matters (twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

The call to change: No his or hers. Today, the Gospel calls us to share ALL that we have. We promised to do this on our wedding day when we said that we would change the things that come between us and develop the things that bring us together. It is this journey of change that makes our marriage the sign of Jesus' love for us all.

Think Vocation

These days quite a few people present themselves as candidates for the priesthood and religious life after having worked in all sorts of different occupations. In undertaking such a change of life, they are prepared to give up property, good salaries and other comforts. May more people have the courage to make such sacrifices with confidence and trust in the Lord Jesus.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	V Cryer	M Hilton, J Cranshaw
6.30 (SJ)	C Holmes	P McArdle, B Ramsden, F Filbin
9.15 (SJ)	A Gracie	M Russell, F Smith, M Speed D Ramsden, A Cunliffe, M Cropper
10.15 (SC)	G Roohan	M Hilton, J O'Connor
11.15 (SB)	F Doloroso	C Owen