

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

29TH JANUARY 2017 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

How Happy are the Poor in Spirit.

Last week we heard Saint Matthew describing the beginnings of Jesus' public ministry. This week Saint Matthew begins the most important summary of the proclamation of the kingdom of God - what we refer to as the 'Sermon on the Mount.' This great collection of Jesus' teachings begins with the Beatitudes - the Charter of the Kingdom. It is essential to understand these, if we are to understand what we will read in Saint Matthew during the rest of this year: the key, as underlined by the First Reading, is that the values of this world are not the values of the Kingdom of God - the Kingdom will see things turned upside down: happiness and blessing belong to those whom this world would ignore or mistreat. If we truly wish to live out the Gospel, we would do well to reflect on the virtues laid out in this familiar passage.



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Sunday <i>Caritas Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy <i>A Special Collection for Caritas (Diocese of Salford)</i>	<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, 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, Father Harry Jones, Edwin Rankin, Father Francis McAuley, Arthur Darbishire and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Brian Wilkinson, Tera Ambrozewicz, Veronica Ashworth, Alice Hart, Eric Ashcroft, Bridie Montague, Barbara Stoppard, Mary Beswick, Robert Moore, Veronica Howarth, Tom Fay, David Simpson, Winifred Elliott, Joan Roberts, Eileen Martin, Margaret Mavis Harpley,</p> <p>Anniversaries: Eleanor Owen, Bernard Coop, Mary Dobbins, Bridget Knowles</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Brian Wilkinson, Bill & Eleanor Owen, Sivio Rossi, Tera Ambrozewicz, Bernard Coop, Mary Dobbins, Veronica Ashworth, Alice Hart, Eric Ashcroft, A Special Intention, Josephine Knowles (Birthday Intentions), Bridget Knowles, Emily Williams (Special Prayers)</p>
Monday (30 th)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (31 st) <i>St John Bosco</i>	6.30pm Sacramental Programme – Reconciliation (SC) No Evening Mass 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (1 st Feb)	9.30am Mass (SJ) 6.15pm Sacramental Programme – Reconciliation (SJ)	
Thursday (2 nd) <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	9.30am Mass (SB) 6.30pm Sacramental Programme – Reconciliation (SB) <i>Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop John Arnold</i>	
Friday (3 rd)	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday (4 th)	10am-11am Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC)	
Sunday (5 th)	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>		<p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6):</p> <p>We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed</p>

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Caritas Sunday

Caritas means 'Love to Human Kind'; this is the action that we are being asked to take as Missionary Disciples in our parish. As the official Catholic charity of our Diocese, Caritas Diocese of Salford has 21 formal services and centres; helping homelessness; poverty alleviation; those suffering from benefit sanctions; raising awareness of human trafficking; welcoming the stranger; visiting the elderly and housebound; campaigning for justice; working in our schools, and housing and supporting young mothers and babies.

This year's Caritas Sunday is to support the *Caritas Refugee Response* work in our communities. As Bishop John reminds us, 'All refugees are children of God. We look forward to welcoming refugee families into the Diocese and extending a hand of love and friendship to our global brothers and sisters'. Caritas Diocese of Salford has been overwhelmed with the local response of individuals and groups of people who have come together from individual churches, ecumenical and multi-faith groups to help with the Refugee Crisis. At our Masses this weekend, we will have a special collection for the work of Caritas Diocese of Salford



Congratulations: To who Olaf Adam Brzozowski who was baptised at St Columba's last Saturday. We pray that he and his family will continue to grow in faith.

DIOCESAN

CATECHETICAL CO-ORDINATOR

The diocese has an exciting job opportunity for an experienced practitioner to develop and support catechetical formation at diocesan and parish level. The new co-ordinator will develop the training and support of volunteer catechists in delivering a range of activities, and identify or develop materials to support new and existing programs in formation in faith across the diocese. Please see the parish noticeboard for further details, or 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; Email: recruitment@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. The closing date for applications is Friday 17th February 2017. Further details are also available on the diocesan



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

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Being human - we are human be-ings, not do-ings: With the ever-increasing pace of life, when do we get a chance 'to be'? Today, the Word of God is intended to relate more to the deeper aspects of our humanity and the inner essence of our being, and the qualities of our personhood. It's about the ways we relate to each other in our marriages, our families, our communities.

Think Vocation

"Happy are the pure in heart – they shall see God." The Lord can work with people who are genuine and full of integrity. Young people can see through what is false and superficial: as Catholics, we need to be genuine and sincere in everything we do and this will draw young people to want to serve as priests and religious in the Church.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend (4/5 February)

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	C Smith	M Hilton & J Cranshaw
9.15 (SJ)	M Isherwood	A Grundy, D Ramsden, M Speed, P McArdle, E Rothwell, T Armstrong
11.15(SB)	J Proctor	J Proctor, T Smith, T Proctor

Come and Join Us

Tea & Coffee are always available after the Sunday Masses

at St John's (9.15am) and St Brendan's (11.15am)

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