

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


12TH JUNE 2016 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



The “theme” of the First Reading, Psalm and Gospel today is “forgiveness of sins”. We hear the touching Gospel story, of the “woman with a bad name in the town” coming to anoint Jesus’ feet. Living inspired by the love of Jesus is the key to our discipleship - his crucifixion is the sign of his love, which is in itself the forgiveness of sins.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: page 278; Readings 283 Preface at Priest’s choice		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 11am-4pm SVP Sponsored Walk 2pm Baptism (SB)	<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, Jim Carney, John James McLaughlin, Carrie Roscoe, Christine Hasleden, Eileen Dearden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Josephine Gell, Jude McCann Brown and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Sydney Newman, Florence (Pauline) Gavercole, Carol Brannigan, Deborah Clague Shovelton</p> <p>Anniversaries: John Crowley, Patrick O’Donnell, Guy Warburton</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Fr Denis Sheahan, Deborah Clague Shovelton, Florence (Pauline) Gathercole, Barbara Stoppard (sick), John Crowley, In Honour of St Anthony, Patrick O’Donnell, James Weston (in celebration of his 90th birthday, Carol Brannigan, Guy Warburton, Christopher Blunt, Joyce Knight</p>
Monday (13 th) <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	No Mass Today 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (14 th) <i>The Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (15 th)	9.15am Whole School Mass (SC) 10am Requiem Mass for Sydney Newman (SB)	
Thursday (16 th)	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday (17 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday (18 th)	5pm Mass (SC) 2pm Baptism (SJ) 7pm Concert with Brixi Singers (SB)	
Next Sunday (19 th) <i>Day for Life</i> <i>Father’s Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am First Communion Mass (SC) 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm First Communion Mass (SB)	
<p>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</p>		
<p>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></p> <p>Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John’s</i></p> <p>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></p>		

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HM the Queen's 90th Birthday: The Bishops' Conference has asked each parish to pray for Her Majesty the Queen at Sunday Masses this weekend.

V. O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.

R. And bear us on the day we call upon you.

V. O Lord, bear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come before you.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with her consort and the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Day for Life: Next weekend (not this weekend as previously stated) we have the annual day dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life which this year will explore how the wonder of human life and God's creation are intimately connected. For more information see www.dayforlife.org. There will be a second collection to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other Church supported activities which promote and protect human life.



Congratulations: To Elin Edith Ginns who was Baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family will continue to grow in faith.

Flower Festival: Thank you all so much for the wonderful response to the appeal for donations, sponsors and helpers at all 3 of our Parish Churches. You were all so kind. We shall endeavour to be at each Mass over the next few weeks to continue to accept donations and help (we need people) and to collect pledges from you, if you are donating by cheque please make it payable to **St Brendan's** then they all go through one account and please mark the envelopes **Flower Festival**. Thank you once again for your generosity.

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. Home baked cakes and toasted teacakes will be on offer along with a great opportunity to chat to old friends and new. Please come along and support us, everyone welcome!

SVP

St John's SVP Afternoon Tea: The SVP will hold afternoon tea for the housebound from each of our three churches 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: the sponsored walk will take place this Sunday (11am-4pm). The event starts and finishes at St John's Church and refreshments will be available. It is not too late for anyone interested in walking or sponsoring someone who is walking.

The Destitution Project: Our joint parish collection continues throughout June. All help, goods, food and clothes are much appreciated. Thank you.

Harbour Room Book Club: BONANZA BOOK SALE IN JULY. You are all are being invited (by the Book Club) to join in a book selling enterprise to raise funds for charity. Books will be sold on Saturday 9 July (after 5pm Mass at St Columba's) and on Sunday 10 July after the 9.15 Mass at St John's and the 11.15 Mass at St Brendan's. Hopefully a lot of books will be sold over that weekend.

The Charity this year will be Survive Miva (Missionary Vehicle Association) "*providing essential transport for health care and pastoral support activities in areas of great need*" (Africa, Asia and Latin America). Sometimes the transport takes the form of an all-terrain vehicle, bicycles for St Patrick's catechists in a remote region in Uganda, or a much-needed van for the Good Shepherd Sisters working in poor areas of the Philippines). Money raised will also be set aside for Church funds for all three Churches. Books donated can be left in storage at any of the churches from now on. Please buy your summer reading from us and support these good causes. Paperbacks are 40p each or 3 for £1. Hardbacks are £2 each. They all need to be in a good clean condition and ready for sale. Any queries ring Madeleine on 303505.

Tonge Moor URC: Would like to invite anyone in the Tonge Moor area to join their 125th Anniversary Sermons this Sunday (12 June). There will be a Strawberry Tea at 4.30pm followed by evening service at 6pm.

Think Vocation

"I have sinned against the Lord." These words of David could be on the lips of any one of us. We are all sinners and we all need the mercy of God. The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart and invites us, though we are sinners, to enter into an intimate relationship with Our Lord Jesus. In this Year of Mercy may we try to encourage those we encounter who have drifted away from the faith to have the courage to approach Our Lord in humility and trust.

Marriage Matters (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

I am yours! - Today Jesus tells His disciples "anyone who loses his life for my sake will save it". This is also true in our marriages and is a guide for how to live as a married couple. This brings new life to us and we become a 'sign' of the love of the Lord for His church and the world.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	J O'Connor	F Ginty, T Owen
9.15 (SJ)	G French	M Russell, A Rawlinson, M Speed A Cunliffe, J Carroll, F Smith
11.15 (SB)	T Regan	K Wilkinson, P Carolan, J Murphy

Come and join us for tea, coffee and a chat after the Sunday Masses at St John's and St Brendan's. Everyone always welcome!