


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

8 NOVEMBER 2015 – THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



“God does not have favourites”, Saint Paul tells us, but God always makes a special place for the poor, and those whom society would push into second place. In the traditions of Israel, God invited the people to have special care for the “widows and orphans” - so the story we hear in today’s Gospel would have a particular resonance. The paradox of Christian faith is this: in giving, we receive. Christ gave everything, sacrificing his very life, and in return received a new and unending life. The widow in the first reading gave her last food for the prophet Elijah, and in return received an endless supply. This is a challenge to us in our turn: what are we invited or asked to give, and in what spirit will we do so, and what will be our reward?

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i> Sunday Missal: page 494; Readings: page 497; Preface: at priest’s choice		Prayers Please
<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) 11am Remembrance Services [see overleaf] 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p>Sick: 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, Mary Cassidy and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Fr Denis Sheahan, Kevan Dunleavy, Nora Brennan, Patricia Howe, Marie Pilkington</p> <p>Anniversaries: Jack Eastwood, Harold Eastwood, Maureen Smyth Taylor, Victor Gill, William & Anne Davies, Francis & Elizabeth Wright, Philip Marshall, Philip Hall, Arthur McSherry, Robert Neil Potter, John Lynch, Mgr Joseph Mallon,</p> <p>Mass Intentions: A Special Intention, Maureen Smyth Taylor, Eileen & Victor Gill, Rosemary Davies, William & Anne Davies, Francis & Elizabeth Wright, Mark Shorrock, Nora Brennan, Philip Marshall, Philip Hall, Arthur McSherry, Robert Neil Potter, Lilian Dawson (Birthday Remembrance), Deceased relatives and friends of the Tetlow family, Patricia Howe, Deceased members of the Quinn family, William and Elizabeth Jenkinson, A Special Intention, John Lynch, Mgr Joseph Mallon (8th Anniversary), Marie Pilkington, Fr. Denis Sheahan</p>
<i>Monday The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.30am Mass 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
<i>Tuesday St Leo the Great</i>	1.45pm Yr5 Class Mass in School (SJ) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
<i>Wednesday St Martin of Tours</i>	9.00am Mass (SJ) [Please note earlier time] 9.15am Reception & Yr1 Liturgy (SC School) 6.30pm Sacramental Programme Meeting (St Brendan’s)	
<i>Thursday St Josaphat</i>	No Mass today	
<i>Friday</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) [11am Fr Sheahan’s Requiem Mass in Ireland]	
<i>Saturday</i>	10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation (Harbour Room, St Brendan’s) 3pm Wedding for Dean Harrop & Danielle Kelly (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>A Special Collection for the Retired</i>	
<i>Next Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children’s Liturgy <i>Priests Fund</i> 10.15am Mass (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SC)	

Fr Denis Sheahan RIP

Fr Sheahan was parish priest at St John’s from 1994 to 2006 and then lived in retirement in Astley Bridge. He died in Royal Bolton Hospital on Thursday morning. At his specific request, his funeral is taking place in his home village in Ireland. So his Requiem Mass is at 11am next Friday in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Currow, Co. Kerry. Our parish will be represented at the funeral by Mr John Howarth (who is involved in making the funeral arrangements). At a later date, there will be a Diocesan Memorial Mass for Fr Sheahan. In the meantime, let us keep him and his family in our prayers. May he rest in peace and may they be comforted in their loss.

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Remembrance Sunday



On this day we remember all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn.

Services: There will be special services at 11am this Sunday held at Dunscair War Memorial and in Victoria Square, Bolton. There will be a further service at 11am on Wednesday in Victoria Square.

Prayer

O God, merciful and strong,
who crush wars and cast down the proud,
be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst
and to wipe away all tears,
so that we may all truly deserve to be called your children.

Roman Missal

Congratulations: To Peter Birch and Jaclyn Kelly (parishioners at St John's) who were married in Jaclyn's home parish in New York on 23 October. We pray that they will have a long, happy and fulfilling married life.



Congratulations: To Clark Henry Cooke who was baptised on Sunday 25 October at St Brendan's and to Michaela Tatenda Makubika who was Baptised last Saturday at St Columba's. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Birthday Congratulations (Apologies): We would like to send our very best wishes to Marjorie Greenhalgh (*not Greenwood*), a parishioner at St Brendan's, who celebrated her 102nd birthday on Friday 23 October! We hope you had an enjoyable time.

Message of Thanks: The Shorrocks family would like to thank clergy, parishioners, friends and everyone for their support at this time. The service was a true tribute to a gentle man who would have been honoured and humbled. Thank you and God bless.

Christmas Toy Collection: We have been asked if we would hold a collection of newly purchased toys in aid of Fortalice. Fortalice was founded by volunteers as a Charity in 1977 and provides frontline services including a twenty-two bed refuge and a support centre for women and children who are affected by or who are fleeing domestic abuse. As the women and children have often lived a deprived and abusive life with little in the way of presents for birthdays or Christmas, Fortalice is always delighted to receive donations of toys and presents to ensure the residents in the refuge have a Christmas most of us would take for granted. It has been supported by local Churches and the Bolton community since the organisation began and without the generosity of people in the local community, would not be able to survive or give parents and children a new experience of receiving individual presents. We will hold the toy collection at our Sunday Masses on the 6 December and a representative from Fort Alice will give a short talk.

Retired Priests Fund: Next weekend we have a special collection to help towards the cost of supporting the retired priests in our diocese.

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. Please let one of the priests know if you will be attending or email office@sbsj.org.uk.

St John's Christmas Draw 2015: Tickets will be available at the side doors after the Saturday and Sunday Masses this weekend. Please take some to sell to your family and friends. If we manage to sell them all, it will raise over £2000 towards our new building work. The prizes will be gift vouchers (as last year) and a list will be available if you wish to donate vouchers of your own choice. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. *Danny & Vince*

Church Cleaning (SJ): The cleaning team for November is *Team 3* - (Russell Crocker, Louise White, Joanne Robinson and Christine Dustin).

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.

Think Vocation

Jesus is impressed by the generosity of the Widow because she gave to God all she had to live on. We are also called to show complete faith and trust in God. In the Rite of Ordination the candidate prostrates himself on the floor of the Church while the people pray the Litany of Saints. This posture of vulnerability speaks of the trust we place in God.

Marriage Matters (twinoneflesh.org.uk)

Giving from what little we have: Considering the context of today's readings, we see the 'holiness' inherent in the 'sacrifices' of all those involved. The reality of life's experiences indicates that it is through giving that we receive. The small things we do each day produce wonderful and fruitful consequences in our marriage. Our graced daily 'yes' to one another is what ultimately 'makes us holy'.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	C Molyneaux	K Egan, C Molyneux
6.30 (SJ)	L Rule	Z Mikolajewski, J Cowen, E Clarke
9.15 (SJ)	A Grundy	M Russell, J Summerton, F Smith, A Cunliffe, M Speed, A Grundy
10.15(SC)	G Roohan	P & F McDowell
11.15(SB)	C Owen	T Taylor, T Proctor, J Proctor

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