

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

4TH SEPTEMBER 2016 – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



This is a very difficult set of readings. The Gospel itself starts with a saying which many find hard to understand: must we really “hate” our family to be the Lord’s disciples? The point is that it is *relative*: what are we prepared to give up for the Gospel? Are we going to try and make our own cross, or accept whatever we are given? Jesus is probably trying to discourage the crowd of sensation seekers and hangers-on who are crowding round him. He wants real disciples, who are aware of the possible cost: not like the incompetent builder, or the useless king. To be a disciple, one must be prepared to follow Jesus anywhere, whatever it might cost in possessions, family or friends. We may never understand why, but then, “who can know the intentions of God?”

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: page 401; Readings 406; Preface at Priest’s choice		Prayers Please
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB)	<p>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, 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>Lately Dead: Darren Hickey, Linda Clegg, Barbara Proctor, Don Howcroft, Anna Seddon, Effie Tomlinson</p> <p>Anniversaries: David Gracie, John & Mary Ellen Gilmartin, John Gilmartin Jnr, John Eddie O’Brien, Gerard Lamoury, Robert Whaley, Joseph Hopkinson, Sarah Kendall, Bridget & Jack Day</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Gerard Lamoury (25th Anniversary), John & Mary Ellen Gilmartin, John Gilmartin Jnr, For Adam (Thanks to the Sacred Heart for exam success), John Eddie O’Brien, Barbara Proctor, A Special Intention, Linda Clegg, Don Howcroft, David Gracie, Darren Hickey, Robert Whaley, Joseph Hopkinson, Sarah Kendall, Bridget & Jack Day, Frank & Elizabeth Rogers</p>
Monday (5 th)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (6 th)	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (7 th)	9.15am School Mass in Church (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday (8 th) <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.15am Mass (SB) 10am Funeral Service for Darren Hickey (SJ)	
Friday (9 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday (10 th) <i>St Ambrose Barlow</i>	11am Baptism (SJ) 12noon – Celebration of Missionary Discipleship (Salford Cathedral) 2pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) – With Children’s Liturgy <i>Special Collection for the Catholic</i>	
Next Sunday (11 th) <i>Education Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children’s Liturgy <i>Education Service</i> 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>A Special Day of Prayer for Students and Teachers</i>	
Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families		
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>		
Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John’s</i>		
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>		

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Congratulations: To Noah Thomas Chadwick who was baptised last Sunday at St John's. We pray that he and his family continue to grow in faith.

Mass for the Feast of St Ambrose Barlow: On Saturday 10 September (12noon) in the Cathedral there will be a Diocesan Celebration of Missionary Discipleship, as part of the Year of Mercy. The Mass will be celebrated in the presence of the relic of St Ambrose, which will be brought from Wardley Hall. We have been allocated 12 tickets for this celebration so if you would like to go to this Mass please telephone or e-mail the parish office on 301927 or office@sbsj.org.uk

Theatre Lovers: The new season at the Octagon is under way with some exciting productions. I am hoping to book for the following, *To Kill a Mockingbird* Sept/Oct, *Educating Rita* Jan/Feb and *Talking Heads* March/ April. All performances will be at 2pm matinee time and on either a Wednesday or a Saturday. The prices have gone up and even with our group concession it will be about £15. I hesitate to do a block booking without fairly precise numbers as these plays are selling fast. If you are interested in going to any of them please ring Madeleine on 303505. *Thank you.*

Magic of the Musicals

A Charity Concert with the Eden Singers

**On Friday 16 September at 7.30pm
at Old Links Golf Club, Chorley Old Road,
Bolton, BL1 5SU**

Tickets (£7) are available from any member of the SVP, Peter Carolan (SB) or Frank McDowell (SC) after weekend Masses

All proceeds are in aid of the SVP

See posters for more details

Flower Festival

Friday 23 - Sunday 25 September
at St Brendan's Church, Harwood

Tickets £3

(Accompanied children free of charge)

We still need promises of cakes for the three days, if you are able to help with this, please give your name in after each of the Sunday Masses.

The Festival will open with a short service and preview on Thursday 22 September at 7pm. This is a ticket only event (£5) and they will be on sale after Sunday Masses.

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SVP News

Sponsored Walk: Thank you to everyone who sponsored our walk. The total raised was £1,647! Two local families have already been helped and we will keep parishioners informed of how the money is spent throughout the year.

Our next collection of items will be during September. Both the volunteers and those who receive your donations are enormously grateful for everything our parishes do to help.

Besides the food and clothing items, there is a request for bars of soap, toothpaste and toilet rolls. If anyone also has any carrier bags lying around, these are also really useful.

Thank you for all your continued generosity!

Diocesan Communications Manager

The Diocese is seeking to appoint a Diocesan Communications Manager to be responsible for the diocese's internal and external communications (including relations with the press and the media) and to develop a communications strategy for the diocese. For further information, job description and an application form, contact Patrick O'Dowd, Director of Administration and Personnel, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP; Tel 0161 817 2203; Patrick.odowd@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. Further details are also available on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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Consent to love God above all else; seek to not force anything: Today, Jesus sets out the cost of discipleship: "*none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions*". Throughout His life and in dying for us, Jesus demonstrated a self-emptying way of loving. As His disciples, our call is to follow Him by putting each other first; thereby dying to selfishness and setting ourselves free.

Think Vocation

"Who can divine the will of the Lord?" Those who work within the field of vocations, discernment and formation do not have an easy task. A vocation within the Church is something that goes on within the heart of a person. Let us pray for those who are charged with this task, that the Holy Spirit may guide them and help them to make wise decisions.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	C Smith	P & F McDowell
9.15 (SJ)	A Grundy	A Rawlinson, M Fau-Goodwin, M Speed, M Cropper, A Grundy, T Armstrong
11.15 (SB)	M Durkan	P Brennan, M Durkan, C Owen,