

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

**19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016 - TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**



Out of a seemingly innocent question comes the dark shadow of the cross: Jesus must teach his disciples that to be the “Anointed One”, “the Christ”, means to follow the path of sacrifice to the very end. He is not a King who comes with armies, but a King who comes with truth and humility, prepared to die for that truth about God’s Kingdom. But the mourning is always to be seen in the light of Easter - “being raised on the third day”, when “a fountain will be opened”, the fountain of Baptism and eternal life in the death and resurrection of the Lord.

**Happy Father’s Day! Let each of us remember our fathers, living or dead, on this special day.**

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i>		
<b>Sunday Missal:</b> <i>page 288; Readings 294 Preface at Priest’s choice</i>		
Sunday	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><b>Sick:</b> Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, Derek Crompton, Roy Shepherd, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, Barbara Stoppard, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, 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><b>Lately Dead:</b> Cecilia Guest, Winifred Delahunty, Jake Hilton, Sydney Newman, John Riley, Jack Judge, Florence (Pauline) Gavercole, Carol Brannigan, Deborah Shovelton</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Georgette Kosecki, John Crowley, Audrey Taylor, John Greene, Mary Rose Hanley, John Patrick Hanley</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> A Special Intention, Georgette Kosecki, Intention to St Anthony, Thomas Baker (Birthday Remembrance), John Crowley, Audrey Taylor, For a recovery from sickness, In honour of Our Lady &amp; St Anthony for a special intention, For a successful operation, John Greene, Jake Hilton, Deborah Shovelton, Mary Rose Hanley, John Patrick Hanley, In thanksgiving for favours received, A Special Intention, Joyce Knight, Winifred Delahunty</p>
<i>Father’s Day Day for Life</i>		
Monday (20 <sup>th</sup> )	9.15am Yr3 Forward in Faith Mass (SC) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (21 <sup>st</sup> )	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
<i>St Aloysius</i>		
Wednesday (22 <sup>nd</sup> )	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
<i>St John Fisher &amp; St Thomas More</i>		
Thursday (23 <sup>rd</sup> )	9.15am Yr3 Forward in Faith Mass (SB)	
Friday (24 <sup>th</sup> )	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10am Coffee Morning (SJ)	
<i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>		
Saturday (25 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>9.30am Church Cleaning (SJ)</b> 2pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy <i>Special Collection for</i>	
Next Sunday (26 <sup>th</sup> )	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) 2pm First Communion Mass (SJ) <i>Peter’s Pence</i>	
<b>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6):</b> 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		
<b>Collections &amp; Donations:</b> <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>		
<b>Mass Intentions:</b> <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John’s</i>		
<b>Gift Aid:</b> <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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**The EU Referendum:** In the run up to the voting on Thursday 23 June, the Bishops Conference of England and Wales have written an article to help us reflect on the forthcoming vote, recognising the historic nature of this referendum and its implications for future generations. The outcome will have consequences for the future not only of the United Kingdom, but for Europe and for the world. As the week ahead progresses, let us give consideration to the following:

- that we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit;
- that we all inform ourselves of the arguments on both sides of the debate;
- that we each exercise our vote with a view to the common good of all.

This referendum is an opportunity to reflect on those values we cherish as a nation and as Catholics. High among these values are mutual respect and civility, vital in this national conversation about the very future of our nation within the world.

Before voting, ask yourself the following question:

**How in the light of the Gospel, can my vote best serve the common good?**

As you vote, you may wish to use this prayer:

*Lord, grant us wisdom that we may walk with integrity, guarding the path of justice, and knowing the protection of your loving care for all.*

If you would like to read the full item it can be found on the website [www.catholicnews.org.uk/eu-referendum](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/eu-referendum)

**Day for Life:** This weekend 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. There will be a second collection to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other Church supported activities which promote and protect human life.



**Congratulations:** To Holly Lisa Siddall who was Baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family will continue to grow in faith.

**Flower Festival (Weekend of 24/25 September):** Once again thank you to everyone who has donated and pledged monies for the festival, you are wonderful. We will still be at all Masses to accept your donations over the next few Sundays. People have asked if they can also Gift Aid on their donations, you can do this if you pay Tax. Please let us have a note with your name and address on it expressing your wish to Gift Aid the amount you have donated and sign the note confirming this. 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**. Once again many thanks we are sure the Festival will be a great success.

**Coffee Morning (SJ):** Friday 24 June at St John's (straight after the 9.30am Mass).. Please come along and support us, everyone welcome!

**Caritas Diocese of Salford:** Needs volunteers at its shop on Newport Street, Bolton. There are a number of roles available. Regular commitment is essential although there is considerable flexibility about days and sessions. Volunteers will join a caring and supportive 'family' of volunteers and raise much needed funds for services including the Caritas Young Parents' Service in Bolton. If you can spare a half day (or more) per week, please call into the shop for a cup of tea and slice of toast and ask to speak to Bernadette Keegan, or ring 01204 370927

## SVP

**St John's SVP Afternoon Tea:** The SVP will hold afternoon tea for the elderly & 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. There is a list in each of our churches for names of those wishing to come and those who are able to offer transport.

**Annual Family Sponsored Walk:** Thank you to all who took part in the walk last Sunday and to those who helped with the refreshments. The amount raised will announced when all the sponsor money has been collected in.

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

## St John's 200 Club

The June winners are:

£50 A Holroyd (118)  
£30 M Speed (9)  
£20 M Boardman (102)



**Harbour Room Book Club: BONANZA BOOK SALE IN JULY.** Books will be sold on Saturday 9 July after 5pm Mass (St Columba's) and on Sunday 10 July after the 9.15 Mass (St John's) and 11.15 Mass (St Brendan's). 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*". 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 and need to be in a good clean condition and ready for sale. Any queries ring Madeleine on 303505.

## Marriage Matters ([www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.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.

## Think Vocation

"O God you are my God, for you I long." These words from Psalm 62 occur very frequently in the Liturgy of the Hours, prayed daily by all Religious, priests and seminarians as well as many lay people. If you are not familiar with this practice, perhaps if you ask a priest or Religious, you can be shown where to obtain the appropriate prayer books. It would be a great thing to take on as part of the Year of Mercy.

## Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	L Seals	F Ginty, C Molyneux
9.15 (SJ)	S Copley	E Rothwell, T Armstrong, F Smith, D Ramsden, M Cropper, A Gracie
11.15 (SB)	C Bridge	M Durkan, C Owen, P Brennan

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