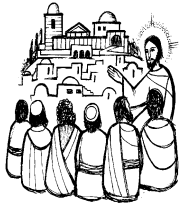



**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

13TH NOVEMBER 2016 – THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



As we approach the end of that part of Saint Luke’s Gospel before the Passion narratives, and approach the end of the Church’s year, our thoughts are turned towards the end of time and the Second Coming of the Lord – this will lead us into Advent in two weeks time. Saint Luke’s message is very distinctive: the Lord will come, but there is a lot to be lived through first. The coming of the Lord is not going to be a “quick fix” – we will have to live through (and endure) all the mess of human joy and suffering. The Lord is clear too, that we have to be aware of the personal cost of belonging to him – think back to last week’s readings and the stories of religious persecution from every place and every age, even to this day. Even as this sounds gloomy and depressing, it is worth noting

where the Gospel passage starts – in the material beauty of the Temple – and where it ends – something far more precious will be saved: our lives.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 504; Readings 510; Preface at Priest’s choice		
Sunday Remembrance Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children’s Liturgy 11am Remembrance Services (Dunscar & Victoria Square) 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Jubilee of Mercy: Closing of the Holy Door</i> <i>Special Collection for Retired Clergy</i>	<p>Sick: Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, 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, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Josephine Gell, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, John Pryor, Marie France and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Anthony Axford, Eamonn Doyle, Christopher Dawson</p> <p>Anniversaries: Michael Taylor, Victor Gill, John Meagher, Florence & Louis Hodgkinson, Philip Marshall, Monsignor Joseph Mallon</p> <p>Mass Intentions: George & Wyn Marshall, A special intention for Mr & Mrs John Howarth & family (Australia), Eileen & Victor Gill, Michael Taylor (1st Anniversary), Christopher Dawson, In remembrance of Anne, William & Rosemary Davies, John Meagher, Florence & Louis Hodgkinson, Bernard Ramsden (Birthday Remembrance), Eamonn Doyle, John & Mary Carter, James & Mary Mathen, Deceased members & friends of the Carter & Mathen families, In thanksgiving for good medical test results, Monsignor Joseph Mallon, In thanksgiving for favours received, Oksana (seriously ill), Philip Marshall</p>
Monday (14 ^h)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (15 th)	2pm Meditation (Harbour Room) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (16 ^h)	9.15am Reception & Yr1 Liturgy (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.15pm Meditation (Harbour Room)	
Thursday (17 ^h)	9.15am Mass (SB) 7pm CAFOD Meeting (Harbour Room, SB)	
Friday (18 th)	Baptism with School present (SJ) 6pm Year of Mercy Holy Hour & Reconciliation(SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Adoration, Taize Worship & Reconciliation (SJ)	
Saturday(19 th)	2pm Baptism (SB) 11am Baptism (SJ) 2pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) – With Children’s Liturgy	
Next Sunday (20 th) Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy	
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		This Newsletter is sponsored by HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE <small>Peel House 638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton. BL1 7AL 01204 309609</small> 

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Remembrance Sunday



On this day we remember all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn.

Services: There will be special services at 11am this Sunday held at Dunscair War Memorial and in Victoria Square, Bolton.

Prayer

O God, merciful and strong, who crush wars and cast down the proud, be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst and to wipe away all tears, so that we may all truly deserve to be called your children. *Roman Missal*

Retired Priests Fund: This Weekend we have a special collection to help towards the cost of supporting the retired priests in our diocese.

Year of Mercy Holy Hour: As the Year of Mercy comes to a close, we will be holding a special evening of reflection (followed by Mass) on Friday 18 November (6pm-8pm) at St John's Church. The evening will start with confession and adoration, followed by Mass and then time for reflection and music. All welcome!



The St Vincent de Paul Society has launched their Christmas Time Appeal, but they're not asking for money. Instead they're asking for parishioners to give a little of their time to help others by joining our

parish SVP group. As you plan your Christmas celebrations, spare a thought for those who dread the festive season. For many it's a time of profound loneliness and solitude, while for others it means not being able to afford the family presents or delicious foods that the rest of us take for granted. But giving a little of your time to help those in need could help change that and it might be the best gift you've ever given. To find out more contact any member of the SVP.

SVP Annual Mass for the Deceased: Will be held on Saturday 26 November at 11am in St John's Church.

The Resurrection (Voskresenije) Choir of St Petersburg Return to

St Mary's Church, Horwich

Thursday 24th November 2016 - 7.30pm

Tickets £10 - available by contacting 01204 468209
or emailing stmaryshorwich@gmail.com

For more information about this wonderful choir
visit: voskresenije.blogspot.co.uk



St John's Christmas Draw: Tickets will be available after the 9.15am Masses in the Patmos Room. Please do take some tickets to sell to your family and friends. There is a list available for anyone wishing to donate prize vouchers. Thank you for your support

Churches Together in Harwood Helping Urban Outreach

This year, St Brendan's have promised to provide 435 cartons of chicken gravy granules to help towards providing Christmas dinner hampers for needy families.

Your generosity, in the past, has been outstanding and we would appreciate your efforts again this year.

The gravy granule collection will begin next Sunday (20 November) and continue until 4 December. *Thank you*

Christmas Toy Collection: Following the overwhelming generous response to this special toy collection last year, we have been asked if we would hold another collection of newly purchased toys in aid of Fortalice. Fortalice provides frontline services including a twenty-two bed refuge and a support centre for women and children who are affected by or who are fleeing domestic abuse. As the women and children have often lived a deprived and abusive life with little in the way of presents for birthdays or Christmas, Fortalice is always delighted to receive donations of toys and presents to ensure the residents in the refuge have a Christmas most of us would take for granted. Without the generosity of people in the local community, the charity would not be able to survive or give parents and children a new experience of receiving individual presents. We will hold the toy collection at our Saturday and Sunday Masses on the 10 & 11 December and a representative from Fort Alice will give a short talk. *Thank you*

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection: Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the recent Fast Day Collection. The total amount came to £1667.46.

St John's 200 Club

The November winners are:

£50 J Cranshaw
£30 D O'Brien
£20 M Cropper



Marriage Matters

Go on quietly working at our marriage, stand before God together In marriage, one partner can work hard at the relationship, the other take it for granted. When both work at it, marriage can be the most marvellous relationship possible. Today, take time to stand before God together and *'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'*. We all need this healing. Let's reaffirm our vows today.

Think Vocation

November is the month of the Holy Souls. We can all think of priests and Religious who have helped us on our journey of faith and have now died. Let us remember them in our prayers. It is also an opportunity to express our gratitude for their example and guidance.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend (26/27 November)

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	L Seals	M Hilton, J Cranshaw
9.15 (SJ)	A Grundy	J Carroll, A Grundy, M Speed, A Rawlinson, M Fau-Goodwin, P McArdle
11.15 (SB)	K Denton	T Proctor, T Smith, J Proctor