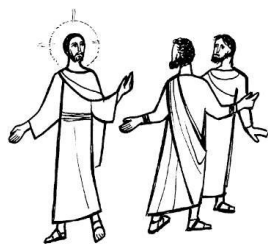


## NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS


**26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**



There is a sense of urgency about discipleship – almost like emergency services responding to a crisis. In the Gospel today there is no time to wait for any normal human moments, no reason to delay: the hand must be placed immediately on the plough, the work must begin NOW! It can feel as though Jesus is being a little abrupt in this passage – even a little too intense! But it is a question of priorities: for the Lord, the work of salvation, or proclaiming the Gospel, brooks no delay. Perhaps this intensity is a valuable reminder for us – we can tend to “tame” Jesus, and forget that he was passionately and totally dedicated to the Mission his heavenly Father had entrusted to him – even to the point that he left Nazareth to become a homeless preacher with nowhere to lay his head.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 297; Readings 303 Preface at Priest's choice		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm First Communion Mass (SJ) 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Special Collection for Peter's Pence</i>	<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, Denis O'Toole, Winifred Coyle (Aged 102), Bernard Ramsden</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Hannah Kilroy, Patrick Murray, Teresa Murray, Joseph Cassidy</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Joyce Knight, A Special Intention, Mary Cassidy (Sick), Hannah Kilroy, Patrick Murray, Teresa Murray, Joseph Cassidy, Gerard Murphy (Birthday Remembrance), A Special Intention</p>
Monday (27 <sup>th</sup> )	9.30am Mass 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (28 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>St Irenaeus</i>	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (29 <sup>th</sup> )	9.15am Whole School Mass (SB) 9.30am Whole School Mass (SJ) 11am Whole School Mass (SC) 7pm Mass (SJ) <b>Ss Peter &amp; Paul – Holyday of Obligation</b>	
Thursday (30 <sup>th</sup> )	10am Requiem Mass for Cecilia Guest (SJ) 7pm CAFOD Group Meeting (Patmos Room, SJ)	
Friday (1 <sup>st</sup> July)	9.30am Forward in Faith Mass (SJ) 8pm Somme Commemoration (Christ Church, Walmsley)	
Saturday (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	10am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SB) 10.30am-12.30pm Diocesan Safeguarding Clinic (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy	
Next Sunday (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) 2pm SVP Afternoon Tea (SJ) 2pm Laying of Wreaths (Dunscar War Memorial)	

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**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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**Congratulations:** To Michael O'Donnell who was Baptised at St John's last Saturday. We pray that he and his family will continue to grow in faith.

**Congratulations:** To Bert and Connie Walch who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 23 June. We send them our prayers and best wishes for all their years together.

**Peter's Pence:** At our Masses this weekend we will have a special collection for Peter's Pence. This annual collection throughout the world provides money for the Pope's charitable giving.

**Deanery Mass for the Deceased:** This will be held on Wednesday 6 July (7pm) for the deceased relatives and friends of all in St Joseph's Deanery. In the event of rain the Mass will be celebrated in St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Lonsdale Road, BL1 4PN.

**Thank you:** Staff at the Destitution Project (Victoria Hall) have passed on a note of thanks to our three churches for the donation of food and clothing recently received. The numbers of people needing help increases weekly and without your generosity the project would struggle to cope. Thanks once again.

**CAMEO:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13 July and will include a talk by Florence Wood called *Bolton and Walt Whitman*. The meeting is at 2-4pm in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. Refreshments are available and all very welcome.

**Christian Meditation:** In response to the remarks made by Bishop John in his recent letter regarding prayer in our parishes, a couple of 'taster sessions' for Christian Meditation will be held in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's next week, one on Wednesday 29 June from 2-3pm and one on Thursday 30 June from 7.30-8.30pm.

**CAFOD:** The CAFOD group have been meeting for some time now but in recent years our numbers have dwindled. A small group of us remain as enthusiastic as ever. There is lots of good humour and the people involved are very supportive of each other. We would love to find new members with new ideas to further energise this excellent aspect of our parish life. Over the years we really believe we have made a difference in supporting those suffering from the effects of conflict and poverty. We warmly invite parishioners young or more mature (and those in between) to attend our next meeting on Thursday 30 June (7pm) in the Patmos Room at St John's Church.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday 29 June 1.15-3pm for the last meeting of the season. The book under discussion is *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult. Refreshments and Raffle. All welcome.

**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. 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.

**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.

**Auction:** Our friends at Harwood Methodist Church have agreed to lend us their Community Hall on Longsight Lane to raise money for the Flower Festival (see below). The auction will take place on Friday 15 July at 7pm and items may be brought to the hall from 3pm until 6.45pm (however viewing is from 6.30pm). Collection, if necessary, can be arranged by ringing Kathleen Denton (399332). Sorry but no large bulky items (furniture, fridges etc) can be accepted.

**Flower Festival (Weekend of 24/25 September):** Once again thank you to everyone who has donated and pledged monies for the festival. 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** and please mark the envelopes **Flower Festival**.

**Somme Remembrance:** There will be a service of remembrance to commemorate those who died at the Somme in 1916 at Christ Church, Walmsley on Friday 1 July at 8pm. On Sunday 3 July will be the laying of wreaths at Dunscair War Memorial (2pm).

**Use of Churches and Meeting Room Facilities:** Our parish community encourages the appropriate use of our churches and the Patmos Room (SJ) and Harbour Room (SB). Existing regular use such as by SVP, CAMEO, Book Club etc. operates smoothly on a 'self-service basis' including nominated key holders who are familiar with the premises, equipment & procedures. As we do not have a 'caretaker' service we rely upon the goodwill of a small number of parishioners to look after our premises. It is essential that any new applications to use facilities are made at least four weeks in advance, ideally by email to the Parish Office at [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk). This will allow approval to be considered and for adequate arrangements to be made in respect of access, security, safety and building services. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Think Vocation**

This week sees the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul. The Lord saw qualities in both of them which he transformed in order to establish these two great saints as the foundations of his Church. May we try to see the potential in the people we encounter each day, and encourage them to put their gifts and talents at the service of the Church.

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

We are called to life in all its fullness: St Paul says "*when Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free*". We are free to think, to choose and to act. Have we chosen to work out our salvation within our marriage? Our ongoing challenge is to live now and to CHOOSE LIFE in all its fullness, to stamp out self-indulgence and embrace the true freedom of love.

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend**

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	T Lees	M Hilton, J O'Connor
9.15 (SJ)	M Isherwood	M Russell, A Grundy, M Speed, M Fau-Goodwin, J Carroll, M Cropper
11.15 (SB)	L Lamoury	C Owen, P Brennan, M Durkan,