



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

**18 OCTOBER 2015 – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**



It's often the case that the “values of the Gospel” contradict the “values of the World” - sometimes to the extent that the one is the exact opposite of the other. Today is a typical example: greatness and prominence, success and victory, these are goals that the world has very clear ideas about. The Gospel, however, redefines them: Gospel success is Worldly failure: the Gospel's way of greatness is the World's life of service; and what the World sees as death and failure is in fact life and victory. It's this contrast that we see in the Gospel reading today, where out of a possibly innocent (but possibly sycophantic) question, a debate emerges about prominence and greatness. Jesus makes it clear that his greatness is different to that sought “among the pagans” - he will give his very life, and so become the first of all. We should take his words about the “worldly way of behaving” to heart: “This is not to happen among you.”□

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i>		<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <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, 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><b>Lately Dead:</b> Brian Lomas, Kevin Booth, May Jennings, Bob Corlett,</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Terry McQuaid, George Cowley, Emily Connolly, Elizabeth Villa</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Brian Lomas, Marie Pilkington (very sick), Terry McQuaid, George Cowley, Emily Connolly, Elizabeth Villa, John Reddy (Birthday Remembrance), Fr Denis Sheahan</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> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="font-size: small;">This Newsletter is sponsored by <b>HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE</b> Peel House 638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton. BL1 7AL 01204 309609</p>  </div>
<i>Sunday Missal: page 465; Readings: page 468; Preface: at priest's choice</i>		
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>A Special Collection for the Propagation of the Faith</i>	
<i>World Mission Day</i>		
Monday	9.30am Mass 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.15am Harvest Mass – Whole School (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	5pm Mass (SC) 10.00am-3pm Adult Formation Group (Wardley Hall) <i>Clocks go back one hour</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	
<b>Temporary Change of Mass Times</b>		
<p>Next weekend (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.</p>		

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**World Mission Sunday:** Today the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations today will support the work of missionaries and young churches as they share faith, build churches and provide healthcare and education, often in difficult and dangerous environments. The World Mission Sunday collection will support mission projects worldwide that bring God's love and message of dignity for all. Please give what you can today as every gift makes a real difference to people living in poverty who are yearning to hear the Good News of God's love for them

**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

**Theatre Lovers:** The range of plays at the Octagon this season is limited due to changes at the theatre from April onwards. We are hoping to book parish tickets for *Two* by Jim Cartwright in the early new year (end of Jan /early Feb). If you are interested in a matinee performance, please give us a ring or see us after Mass. Thank you. *Frank + Madeleine* (303505)

**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 14 November (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).

**CAFOD:** Christmas Cards and Fairtrade goods will be on sale after this and next weekend's Masses at St Columba's.

**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](mailto:stmaryshorwich@gmail.com) for tickets. Further information about the Resurrection Choir can be found on their website: <http://voskresenije.blogspot.com/>

**Finances:** Much as we dislike talking about money, you will all be aware that building work (even demolition) is quite expensive. Given our two current projects (St Columba's heating and Presbytery demolition and St John's Patmos Room) 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](http://twoinoneflesh.org.uk))

**To love is to be strong:** Today we are reminded that Jesus has turned all worldly values upside down. When we place our faith in God's saving love and copy that in our marriages, we too, in spite of our weaknesses and failings, are renewed and made strong in our love for each other. The more we give our love away the more it grows!

**Think Vocation**

Those who live in the Religious life usually live in community. This means often working, living and praying alongside people whom you probably would not have chosen to live with. This is a challenging yet rewarding way of following Christ. May the Lord bless all the Religious orders and communities that have a presence in our Diocese. May others be drawn to join them.

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend**

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	T Lees	K Egan, C Molyneux
9.15 (SJ)	A Hayes	E Rothwell, J Summerton, A Gracie, D Ramsden, J Carroll, F Smith
11.15 (SB)	F Evans	C Owen

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GLORY  
DRINK  
INDIGNANT  
CUP  
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PAGANS  
GREAT  
SERVANT  
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SLAVE  
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