DIOCESE OF SALFORD

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

24TH JANUARY 2016 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



After our brief excursion last week into Saint John's Gospel, we are back on track this week with Saint Luke - whom we will follow for the rest of the year. Today is about beginnings: the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It begins with the Word of God, in the synagogue. Jesus reads from the Old Testament, as we do every Sunday, and tells the people that it is fulfilled in him. Everything that God has said to his people, through his prophets, comes together in Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God. Today is an ideal Sunday to think about the ministry of reader - about how as readers we make present the same fulfillment, Jesus, when we read the word of God in our Churches.

	Liturgy & Activities This Week	Prayers Please		
Sund	Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3 lay Missal: page 195; Readings 200; Preface at priest's choice	Sick: Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Cecilia		
Sunday Racial Justice Day	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) A Day of Special Prayer for Peace & Justice	Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Mary		
Monday (25 th) The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	Joan Tornai, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, Derek Crompton, Florence Toole, Roy Shepherd, Margaret Hatchman, Tony Wright and all who are sick or recovering from serious		
Tuesday (26 th) St Tomothy & St Titus	7pm Becoming Catholic Course (SJ) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	illness. Lately Dead: Ned Hennessey, Jenny Appleyard,		
Wednesday (27 th)	9.15am Yr 3 Class Mass (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ)	Maria Verbini, Bernard Shuttleworth, Mother of Margaret Brabbin, Ron Brierley, Ann Farrell, Vincent John, Andrew Corr,		
Thursday (28 th) St Thomas	9.15am Mass (SB) 7.30pm CAFOD Group (Harbour Room, SB)	Anniversaries: John Hall, Eleanor Owen, Cynthia Winstanley, James Connolly, Vera Boatfield, Bridget Knowles, Michael Axford		
Aquinas Friday (29 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ)	Mass Intentions: Jenny Appleyard, John Hall, Eleanor & Bill Owen, Tony Wright (sick), Cynthia Winstanley, James Connolly, Vera & Fred Boatfield, John McCormick, Bridget		
Saturday (30 th)	2pm Baptism (SJ)5pm Mass (SC)5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ)6.30pm Mass (SJ)Special Collection for	Knowles, Michael Axford, Ned Hennessey, Ann Houghton (sick)		
Next Sunday (31 st)	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy Caritas 10.15am Mass (SC) – Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy 3pm-5pm Mercy Bus Volunteers Training Day (Assembly Room, Salford Cathedral) Second Cathedral	Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6): We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed		

Collections & Donations: All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.

Mass Intentions: Cheques should be made payable to St John's

Gift Aid: 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

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Congratulations: To William Francis Miles Smith who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

Caritas Sunday Special Collection: Next weekend we will pray for and have a collection for Caritas (Diocese of Salford), the organisation that helps people in need throughout our diocese.

Fortalice: We have received a letter from Fortalice thanking us for a donation they received of $f_{\pm}100$.

CAFOD: The next CAFOD meeting is on Thursday 28 January (7.30pm) in the Harbour room at St Brendan's. All welcome!

Church Car Park Gates (SB): Please ensure that the pedestrian gate and both car park gates are fully opened at all times when the car park is in use. The pedestrian gate has recently been fitted with a drop bolt which should be securely placed in the retaining hole to stop it moving and posing a hazard, especially to children.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting of the Harbour Room Book Club will be on Wednesday 27 January. It will begin at 1.15pm and finish close to 3pm. The book for discussion is *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak. Refreshments provided and all welcome!

Theatre Reminder: *TWO* is at the Octagon Theatre on Saturday 30 January beginning at 2pm. Time to start finding those tickets! *Madeleine*.

Singin' in the Rain: Wednesday 8 June at the Octagon. The revised price is now £15.27 per person. There are some spare seats left. We will start collecting on Sundays after 11.15am Mass at St Brendan's.. Cheques payable to **The Octagon Theatre.** Thank you. *Frank and Madeleine* 303505

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Mercy Bus Volunteers: This Lent, Salford Diocese have organised for a Mercy Bus with priests onboard to reach out to people during the Year of Mercy. Beginning in February, the specially designed double-decker "Mercy Bus" will tour different parts of the Diocese, stopping in City and Town centres for the day. There will be a group of priests on board available for confession, or a blessing, or to simply have a chat with. We need young adult volunteers (18-35yrs) who are willing to be "missionary disciples". The dates the Mercy Bus will be touring the Diocese are Saturdays 6th (Salford), 13th (Bolton), 20th (Burnley), 27th (Blackburn) February, and Saturdays 5th (Rochdale), 12th (Ashton) 19th (North Manchester) and Tuesday 22nd (South Manchester) March 2016. If you are able to volunteer we just ask that you attend our training day on Sunday 31st January 2016, 3-5pm at the Assembly Room, Salford Cathedral, 3 Ford Street, Salford M3 6DP. For more information or to register a place for the training day please contact Lorraine Leonard at lorraine.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Readers (SB & SJ): The new rota is available this weekend

Caritas Young Parents' Service Are holding a 60's Night

At St Osmunds, Long Lane, Breightmet BL2 6EB Friday 29 January – 7.30pm

In aid of The Radcliffe Road Mother and Baby Unit

Entertainment, Raffles and Supper.

Tickets £7.50 available from: Radcliffe Road (385245) or Angela Bradshaw (521490)

Marriage Matters (twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

A new creation: On our wedding day you and I became us! I am still me, you are still you, but we are now linked together in a unique relationship. When we share ourselves completely with each other, we are enabled to speak with the authority of faith, hope and love. In this context we bring the Good News of marriage to everyone.

Think Vocation

"The Spirit of the Lord..... has anointed me." The word 'Christ' means anointed one – appointed by God for a mission. At a priestly ordination, the hands of the priest are anointed with the Sacred Oil of Chrism. The priest is then able to lead the people of God with the authority of Christ.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend						
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers				
5.00 (SC)	L Seals	M Hilton, J Cranshaw				
6.30 (SJ)	D Cooper	J Cowen, F Filbin, P McArdle				
9.15 (SJ)	F Carter	F Smith, J Summerton, D Ramsden, A Cunliffe, A Rawlinson, M Cropper				
10.15(SC)	C Smith	M Hilton, J O'Connor				
11.15(SB)	F Evans	P Carolan, J Murphy, K Wilkinson				