

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

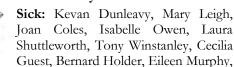
## 18 OCTOBER 2015 - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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.""

	Liturgy & Activities This Week	Prayers Please			
	Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1	Sick: Kevan Dunleavy,			
Sunday	Missal: page 465; Readings: page 468; Preface: at priest's choice	Joan Coles, Isabelle (			
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy	Shuttleworth, Tony Winst			
	10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy	Guest, Bernard Holder, Ei			
	11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy	Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Pe			
World Mission	2pm Baptism (SB)	Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowlin			
Day	A Special Collection for the Propagation of the Faith	Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary			
Monday	9.30am Mass	Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, Rita Br			
·	7.45pm SVP (SJ)	Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Ela			
		Bernard Corri, Winifred Coyle, Knowles, Rita Bell, Mark Shorroc			
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB)	Sheahan and all who are sick or reco			
,	7.30pm SVP (SB)	serious illness.			
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	Lately Dead: Brian Lomas, Kevin Jennings, Bob Corlett,			
		Anniversaries: Terry McQuaid, Geo			
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	Emily Connolly, Elizabeth Villa			
		Mass Intentions: Brian Lomas, Man			
		(very sick), Terry McQuaid, Geo			
Friday	9.15am Harvest Mass – Whole School (SC)	Emily Connolly, Elizabeth Villa,			
j	9.30am Mass (SJ)	(Birthday Remembrance), Fr Denis Si			
		Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We p			
Saturday	5pm Mass (SC)	for: the spread of the Gospel; the			
Saturday	10.00am-3pm Adult Formation Group (Wardley Hall)	fruits of human work & the reve			
	Clocks go back one hour	creation; justice and peace in the work			
	Ŭ	of war; young people; prisoners & the			
Next	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy	This Newsletter is sponsored by			
Sunday	11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy	HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE			
	2pm Baptism (SB)	Peel House 638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton.			
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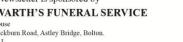
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**Temporary Change of Mass Times** 

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.

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.

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

**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)

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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