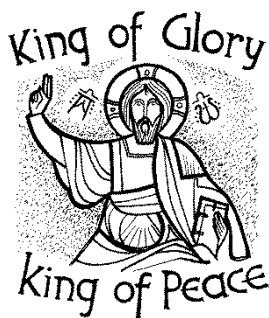




**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**22 NOVEMBER 2015
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**



Every time we complete the cycle of the liturgical year, there is a seamless blending into the new year: so, just as this week we hear of the King who is to come, next week, we begin a New Year and the Season of Advent by more meditation on the end of time, and the One who is to come again, as he once came among us. This feast affirms that Christ is King, that he is Judge, that he is Ruler of the kings of the earth. By his own words we know that this is true, as he stands before Pilate and says, “Yes, I am a king.” But his kingship is different: it is not of the same kind as earthly kings, whose empires fade and pass away. His kingship is eternal and holy until the end of time. Through his love for us, we share in this sovereignty - this holiness - as priests and kings who “serve his God and Father.” We end our year in simple, awe-filled praise of the One who is, who was, and who is to come - the Almighty. Alleluia! Amen!

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: page 514; Readings: page 518; Preface: at priest's choice		<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: Chris Taylor, Jim Snaith, Patrick McGarrigle, Wilfred Feeney, Kevan Dunleavy, Fr Denis Sheahan</p> <p>Anniversaries: Florence & Louis Hodgkinson, Graham Taylor</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Patrick McGarrigle, Kevan Dunleavy, Samuel & Ivy Cooper (Birthday Remembrance), Dean Harrop & Danielle Kelly (Wedding), Joyce Knight, Wilfred Feeney, Fr Denis Sheahan, Florence & Louis Hodgkinson, Graham Taylor, Winifred Meagher</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="font-size: small;">This Newsletter is sponsored by HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE Peel House 638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton. BL1 7AL 01204 309609</p>  </div>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy <i>Youth Sunday</i> <i>A Special Day of Prayer for Young People</i>	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac</i>	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 1pm-2.45pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 7pm Taizé Music (Manchester Cathedral)	
Friday	11.30am Requiem Mass for Chris Taylor (SJ)	
Saturday	11am Mass for the Deceased (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	
Collections & Donations: <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.</i>		
Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i>		
Gift Aid: <i>If you are a tax-payer, the parish can claim back the tax you have paid on any donations you make if you simply sign a Gift Aid form once. Please ask. Thanks</i>		

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Congratulations: To Tatiana Lucrecia Vidal who was baptised at St Columba's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.



Congratulations: To Dean Harrop and Danielle Kelly who were married at St Brendan's last Saturday. We pray that they will have a long, happy and fulfilling married life.

Consultation: At our Masses this weekend, we will have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop John following the Consultation within our diocese in the summer. Copies of both the Pastoral Letter and the Summary Report will be made available after the Masses for you to take away.

Book Signing: Peter Lupton will be signing copies of his book *Rowland Broomhead – Apostle of the North* on Thursday 3 December at 6.30pm at the Cathedral Centre. Further details will be in next week's newsletter.

Lourdes 2016: For those interested in joining next year's Pilgrimage, there will be a Mass to celebrate the Feast of The Immaculate Conception in the Cathedral on Tuesday 8 December (7.30pm). Also, if anyone is interested in becoming a Young Adult Volunteer, they will have to attend a training session at the Cathedral Centre if their application is to be approved. The first of these took place last week and the second will be held on Sunday 17 December at 2.30pm. Margaret Russell from St John's and Peter Carolan from St Brendan's will help with our local organisation. Please speak to any of us if you have any early queries. *Terry Smith* 01204 531197. Email: terencesmith4@virginmedia.com.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting of the Harbour Room Book Club will take place on Wednesday 25 November (1pm-2.45pm). The book for discussion is *Neverwhere* by Neil Gaiman. All welcome.

Taizé Music: At Manchester Cathedral, on Thursday, 26 November 2015, at 7pm. You would be most welcome to join us for this hour of peace just before Advent!

Christie Friends: Are having a *Musical Evening* on Saturday 5 December at the Ukrainian Club, Castle Street, Bolton (5-9pm). Tickets are £7.50 which includes a pastie & peas supper! Please come along and support the patients and their families.

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.

Volunteers needed: If anyone is available to help with the dismantling/removal of larger items of furniture at St Columba's Presbytery on Tuesday 24 November (9.30am-1pm) please let us know by telephoning the office (301927).

Christmas Toy Collection: We have been asked if we would hold a collection of newly purchased toys in aid of Fortalice. 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.

CAFOD World Gifts: Have you ever thought of giving someone a chicken, a cow or a queen bee for Christmas? CAFOD World Gifts are alternative gifts that make a world of difference. They do something no pair of socks can, they change lives around the world. If you would like more information, please speak to a member of the CAFOD Group or visit www.cafod.org or pick up a catalogue.

Urban Outreach

Urban Outreach is planning to provide Christmas Dinner on Jesus to 1,200 nominated individuals and families around Bolton who find this time of year difficult. This is a complete Christmas Day meal in a box including the chicken, vegetables, crackers and chocolates and much more. This brings the love of Jesus into so many homes in a practical way!

If you would like to help by either donating items or money or volunteering to help pack & give out the hampers (16-23 December) then please contact Hannah Matthews, Local Welfare Provision Coordinator, Urban Outreach (Bolton), Environ House, Salop Street, Bolton BL2 1DZ. Tel: 01204 385848
christmasdinner@urbanoutreach.co.uk

Advent & Christmas

Walk With Me: The booklets and calendars for Advent are now available – free of charge. Do please take one home and use it to help your prayer during this season of preparation for Christmas.

Christmas Stamps: Royal Mail postage stamps featuring Nativity scenes are now available from post offices. Just ask for religious stamps.

St Columba's Christmas Draw: tickets are now on sale.

St John's Christmas Draw: Tickets are on sale. Prizes will be gift vouchers only. Anyone wishing to donate a voucher of any value will be very welcome.

Marriage Matters (twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Marriage, called to be a kingdom of love: In our sacramental relationship we are called to be a 'kingdom of love'. Just as God's kingdom is for all, so our marriages are not private relationships. We are a 'sign' for all, especially for our children where truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, desire, passion, tenderness, joy and peace reign. It sounds a tall order - but not with God!

Think Vocation

We are aware that the Church has a presence in virtually every country in the World. Let us take some time today to reflect on a particular country of our choice. Perhaps we can do a little research into what the Church is like in that country. Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life in that part of the world. We rejoice that Christ is our Universal King regardless of our nationality or country of residence.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	V Cryer	K Egan, C Molyneux
6.30 (SJ)	C Shecter	F Filbin, L Rule, Z Mikolajewski
9.15 (SJ)	G French	M Russell, F Smith, J Summerton, A Cunliffe, M Speed, M Cropper
10.15(SC)	T Owen	F Ginty, T Owen
11.15(SB)	M Durkan	P Carolan, K Wilkinson, J Murphy