


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

2ND OCTOBER 2016 – TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Faithfulness, faith and trust. These most invisible and difficult things are what God asks of us – just as we, in our own way, ask them of those who love us. “Trust me”, we say, “all will be well.” And if someone does trust us, the reward is simply that trust was well-placed. We have done our duty. Sometimes when we talk about “faith” we put the emphasis on “believe and accept”. Today’s readings (especially the passage from Habakkuk) invite us to think in terms of “trust”. The request of the Apostles is interesting: “Increase our faith” could also mean “Make it easier for us,” or “Prove that you are who you say you are.” Jesus replies that he can’t do that – you can’t make someone trust you. It has to be a gift, freely given.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: page 444; Readings 451; Preface at Priest’s choice		Prayers Please
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy 3pm Nuptial Mass for Terry Smith & Teresa Taylor (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, John Pryor and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Bernard Slater</p> <p>Anniversaries: Eve Mary McArdle, William Westley, Mary Hurst, Barbara Grimes</p> <p>Mass Intentions: William Westley, Teresa Taylor and Terry Smith (on the occasion of their wedding), A special Intention, Bernard Slater, Maria Mynett (80th Birthday), A safe delivery, Mary Hurst, Barbara Grimes</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>This Newsletter is sponsored by</p> <p>HOWARTH’S FUNERAL SERVICE</p> <p>Peel House 638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton. BL1 7AL 01204 309609</p>  <p>www.lhfs.co.uk</p> </div>
Monday (3 rd)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (4 ^h) <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	2-2.45pm Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (5 th)	9.15am Yr3 Class Mass in School (SC) 9.30am Seeds & Gardeners Mass (SJ) – Followed by Macmillan Coffee Morning (Patmos Room) <i>All Welcome!</i> 7.30-8.15pm Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)	
Thursday (6 ^h)	9.15am Mass (SB) 7pm-9pm Consultation on Parish Re-Structuring (Patmos Room, St John’s)	
Friday (7 th) <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) <i>CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</i>	
Saturday (8 th)	10am Church Cleaning at St John’s Church 11am Baptism (SC) 2pm Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) – With Children’s Liturgy	
Next Sunday (9 th) <i>Prisoner’s Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	
<p>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</p>		
<p>Consultation on Parish Re-Structuring</p> <p>Our meeting to discuss the Bishop’s proposal for re-structuring the parishes in the Diocese will take place on Thursday 6 October (7pm-9pm) in the Patmos Room at St John’s. This is for all three of our parishes and is your opportunity to share your views about our future parish alignment and for us to submit a joint response to the consultation.</p>		

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Congratulations: To Esme Elizabeth Smith who was baptized at St Columba's last Saturday. We pray that she and her family continue to grow in faith

Flower Festival

Thank you to *all* those involved in making the Flower Festival such a wonderful occasion. A special mention goes to Ivor Smith for the candles on the window displays. The amount raised from the festival was over £3000 (this is an approximate amount and final figures will be announced next week). This could not have been achieved without all the hard work from many individuals and without those who came to visit this event.



CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: This year is Friday 7 October. High up in the Andes, families are struggling to survive. With so

many of our sisters and brothers around the world still not able to grow enough food this Harvest Fast Day we are inviting you to join 32-year-old Nicanora and her community in Bolivia, on their journey from poverty to abundance. At our weekend Masses on 8th/9th October we will learn more about Nicanora and about that journey and how you can help. Envelopes will be attached to the newsletter for you to take next week and will be collected the week after.

Becoming Catholic: You may, or may not be aware that we have previously run a programme for any adult who has an interest in becoming Catholic or simply wants to know more about the Catholic Faith. This year we are beginning another programme which will start on Tuesday 18 October (7.30pm) and will be held in the Patmos Room at St John's Church. The programme will run until Easter and is for anyone in any of our parishes. If you would like more information and think that this is something that you would be interested in, please contact our parish office on 301927 or office@sbsj.org.uk.

Bolton Wanderers Fans: Caritas Bolton Young Parents Service needs 40+ volunteers (over 16s) for a Bucket Collection at the Bolton-Oldham Game at The Macron Stadium, on 15 October 2016 – Meet 1pm outside BW Club Shop, FREE MATCH TICKETS! Free Parking – register with Meriel – m.woodward@caritassalford.org.uk

Theatre trip update; I am now taking money for *Educating Rita* (8 February) at the Octagon (4 places left). The price is discounted at £14.90. Please make cheques payable to **The Octagon Theatre**. It may seem that I am booking early for these shows but they are selling out very fast indeed. If anyone is interested please ring me on 303505. Thank you *Madeleine*

Open Evening: At St John's School for prospective parents on Wednesday 12 October (6.30pm-7.30pm).

Meditation Groups: Following some successful pilot sessions earlier this summer, 2 weekly groups will continue to meet in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's on Tuesday (2pm-2.45pm) and Wednesday (7.30pm-8.15pm). For enquiries please contact Mary Durkan on 07786 033449

Church Cleaning (SJ): This will take place on Saturday 8 October at 10am.



Date for your Diaries: Our ever popular Parish Quiz is booked for Friday 11 November at Dunscair Conservative Club. More details to follow!

SVP News

Autumn Outing: This will be held on Sunday 23 October for the sick and housebound. More details to follow.

Destitution Project: David O'Keefe from the project would like to express his thanks to everyone for all the donations you have made during September. Thank you, also, for all the many items brought in by children from St John's School last Sunday.

Sacramental Programme: The first meeting for parents and children from all three parishes will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 9 November at St Columba's Church. If you have a child in Yr 3 who does not attend one of our schools, or an older child who did not take part in the programme previously, and you would like them to take part in this year's programme, please have a word with one of the priests.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 15 October (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 301927 or emailing office@sbsj.org.uk.

Marriage Matters (twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Guard our love: Today St. Paul reminds us "you have been entrusted to look after something precious, guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us". For us this means we are the guardians of each other! We live that out by always striving to be tender lovers, gentle and kindly friends, and courageous, loyal supporters of each other.

Think Vocation

"We are merely servants we have done no more than our duty." All of us have a role to play in building up the Kingdom and we are called to play our part to the best of our ability. None of us should need to be thanked for doing our best for the Church. Let us be grateful to the Lord for all the people who encourage us and support us in our journey of faith.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	C Molineux	P & F McDowell
9.15 (SJ)	F Carter	J Carroll, A Gracie, A Rawlinson, M Speed, F Smith, P McArdle
1.15(SB)	M Durkan	P Carolan, J Murphy, K Wilkinson

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