

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

8TH JANUARY 2017 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the “Time of Manifestation”, or Showing. Today is the ‘Feast of the Manifestation’, or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men, who travelled from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: “All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.” The same is true of the key word in the second reading: “Revelation”. Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God’s plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour’s birth revealed at last to us.



Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 166; Preface page 37		Prayers Please
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy	<p>Sick: Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, 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, 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, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: James Weston, Roy Shepherd, May Wright, James Alwill, Maureen Kennedy, Maria Dunphy, George Smyth, James Lever</p> <p>Anniversaries: Fr Gerard Duffy, Marian Kosecki, Eileen Croft, Harriet McAvoy</p> <p>Mass Intentions: James Weston, Roy Shepherd, May Wright, James Alwill, John Lenihan, Kathleen Taylor, Chris Taylor, Sheila Hayes (Birthday Remembrance), Barbara Grimes (Remembrance), Callum Grimes (Special Intention), Maureen Kennedy, Fr Gerard Duffy, George Smyth, Deceased members of the Dawson family, Agnes & George Hesford, Lucy Hesford, Mary Ainscough (Birthday Remembrance), Fr Denis Sheahan, Marian Kosecki, Eileen Croft, Harriet McAvoy</p>
Monday (9 th) <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (10 th)	10.30am Requiem Mass for Maria Dunphy (SC) 2pm-2.45pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 6.30pm Sacramental Programme Meeting – (SC School) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (11 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ) 6.15pm Sacramental Programme Meeting – (SJ School)	
Thursday (12 th)	9.15am Mass (SB) 6pm Sacramental Programme Meeting – (SB School) 7pm CAFOD Meeting (Harbour Room, St Brendan’s)	
Friday (13 th)	2.30pm Requiem Mass for May Wright (SJ)	
Saturday (14 th)	10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation Course (Patmos Room, St John’s) 2pm Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SC)	
Sunday (15 th) <i>Peace Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy <i>A Special Day of Prayer for Peace on Earth</i>	
<p>Collections & Donations: All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan’s, St Columba’s or St John’s as appropriate. Mass Intentions: Cheques should be made payable to St John’s Gift Aid: 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</p>		<p>Cycle of Prayer Part 1 (of 6) We pray especially for: openness to the Word of God; migrants and refugees; expectant mothers</p>

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Ceilidh: The CAFOD group are organising a Ceilidh on Friday 10 February 2017. Please save the date and come along and enjoy! Tickets will be on sale this weekend.



Christian Meditation: Begins again on Tuesday 10 January (2pm-2.45pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. The first evening session will be held on Thursday 20 January (7.15-8pm) All welcome.



Church Cleaning (St John's): Will be at 10am on Friday 13 January. Please come along if you are able to help. Thank you

Baptism Preparation

Our next preparation session will take place next Saturday (14 January) at 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. Before making arrangements to attend one of our Baptism courses, please speak to one of the priests after Mass.

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Give every fibre of our being: The gift we can give to Jesus and to one another is ourselves. No matter how long we have been married, let us still enjoy unwrapping the gift of self. Just as, through the grace of God, the 'wise men' went another way, not the world's way, so can we, by giving our whole selves, every fibre of our being.

Think Vocation

The magi were guided by a star to be shown the Prince of Peace in Bethlehem. As Christians, we have a responsibility to make Christ known to all those whom we encounter. We do this by living lives that show that Christ is alive within us. May our love for the Lord continue to grow this year and lead others closer to Christ.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend (14/15 January)

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00pm (SC)	C Molyneux	M Hilton & J Cranshaw
9.15am (SJ)	L Rushton	M Cropper, A Rawlinson, M Fau-Goodwin, M Speed, M Russell, T Armstrong
11.15am(SB)	T Regan	P Brennan, M Durkan, C Owen

Come and Join Us

Tea & Coffee are always served after the 9.15am Mass (St John's) and the 11.15am Mass (St Brendan's)

All welcome!

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