

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

29TH MAY 2016 - THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



The Eucharist is not an invention of the Church: it is a part of God's plan of salvation from the very beginning; it is prefigured in the Old Testament, seen today in the food offerings of Melchizedek, priest king of Jerusalem associated with Abraham, who chose bread and wine as the offerings. It is also revealed by the prophetic action of Jesus, in feeding the multitude, before he feeds the Church with the gift that is transmitted through the centuries. The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, is our communication with the Father, in the Spirit: it is the real presence in the Church's here and now of the eternal God; it is Covenant, Memorial and Promise, Meal and Sacrifice, the heartbeat of the Family of Believers.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal page 826; Readings 835; Preface at Priest's choice		Prayers Please
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy	<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, Roy Shepherd, Margaret Hatchman, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, Barbara Stoppard, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, John James McLaughlin, Carrie Roscoe, Christine Hasleden, Eileen Dearden and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Rosemary Atkins</p> <p>Anniversaries: John Southworth, Frank Kirkham, John Fitzgerald, Bernadette Walmsley, Dennis Sugg</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Mary & Philip Marshall (Birthday Remembrance), Rosemary Atkins, John Southworth, To St Anthony in thanks for response to prayers, In honour to St Anthony, In thanksgiving, Frank Kirkham, John Fitzgerald, Bernadette Walmsley, Dennis Sugg</p>
Monday (30 th)	9.30am Mass (SB) <i style="text-align: right;">Bank Holiday</i>	
Tuesday (31 st) <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (1 st June) <i>St Justin</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday (2 nd)	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday (3 rd) <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday (4 th)	11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
Next Sunday (5 th)	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	

Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers

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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SVP

St John's SVP Afternoon Tea: The SVP will hold afternoon tea for the housebound from each of our three churches. This will be held in the Patmos Room on Sunday 3 July. Please let anyone in the SVP know if you would like to come.

Annual Family Sponsored Walk: This year, the sponsored walk will take place on Sunday 12 June (11am-4pm). The route is around the reservoirs of Turton and Bromley Cross and there are different routes from 3 miles up to 10 miles (maps will be provided). The event starts and finishes at St John's Church and refreshments will be available. If you would like to take part to raise money for local families and people in need in our parishes then please take a sponsor form from any of our three churches and come and join in. It is a great chance for families to help families!

The Destitution Project: Our next joint parish collection will be in June. All help, goods, food and clothes are much appreciated. Thank you.

First World War Centenary: As part of the ongoing centenary remembrance of significant moments in the First World War, the Bishops of England and Wales are encouraging the Catholic community to participate in local civic or ecumenical celebrations to commemorate the Battle of Jutland and the Battle of the Somme. Catholic parishes are asked to mark these important anniversaries on the nearest Sunday to 5 June to commemorate the Battle of Jutland and the 3 July to commemorate the Battle of the Somme, by offering Mass for all those who died and to pray for those currently serving in the armed forces, and for peace. Bishop John will offer Mass for those intentions in the Cathedral on Sunday 5 June at 5.30pm and at 11.00am on Sunday 3 July.

Religious Artefacts from Belarus: With Bishop John's permission, an order of Russian Orthodox Sisters is currently visiting parishes in our diocese to sell various religious artefacts made in their workshops to support their charitable work. Taking up the ministry of their patron saint (St Elisabeth) the sisters provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering. One of the sisters will be bringing a small display of their crafts to **St Brendan's on Monday 6 June** for sale after the 9.30am Mass. If you are able to go along and support this, please do so. For more information see www.obitel-minsk.by

Children's Liturgy (St John's): Following our recent appeal for more volunteers, we have had two kind offers to help with the Liturgy group. We would still welcome two more to assist on a rotational basis. Please see any of the liturgy leaders if you're interested. *Thanks*

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all members who attended our last Book Club meeting which was lively as usual! The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29 June to discuss *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult. Same time of 1.15-3pm. All welcome.

We would also like to give early notice of a Bonanza Book Sale in early July. Our book sales raise money for specific charities and church funds. Please start saving any books you would like to donate to the sale. We shall make some arrangement for all donated books to be saved at all three churches. More details to follow. Thank you.

Coffee Morning (SJ): We will be holding a long awaited coffee morning on Friday 24 June at St John's (straight after the 9.30am Mass). Please come along and support us. There are usually some delicious home baked cakes and toasted teacakes on offer along with a great opportunity to chat to old friends and new. More details to follow.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 11 June (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is for parents from any of our three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please contact the office to let us know if you will be attending by phoning 01204 301927 or emailing office@sbsj.org.uk.

Christie Friends: There are still tickets available (£20) for the Afternoon Tea at Hoysters, Holcombe Brook on Monday 25 July. Please contact Kath Brown (07753 170241) if you would like to go.

Think Vocation

"O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine." These words from the Eucharistic chant used at Exposition or Benediction remind us that the Eucharist makes us holy by uniting us with Christ Himself who is truly present. May we always combine our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament with a heartfelt prayer for vocations to the sacred priesthood.

Marriage Matters (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

Memories of You: Memories enable us to make the past present. At family gatherings we remember things we have shared together. At funerals we remember all that the person meant to us. At the family Eucharist the past is made present as we remember what Abraham, Melchizedek, Moses, and Jesus did. Let us seek to create God/good memories for ourselves and our children.

Exam Prayers: At this time of year we pray for all our young parishioners who are taking exams. We ask that they may be given guidance and support at this important time in their lives.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	V Cryer	F Ginty, T Owen
9.15 (SJ)	M Russell	J Carroll, A Grundy, M Cropper M Speed, D Ramsden, A Gracie
11.15 (SB)	C Owen	P Carolan, J Murphy, K Wilkinson

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