

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


17TH APRIL 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



This is traditionally known as “Good Shepherd” Sunday, and is part of the continuing journey of Easter – remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who both gives his life for his sheep and takes it up again. His relationship with us, after the resurrection, is closer than we can imagine: through his dying and rising, Jesus fulfils the promise he makes in today’s Gospel: “I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost.” This Sunday is another opportunity for us to consider the consequences of the Resurrection – how we live the Easter Story.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i> Sunday Missal: page 752; Readings 758; Preface (at priest’s choice) <i>For Prayers in Latin: Number 670 in Hymn Book</i>		<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, Derek Crompton, Florence Toole, Roy Shepherd, Margaret Hatchman, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, Sheila Riley, Barbara Stoppard, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Jim Carney, John James McLaughlin, Carrie Roscoe and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Bernard Ramsden Vincent Mullarkey, Bert Winstanley, Leonard Ward, Veronica Evans, Patricia Brandwood</p> <p>Anniversaries: Mary Doyle, Marie Lamoury, Joan Plumbley, Tom Sheridan Snr, Tom Sheridan Jnr, Mark Shepherd, Dennis O’Hara, Alex Strickleton</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Patricia Brandwood, Veronica Evans, Mary Doyle, Mark Greenhalgh (seriously ill), Bert Winstanley, In honour of St Anthony for a Special Intention, Marie Lamoury, Joan Plumbley, Tom Sheridan Snr, Tom Sheridan Jnr, Mark Shepherd, Dennis O’Hara, Alex Strickleton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6)</p> <p>We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work.</p>
Sunday <i>Vocations Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>A Special Collection for the Priests Training Fund</i>	
Monday (18 th)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (19 th)	9.15am Yr4 Class Mass (SC) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (20 th)	10am Requiem Mass for Veronica Evans (SJ)	
Thursday (21 st)	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday (22 nd)	9.30am Yr2 Mass in Church (SJ) 1pm Requiem Mass for Vincent Mullarkey (SJ)	
Saturday (23 rd) <i>St George, patron of England</i>	12noon Mass to celebrate Bishop Brain’s Episcopal Silver Jubilee (Salford Cathedral) – <i>All welcome</i> 5pm Mass (SC)	
Next Sunday (24 th)	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children’s Liturgy Baptism 2pm (SB)	
Change to Weekday Mass Time		
When we altered the pattern of Sunday and weekday Masses at the beginning of Lent, we introduced a Wednesday morning Mass at St Columba’s. This has not proved popular, with very few attending compared to the numbers who used to attend that Wednesday morning Mass at St John’s. Consequently the Wednesday morning Mass will revert to being at St John’s at 9.30am. <i>Please note; there is a Requiem Mass at 10am this week.</i>		

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Tanzania Project: Two of our young parishioners who are going to Tanzania with Thornleigh in the summer will speak to us at the Masses next weekend. We will have a special collection that weekend to support this project.

A Note of Thanks: Moira and all the family of the late Bernard Ramsden would like to thank the many parishioners of St John's for all their Masses, prayers thoughts and comfort. It is helping to ease the pain and loss.

Trip to Salmesbury Hall (18 May): The cost is £10 including transport and tour. Please could those who wish to go bring their payments to 11.15am Mass on a Sunday or to the Book Club meeting on 27 April. There are still some places left. Ring Madeleine on 303505. All welcome.

Cleaning St John's Church: Would you consider giving up an hour a fortnight to help clean the church & Patmos Room whilst creating a happy band of "holy dusters" yes? - then come along and join us at **10am on Friday 22 April here at St John's Church.** You don't need to have been involved in church cleaning before or able to commit to every fortnight. Just come and join the team when you can.

SVP Party (SB): The St Brendan's SVP party is this Sunday (2.30pm-4.30pm) in the school hall. If anyone could help tidy after the event (5pm), your help would be much appreciated.

Christie Friends: Invite you to Afternoon Tea, along with chilled Prosecco by the glass. Tickets are £20 per person and the event will take place on Monday 25 July from 3pm at Hoysters in Holcombe Brook. Please contact Kath Brown (07753 170241)

Northern Catholic Conference: *"Blessed are the Merciful; they shall have mercy shown them."* This year's conference will be on Friday 17th, to Sunday 19th June at Liverpool Hope University. Speakers include Fr Denis McBride, Fr Pat Deegan, Tony Hickey and Sr Seraphim. All bookings to Northern Catholic Conference, "Regina Coeli", 6 Warner Drive, Liverpool, L4 8US and any enquiries to 07543 800812.

New Safeguarding Commission Member: Salford Catholic Safeguarding Commission is looking to recruit a volunteer to become an enthusiastic member of the commission. Ideally the new member would be a professional with experience of children social care, with an interest in safeguarding, and able to commit to attending commission meetings six times a year (every two months) held at the Cathedral Centre, Salford. The appointment is made by Bishop John Arnold, and the term of appointment for members is four years. The new commission member would receive a thorough induction and training to support them in the new role. If you would like to find out more about the role please contact Dawn Lundergan (Safeguarding Co-ordinator) on 0161 817 2206 or dawn.lundergan@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Expressions of interests should be forwarded to Dawn by Monday 9 May 2016.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	C Molyneux	F Ginty, J Owen
9.15 (SJ)	M Roe	J Carroll, A Grundy, M Cropper, M Speed, D Ramsden, A Gracie
11.15(SB)	K Wilkinson	M Durkan, C Owen, P Brennan

A Day of Special Prayer for Vocations

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, is chosen as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. Please pray for all people who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, those who are preparing for ordination or religious profession and for all priests and consecrated men and women.

Ecclesiastical Education Fund

At our Masses this weekend, we will have a special collection for the fund that is used to train future priests. This year there are eight students currently in seminary, including two who will be ordained priest this year.

Vocation Enquiries

Have you ever thought about being a priest or joining a religious order? Why not have a word with a priest you know or make contact with the Diocesan Vocations Promoter (Fr Featherstone) on 0161 748 2328) or the National Office for Vocations (0207 901 4809)

Think Vocation

May we put our trust in Jesus the Good Shepherd to provide dedicated and loyal men to serve the Church of today in the sacred priesthood.

Verdi's Requiem

On Saturday 14 May the Bolton Symphony Orchestra and the Bolton Catholic Choral Society are staging a performance of Verdi's *Requiem*, conducted by Carolyn Baxendale, at the Victoria Hall, Bolton, 7.30pm.

Please come along to support the concert and to experience this most dramatic and beautiful music. A performance of Verdi's Requiem is a huge undertaking and the evening promises to be a very exciting musical experience for performers and audience alike. Your support for events like this help to keep the local musical traditions in Bolton very strong and helps us to keep musical opportunities alive in our town. Tickets (Adults £10, under 19s free) available from www.boltonsymphony.org.uk & www.boltonmethodistmission.co.uk

MESSAGE FROM CAROLYN BAXENDALE TENORS NEEDED URGENTLY!

We are now five weeks away from the Verdi Requiem performance on 14 May. We have a great turn out in Sopranos, Altos and Basses, and rehearsals are going really well. **However, we are very short of tenors!**

This is a request to any tenors who have not signed up to consider joining so that we can balance the chorus as a whole. Please contact Jeanette or myself (Carolyn) on 07789 031951 carolyn.baxendale@btinternet.com

Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

We are a light to the world: Most people, when they get married, think their married life is a private affair but Jesus calls us to be a light to the world as a couple. Through our gentleness and tenderness, our readiness to forgive each other, people we meet can experience some qualities of God's love for them. Living in this way is the vocation of marriage.