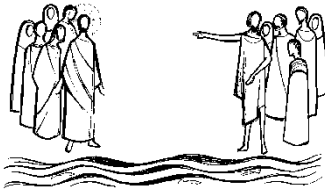


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

15TH JANUARY 2017 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time – one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the “revelation” of the Son of God – people realising who this “Jesus of Nazareth” actually was – and this continues today, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew’s Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord’s public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen – even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God’s work

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: page 185; Preface at priest’s choice		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, Robert Morissey and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Winifred Elliott, Joan Roberts, Eileen Martin, Margaret Mavis Harpley, James Weston, Roy Shepherd, May Wright, James Alwill, Maureen Kennedy, Maria Dunphy, George Smyth, James Lever</p> <p>Anniversaries: Tony Whyte, William Hurst, Cynthia Winstanley, Agnes Beeching, Bill Houghton, Winifred Kenyon</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Tony Whyte, May Wright, James Weston, Roy Shepherd, William Hurst, Winifred Elliott, Most grateful thanks to our Blessed Lady & St Jude for prayers answered and favours received, Joan Roberts, Barbara Grimes (Remembrance), Eileen Martin, Cynthia Winstanley, Margaret Mavis Harpley, Agnes Beeching, Winifred Kenyon, Oswald Kenyon (Birthday Remembrance), Bill Houghton</p>
<i>Peace Day</i>	<i>A Special Day of Prayer for Peace on Earth</i>	
Monday (16 th)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (17 th) <i>St Anthony, Abbott</i>	9.30am Requiem Mass for Roy Shepherd (SC) 2pm-2.45pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Becoming Catholic Meeting (Patmos Room, SJ)	
Wednesday (18 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ) <i>Beginning of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	
Thursday (19 th)	10am Requiem Mass for James Wheeler (SB) 1pm-3pm Colouring Social Group (Patmos Room, SJ) 7.15-8pm Christian Meditation (Harbour Room, SB)	
Friday (20 th)	No Mass Today	
Saturday (21 st) <i>St Agnes</i>	11am Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SC)	
Sunday (22 nd)	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy	
<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.</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Cheques should be made payable to St John’s</p> <p>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>		

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Peace Sunday: Pope Francis asks us to reflect on the theme of 'Nonviolence: a style of politics for peace': *"In 2017, may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming nonviolent people and to building nonviolent communities that care for our common home. "Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be a maker of peace"*

Pope Francis' full message, for the World Day of Prayer for Peace, can be seen on the following web page: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Peace-Sunday>.

**Colouring Social Group
at**

**St John's; Patmos; Room on Thursday 19 January
1pm-3pm
(and on every 3rd Thursday in the month)**

For everyone who loves colouring, socialising and meeting new people – all ages & abilities welcome!
Feel free to bring along any other creative crafts to the group.

Like us on Facebook at Colouring Social Group and keep up to date
Or contact Belinda on 07967 752497



**Ceilidh
Dancing to "Barefoot Fiddler"**

At

Walmsley Parish Hall
on Friday 10 February (7.30pm-11pm)
Tickets now on sale - £10 per person which includes a pastie supper.
Bar available or bring your own drinks

Father Sean O'Brien

As you know, Fr O'Brien left our parishes in December. Since then he has been spending some time with his family prior to entering the Benedictine monastery at Ampleforth in North Yorkshire. He went there on Wednesday and will have a period of postulancy and novitiate (about 12 months in total) before taking any vows. Please pray for him during this time of discernment. He sends his best wishes to you all.

Marriage Matters (twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

We need 'power from on high': Were Jesus' fears eased when he heard the Father was 'well pleased'? He was empowered by the Holy Spirit to begin his mission: to bring to the world the Good News of God's compassion, mercy and forgiveness for our sins. By daily dialogue about concerns and issues and by seeking 'help from on high', we can overcome our fears.

Think Vocation

"Here I am Lord! I come to do your will." We could do no better than put this response to today's psalm on our lips, as the first words we speak each and every day. If we want to live fruitful and fulfilling lives we will want to seek to do God's will and not just satisfy our own wishes. Through the quality of our prayer-life we will develop a personal relationship with Christ which will enable us to know deep down the direction Our Lord wants our lives to take.

St John's 200 Club

The December winners were:

- £50 M Riley (46)
- £30 E Mingay (36)
- £20 J Carter (128)



The January winners are:

- £50 J Durkin (127)
- £30 A Rawlinson (24)
- £20 J Marshal (10)

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend
(21/22 January)**

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00pm (SC)	V Cryer	P & F McDowell, E Clarke
9.15am (SJ)	G French	P McArdle, T Armstrong, D Ramsden, J Carroll, A Grundy, M Speed
11.15am (SB)	C Bridge	T Proctor, T Taylor, J Proctor

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