



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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015</b> <b>30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 475; <i>Readings</i> page 478 <i>Preface at Priest's choice</i></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg); font-weight: bold; margin-right: 10px;">LORD THAT I MAY SEE!</div>  </div> <p>All of Jesus' miracles can be read in many different ways: there is always a message almost a parable behind each one that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no exception: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift he could give to Bartimaeus - the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. So Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there: in our own age we still have the blind, and those who suffer: there are still tears to be washed away Jesus work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him in doing what we can to bring that comfort which is the Kingdom of God to all in need.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2015</b> <b>FEAST OF ALL SAINTS</b> <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 944; <i>Preface</i> page 948</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Every priest, and indeed every Catholic, can sometimes find themselves in the position of someone asking "This religion of yours what's it all about, really, when you come down to it? What's the bottom line?" Our temptation might be to start going on at length, which is when we should remember this Gospel. Jesus, asked a very similar question, pins our faith down to two very simple things love of God and love of neighbour which together make up the foundation for everything else in our religion. The very simplicity of these two commandments is a gift, so that we can try to live them out each day of our lives. The first commandment, which is also that given by Moses in the first reading, is actually a prayer that our Jewish brothers and sisters still recite every single day. Jesus, our perfect High Priest, gives us these two commandments to be written in our heads and our hearts, to remember each day, so that we may conduct ourselves in the paths of the Kingdom of God.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses, Feasts &amp; Activities</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Masses</b> 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB); 2pm Baptism (SB)</p> <p><b>Monday</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ); 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> 7pm Mass (SB); 7.30pm SVP (SB)</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) – <i>St Simon &amp; St Jude</i></p> <p><b>Thursday</b> 9.15am Mass (SB)</p> <p><b>Friday</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> Baptism 11am (SC) Reconciliation 5.30pm-6pm (SJ) Masses 5pm (SC); 6.30pm (SJ)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses, Feasts &amp; Activities</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Masses</b> 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB)</p> <p><b>Monday</b> 9.30am Whole School Mass (SJ); 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> 9.15am Mass (SB); 7pm Becoming Catholic Course (SJ); 7.30pm SVP (SB)</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) – <i>St Charles Borromeo</i></p> <p><b>Thursday</b> 9.15am Mass (SB)</p> <p><b>Friday</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Parish Quiz Night (Dunscar Conservative Club)</p> <p><b>Saturday</b> 11am Baptism (SC) 11am-12noon Adoration &amp; Reconciliation (SJ) Masses 5pm (SC); 6.30pm (SJ)</p> <p><b>Next Sunday:</b> 9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Remembrance Sunday [See over]</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Think Vocation</b></p> <p>Jesus opens the eyes of the blind man because even though he could not see he recognised that he was in the presence of the Messiah "the Son of David". We too need to ask for the faith of Bartimaeus and know that we are always in the presence of the Lord even though we cannot see him.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Think Vocation</b></p> <p>We can all think of priests or religious who have made a deep impression on us but have now died. November is the month the Church remembers the faithful departed. In remembering them we need to be grateful for the way we have been brought closer to our Lord Jesus by the example and inspiration of those who have now died.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marriage Matters</b></p> <p><b>Ask and you will receive:</b> The prophet tells us today that if we ask, the Lord will always comfort, lead and guide us, so that we will not stumble. Jesus' response to Bartimaeus – "What do you want me to do for you?" – points the way. In marriage we become mirrors of God's saving help, supporting each other and being sure guides for our children.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marriage Matters</b></p> <p><b>Remember our wedding vows:</b> In the Old Testament, Moses said: "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength." In Mark's gospel Jesus completes this commandment: "You must love your neighbour as yourself". Your wife, your husband, is the nearest neighbour you have! This is what we promised each other on our wedding day.</p>

## 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, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Fr Denis Sheahan, Mary Cassidy and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

**Lately Dead:** Mark Shorrock

**Anniversaries:** Nicola Lamoury, Dorothy Hodget

**Mass Intentions:** In thanksgiving for favours received, Cynthia Winstanley (Birthday Remembrance), Nicola Lamoury, Mark Shorrock, A Special Intention, Madeline Crompton (Birthday Remembrance), Dorothy Hodget



**Congratulations:** To Clara Paige Hough who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

**Birthday Congratulations:** We would like to send our very best wishes to Marjorie Greenwood (a parishioner at St Brendan's) who celebrated her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Friday 23 October! We hope you had an enjoyable time.

**Mass for the Deceased:** Our annual Mass, organised by the SVP, for all who have died in the past year will take place at St Brendan's on Saturday 28 November at 11am.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** Will next meet on Wednesday 28 October to discuss *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. We are still trying out the earlier start at 1pm and hoping to finish by 2.45pm. All welcome.

**Octagon:** The trip to the Octagon to see "Two" by Jim Cartwright (comedy) will take place on Saturday 30 January at the 2pm matinee time. The price is £11.85 (concession price). We would be grateful for swift payment as the Octagon won't hold the tickets for long! Matinee seats go fast. Please ring us if you would like to go on 303505. *Frank & Madeleine Evans. Thank you.*

**CAMEO Group:** Thank you to all who came last Wednesday. A £25 donation was given to Age UK, for which they were really grateful.

**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.

**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 at St Columba's after Mass this weekend.

**Fundraising:** We have had several ideas towards raising money for our parishes. Thank you so far, and please keep those ideas coming in!

**Parish Quiz: The tickets are now sold out.**

**The Resurrection (Voskresenije) Choir of Saint Petersburg:** At 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/>

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	M Maybury	M Hilton, J Cranshaw
6.30 (SJ)	A Bowling	E Clarke, M Fau-Goodwin, P McArdle
9.15 (SJ)	V Holstead	M Speed, A Grundy, A Cunliffe, J Summerton, M Cropper, M Russell
10.15 (SC)	T Owen	M Hilton, J O'Connor
11.15 (SB)	E Rankin	C Owen

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Weekend 7/8 November

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	L Seals	P & F McDowell
6.30 (SJ)	D Cooper	B Ramsden, F Filbin, L Rule
9.15 (SJ)	M Russell	F Smith, A Gracie, M Cropper, E Rothwell, J Carroll, D Ramsden
10.15 (SC)	N Villa	F Ginty, T Owen
11.15 (SB)	T Proctor	T Proctor, T Taylor, J Proctor



**Remembrance Day Services:** There will be special services held at Dunsar War Memorial and in Albert Square, Bolton on Sunday 8 November.

### Quiet Prayer

Lord, Creator of all things  
 Giver of every good and perfect gift  
 I praise and worship You.  
 Lord, who is all-knowing and all-giving  
 Be with me in all things great and small  
 So that small things become great  
 And great things become possible.  
 Lord, who is all-loving and forgiving  
 Bless my family and loved ones  
 And make my home a sanctuary  
 Of love and peace.  
 Lord, You are the way, the truth, and the life  
 You are my shield, my strength, my guide  
 You are the Mighty One  
 Worthy of all my love, praise and worship.  
 Be with me now and forever.  
*Amen.*

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