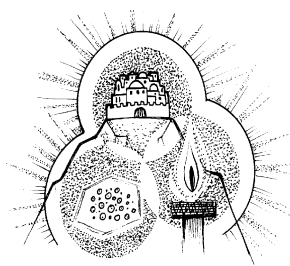


NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS

5TH FEBRUARY 2017 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

While the world may seem to be very indifferent to Christianity most of the time, it can be very critical of Christians who do not seem to be following the most basic tenet of their faith – to be a people of “good deeds”, as Jesus teaches in today’s portion of the Sermon on the Mount. While we may sometimes feel indignant about the world’s criticism of our faults, we have to remember that we are in a vital relationship with “the world” – we are to be its light. This means that we should welcome the world’s gaze and scrutiny of our actions and beliefs and we should, in a sense, be accountable to the world for the way we live. We should never be salt that loses its taste. This openness to the gaze of all is not for our own glory, however: it is so that others may find what we have found – their way to the Father.



Liturgy & Activities This Week

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1

Sunday Missal: page 217; Preface at priest’s choice

Liturgy & Activities This Week		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, 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 Harrison, Martin Liptrott, Joan Brierly, Margaret Parkinson, Peter Walsh, Brian Wilkinson, Tera Ambrozewicz, Veronica Ashworth, Alice Hart, Eric Ashcroft</p> <p>Anniversaries: Barbara Irving, Lewis Brown, Betty Finn</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Marie Lamoury (Birthday Remembrance), Barbara Irving, Joan Brierly, Margaret Parkinson, Peter Walsh, Rita Brooks (for her 90th birthday), Our Lady Rosa Mystica (in grateful thanks for a successful operation), Lewis Brown, Betty Finn</p>
Monday (6 th)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
<i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>		
Tuesday (7 th)	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm - Becoming Catholic Meeting (Patmos Room, SJ)	
Wednesday (8 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ) 2pm Octagon Theatre Trip <i>Special Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking and Those working to Combat it</i>	
Thursday (9 th)	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday (10 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ) 1pm Funeral Service for Martin Liptrott (Overdale)	
<i>St Scholastica</i>		
Saturday (11 th)	5pm Mass (SC)	
<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	<i>World Day for the Sick – Special day of Prayer for the Sick and Those Who Care for Them</i>	
Sunday (12 th)	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy	
<i>Racial Justice Sunday</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.</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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Fair Trade Stall: Fairly traded goods will be available at St John's before and after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday 12 February. This month we would like to highlight the work of Cards from Africa in Rwanda, a group that emerged after the genocide of the civil war and works with people who have lost family support. Buying the cards helps the group to replace despair with hope, as it says on their website; "Every card maker we employ has a story of hope and personal triumph." You can read their stories at <http://www.cardsfromafrica.co.uk/our-story/our-cardmakers/>

Theatre Lovers: A reminder that the Parish outing to see *Educating Rita* at the Octagon will take place on Wednesday 8 February at 2pm. The Theatre is warning of some traffic disruption around the Octagon due to road works. Please start looking for those tickets!

Also, I am now taking payment for *Talking Heads* by Alan Bennett on Wednesday 21 June. (Some have already paid) Please make all cheques payable to **The Octagon Theatre**. I can be found after 11.15am Mass at Brendan's where cash is welcome! The price is £14 (discounted). I have one spare place if anyone is interested (303505). Thank you. *Madeleine*

APF Mill Hill Red Mission Boxes: St Brendan's require a volunteer to help collect the Red Mission Boxes. It entails visiting about half a dozen houses four times per year. If anyone is interested, please phone Peter Hosie on 591435



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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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 17 February 2017. Further details are also available on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Unity is the key: When we married, a new flame was lit in our Church, signified by the lighting of a new candle as we made our vows and became "Little Church" together. Now, as we think of our life up to now, we can see how our love has been reflected on to our children, our family and our Church community.

Think Vocation

"Share your bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor." Those in need and those who have nothing are very close to the Lord. He wants no one to suffer and he will judge us on how we who have more than we need, have treated those who have nothing. Let us count our blessings each day and open our eyes and our hearts to those we come across who need our help.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend (11/12 February)

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	J O'Connor	P & F McDowell, E Clarke
9.15 (SJ)	P Margiotta	J Carroll, M Russell, F Smith, M Fau-Goodwin, M Cropper, A Gracie
11.15(SB)	K Wilkinson	P Carolan, J Murphy, K Wilkinson

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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