



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

<p style="text-align: center;">17TH JULY 2016</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i></p> <p>Sunday Missal: <i>page 328; Readings 334; Preface at Priest's choice</i></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>Sacred Hospitality is our theme: as the letter to the Hebrews says: “remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this some people have entertained angels without knowing it.” True hospitality lies in two things: first the welcome, encouraging the stranger to enter the house and be at home there: secondly, the gift - not just of food or drink, but of time: listening to the stranger, and giving of ourselves to them. This is what makes hospitality costly, but holy, and a true service of Jesus Christ.</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">24TH JULY 2016 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i></p> <p>Sunday Missal: <i>page 338; Readings 344; Preface at Priest's choice</i></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1; padding-left: 10px;"> <p>When we see the child in the sweet shop nagging and moaning at mum or dad for something, we probably don't think of it as a model of our prayer lives! And yet, if we take the word of God seriously today, that is exactly what our faith teaches us to do! The message is persistence - never giving up, even if prayers do not seem to be answered. We shouldn't ask why they are not answered on the spot (God's probably got a reason), but should just continue beating on the door of heaven in faith and hope.</p> </div> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Masses, Feasts & Activities</p> <p>Sunday Masses 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB) – Masses with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)</p> <p>Monday (18th) 9.30am Mass (SB)</p> <p>Tuesday (19th) 7pm Mass (SJ); 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p> <p>Wednesday (20th June) 10.30am Requiem Mass for Eileen Dearden (SB); 1pm Lourdes Meeting (Harbour Room St Brendan's); 6pm Mass for Staff of St John's School (SJ)</p> <p>Thursday (21st) 9.15am Yr6 Leavers' Mass in Church (SB); 1pm Yr6 Leavers' Assembly in Church (SC)</p> <p>Friday (22nd) 9.15am Yr6 Leavers' Mass in Church (SC); 9.30am Yr6 Leavers' Mass in Church (SJ) – <i>St Mary Magdalene</i></p> <p>Saturday (23rd) 11.30am Wedding of Sonya Durkin and Thomas Woods (SB); 2pm Baptism (SJ); 5pm Mass (SC) – <i>CAFOD Special Collection – St Bridget, Patron of Europe</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Masses, Feasts & Activities</p> <p>Sunday Masses 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB) <i>CAFOD Special Collection; 2pm Baptism (SB)</i> <i>World Youth Day pilgrims depart</i></p> <p>Monday (25th) 9.30am Mass (SB); 7.45pm SVP (SJ) – <i>St James</i></p> <p>Tuesday (26th) No Mass Today; 7.15pm SVP (SB) – <i>St Joachim & St Anne</i></p> <p>Wednesday (27th) 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p> <p>Thursday (28th) 9.15am Mass (SB)</p> <p>Friday (29th) No Mass Today – <i>St Martha Lourdes pilgrims depart</i></p> <p>Saturday (30th) 5pm Mass (SC)</p> <p>Next Sunday (31st) 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocation</p> <p>“Mary has chosen the better part.” Within the Church there is a variety of apostolic work to be done. Priests and Religious live busy lives in all their daily tasks and duties but are asked to ensure they make time for the Lord in prayer. We pray for vocations to the religious communities who dedicate themselves to contemplative prayer. This is a powerhouse behind all the good apostolic work that is done in the name of the Lord.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocation</p> <p>“Ask and it will be given to you.” We need to be persistent in our prayers and we need to be persistent in our prayers for vocations. We know that the Lord is faithful to his bride the Church and he will continue to call people to serve in the Church in the priesthood and Consecrated Life. We need to be consistent and persistent in our prayers and never lose heart.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Marriage Matters</p> <p>Choosing ‘the better part’ is listening: The Gospel relates the different ways Martha and Mary behaved. We too can fall into such patterns of behaviour. It's human nature to “worry and fret over so many things”. Today's Scripture calls us to really listen, then, like Mary, we can choose “the better part”. Let us recommit today to deepening our level of listening in our marriage.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Marriage Matters</p> <p>We are called to trust each other with ourselves: Trust is the theme for today and as married couples we are called to trust each other enough to become ‘two in one flesh’. We need to listen sensitively to one another and to share our innermost thoughts, feelings, hopes, dreams, joys, sorrows, worries and anxieties in such a way that we might both be fully human and fully alive.</p>

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Sick: 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, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, 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, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Josephine Gell, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

Lately Dead: Eileen Dearden, Lucy Hesford, Suzanne Hatton, Annie Warren, Geoffrey Shovelton, Jim Walmsley

Anniversaries: Margaret Barrett, Winifred Weston, Bernard Margiotta, Anne Howarth

Mass Intentions: Margaret Barrett, Suzanne Hatton, Eileen Dearden, Bernard Margiotta, Annie Warren, Winifred Weston, Jim Walmsley, Philip Hall (Birthday Remembrance), Geoffrey Shovelton, A Special Intention, Joyce Knight, Anne Howarth

CAFOD: Ethiopia Crisis Appeal: CAFOD has launched an urgent appeal for £3m to help people in Ethiopia facing extreme hunger. Over 10 million women, men and children are currently struggling to survive a severe hunger crisis caused by drought. Food shortages are having an extreme impact on the most vulnerable families and 1.5 million children, pregnant and breastfeeding women are in need of emergency, supplementary feeding, of which more than 400,000 children need treatment for malnutrition. We will be holding an emergency appeal in our parishes and ask that you would kindly take an envelope this weekend and return it for our special collection at Masses on 23/24 July. All donations can be gift aided. *Thank you*



Congratulations: To Lilly Rose Hilton who was baptised at St Columba's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family will continue to grow in faith.

Harbour Room Book Club Sale: Thank you to all the parishioners who contributed to this event and helped to make it such a success. Thank you to those who donated books, bought them, sorted them before and after the event and those who helped in many ways. The total was £172.50 and will be divided as follows:

- £100 to Survive-Miva (Missionary Vehicles for poor areas)
- £60 to Church funds- for all three churches
- £12.50 to Book Club expenses (tea, coffee, printing etc)

For those who enquired as to what happened to the books left over; twelve bags were taken to the Oxfam Charity Book Store in Chorlton and were gladly received! Thank you again to everyone!

Book Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month September -June. The next meeting will be on 28 September in the Harbour Room (St Brendan's) at 1.15pm. The subject is "Thrillers; why do we read them"? Just turn up with a copy of a thriller for discussion. Everyone who likes reading is welcome. Have a lovely Summer!

Coffee Morning (SJ): Thank you to all who came along to the coffee morning held in June. The total raised was £195 and will go towards church funds.

Readers' Rota: The rota for St John's and St Brendan's will soon be updated. If you would like to become a reader at Sunday Masses for either church, or if you wish your name to be removed please contact the parish office 301927 or office@sbsj.org.uk

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 13 August (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.

Parish Mission: St James the Great (Montserrat) & St Joseph's (Halliwell) would like to invite all in the area to two evening Mission Services on Thursday 21 July at St James' and Friday 22 July at St Joseph's (both at 7.30pm). If you would like any further information please contact Anne-Marie (01204 406697) or Christine (01204 844750). Transport can be provided if needed by phoning Richard (01942 568 483 or 07392 362789).



Summer Holidays: Our schools will soon be finishing for the summer holidays. It is a time to thank all members of staff for all their professional dedication and hard work during the last academic year. We pray for all our Yr 6 pupils, Yr 11 pupils and our Sixth Form students who are moving on. We ask that they may be given guidance and encouragement as they continue on their journeys.

Many of you will also be setting off on holiday over the coming weeks. Whether you are staying in this country, or travelling overseas, we wish you a safe journey and we hope that the sun will shine!

St John's 200 Club

The July winners are:

£50 J Cowen (182)
£30 A Ginty (80)
£20 S Dearden (129)



Thank You: The Mother & Baby Unit (Radcliffe Road) have sent a letter of thanks to a kind parishioner who gave them some lovely items. They are always grateful for any donations.

Children's Liturgy: Will take a break for the summer after Masses this weekend. Thank you to all the helpers who put a great deal of effort into making our young parishioners feel welcome and helping them take part in the Mass.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 23/24 July		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	T Lees	F Ginty, C Molyneux
9.15 (SJ)	F Carter	F Smith, T Armstrong, D Ramsden, M Fau-Goodwin, A Rawlinson, M Cropper
11.15(SB)	K Denton	T Taylor, J Proctor, T Proctor

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 30/31 July		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	J O'Connor	M Hilton J O'Connor
9.15 (SJ)	H O'Donnell	To be arranged
11.15(SB)	F Doloroso	J Proctor, T Proctor, T Taylor

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