

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

**31st JULY 2016 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**



Today we contemplate a great truth about our life: you can't take it with you. The old phrase "There are no pockets in a shroud" is what we confront today, in the preaching of both Ecclesiastes and the Lord Jesus. What Jesus makes us think about, however, is not just this truth, but the consequences of it: if we are not to build up treasure here on earth, what are we to do? The answer is simple: by our way of living we "make ourselves rich in the sight of God"!

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> <i>page 349; Readings 355; Preface at Priest's choice</i>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am 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, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Josephine Gell, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> John Kirk, Evelyn Hough, Patricia Wirth, Michael Meadwell, Eileen Dearden, Denis O'Toole</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Ellen Day, Patrick &amp; Mary Josephine O'Brien, Leonard Ainscough, Gwen Owen</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> John Kirk, Ellen Day, Patrick &amp; Mary Josephine O'Brien, Intention of thanks from the Dearden family, Joseph Parker (Birthday Remembrance), Leonard Ainscough, Evelyn Hough, Patricia Wirth, Gwen Owen, Michael Meadwell, Eileen Dearden, Denis O'Toole, Geraldine Bonney, Joyce Knight</p>
Monday (1 <sup>st</sup> August) <i>St Alphonsus Mary Liguori</i>	No Mass Today 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday (4 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>St John Vianney</i>	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday (5 <sup>th</sup> )	9.30am Mass (SJ) 2pm Wedding of Matthew Livesey & Stacey Taylor (SB)	
Saturday (6 <sup>th</sup> )	11am-12noon Adoration and Reconciliation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC)	
Next Sunday (7 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SC)	
<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		
<p><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></p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i></p> <p><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></p>		

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**Congratulations:** To Ava Nicole Mary Goodall who was baptised at St John's on Sunday 17 July at St John's, to Oscar William Gino Bunney who was baptised last Saturday at St John's and to Lukasz David Major who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families will continue to grow in faith.

**Message of Thanks:** The family of Eileen Dearden would like to thank Fr O'Brien, for those who arranged the flowers in church, home visits from friends, Mass cards and prayers of condolence at this sad time. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

**Book Sale update:** Money has been trickling in during the last week or so and the final total for the Book Sale is £183! Well done everyone and thank you.

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

To love as God loves: It's easy to be drawn into the world's plan for material success and lose sight of why we married each other. Slightly changing the words of the Gospel we might read, 'Fool, who will benefit from this hoard when your married love has died?' Let us work hard at making us rich in love for each other and with God.

**Think Vocation**

"Let us not lose sight of Jesus who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection." Our faith tells us that Jesus is present to us in the Gospel, in the sacraments and journeys with us throughout our lives. In this Year of Faith may we help others to draw closer to the Lord by growing in their faith. In addition he is calling us all to grow in holiness and goodness.

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend**

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	L Seals	M Hilton & J Cranshaw
9.15 (SJ)	E Rothwell	E Rothwell, T Armstrong, F Smith, D Ramsden, M Cropper, A Gracie
11.15 (SB)	F Evans	P Carolan, J Murphy, K Wilkinson

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