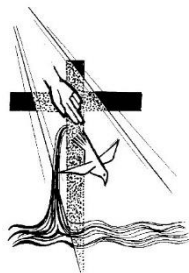


## NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS

### 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



We begin our summer 'Ordinary Time' by celebrating a strange feast - not of a particular saint or event, but of the awesome paradoxes of our God, the Three-in-One, Father, Son and Spirit: so immeasurably distant, yet so amazingly close, so full of power and so full of love. It is love that is the key to the mystery: the revelation of God, to Moses and in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, shows a perfect love - a perfect unity. In the beginning, in the story of Creation in Genesis, God made man and woman 'in the image and likeness of God', to live together as a community of love. So too, the Church is an image of this perfection of community which is Father, Son and Spirit. We, as many members of one Church, strive in our everyday lives to imitate God who is Three and One, perfect unity and perfect love.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 816; Preface: page 824		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy	<p><b>Sick:</b> Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Josephine Knowles, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, John Pryor, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Robert Morissey, Edwin Rankin, Father Francis McCauley, Margaret Patterson, Zachary Ainscough (aged 7), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Bernadette Smith, Peggy Ainscow and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Margaret Riley, Mary Long, Rita Bell</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Joseph Healey, John Crowley, Patrick O'Donnell, Georgette Kosecki, Joseph Gilmartin, Guy Warburton, Walter Mariner, Kathleen Keeley, Gladys Hall</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Mary Long, A Special Intention, Joseph Healey, John Crowley, Rita Bell, Patrick O'Donnell, Georgette Kosecki, Joseph Gilmartin, Guy Warburton, Walter Mariner, Kathleen Keeley, Gladys Hall, Margaret Riley</p>
Monday (12 <sup>th</sup> )	No Morning Mass 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (13 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	1.30pm Requiem Mass for Margaret Riley (SB) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (14 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>The Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday (15 <sup>th</sup> )	9.15am Mass (SB) 1pm-3pm Colouring Social Group (Patmos Room, SJ) 7.30pm <i>Rooted</i> [see overleaf]	
Friday (16 <sup>th</sup> )	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday (17 <sup>th</sup> )	10am First Communion Mass (SC) 5pm Mass (SC) <i>Special Collection for</i>	
Sunday (18 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy <i>Day for Life</i> 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm First Communion Mass (SJ) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Human Life</i>	
<p><b>Collections &amp; Donations:</b> 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><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Cheques should be made payable to St John's</p> <p><b>Gift Aid:</b> 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;"><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6):</b></p> <p>We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers</p>

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**Day for Life:** Each year *Day for Life* provides an opportunity to reflect on the dignity of every human person, both young and old, and to pray for and support all life from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* provides us with an opportunity to reflect, pray and to offer support, especially for those who have lost a child and those women who are anxious about their pregnancy. In our own parish communities, we are called to reach out and support all those who are alone, and to offer practical support to those in need, which includes worried mums and dads. We will hold a special *Day for Life* collection at our Masses next weekend to help fund projects that seek to care for life at every stage and in every condition. *Thank you.*

**Communion Prayers:** Please pray for all the children making their First Holy Communion these next two weekends.



**Congratulations:** To Florence Joan Watson who was Baptised at St Brendan's on Saturday 27 May and to Precious and Grace Asiekwu who were baptised at St Columba's on Saturday 3 June. We pray that they and their families continue on their journey of faith.



**Wedding Congratulations:** To Noel Croke and Louise Reddy who were married at St John's on Sunday 28 May. We wish them a long, happy and fulfilled married life together.

**Father Parkinson:** As most of you will know, Fr Parkinson is due to have surgery on his knee on Monday. We pray that the operation is successful and we wish him a speedy recovery.

### SVP News

**SVP Sponsored Walk:** The annual sponsored walk, which helps local families in need, takes place this Sunday (11 June). It's not too late if you wish to take part and sponsor forms are available at the back of our churches. Everyone is invited to join in the walk or, alternatively, please sponsor someone who is walking.

**Destitution Project:** We will be collecting the usual items throughout June at our three churches. There has been a special request for food items at this collection, details of which, can be found on the church notice boards. Thank you, as always for your generosity.

**Bolton Cancer Voices:** The North West's first dedicated choir for cancer patients and cancer survivors is celebrating its milestone 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday, with a gala concert - *Melodies Of Stage & Screen*, on Saturday 24 June, 7.15pm, in the Victoria Hall, Bolton. Joining Bolton Cancer Voices for this special event will be Affetside Choir and Salford Symphony Orchestra. Offering a wonderful programme of iconic music from some of the best-known and loved musicals and films of our time, it promises to be a wonderful way to spend a summer's evening. Tickets priced £10-00 / £5-00 (for under 19s) are available from the Ticket Secretary on 01204 883977 or in person from the Victoria Hall Box Office.

**Contact Details:** We are compiling a group of email contacts, to use within our churches, that we could use to send out information, generally at short notice Please email the Parish Office if you would like to be added to the list: [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk). All details will be kept confidential.

**Rooted:** Is an ecumenical young adults group in Bolton. We meet on the first and third Thursday of the month (7.30pm) in various places. The next Rooted is on Thursday 15th June at 7.30pm. If you're interested go to [Facebook.com/RootedBolton](https://www.facebook.com/RootedBolton) or email [rooted@harwoodmethodist.org.uk](mailto:rooted@harwoodmethodist.org.uk)

**A Charity Concert in Aid of Parkinson's UK:** Featuring *Tonge with the Haulgh Community Choir* (plus guests) on Saturday 17 June at the Bridge Church & Centre, Bradford Street, Bolton. Tickets £8 (£4 children) available by contacting 07985 788144 or 07771 548590 or from Peter Carolan at 11.15am Mass at St Brendan's.

**St John's School:** This September is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the school in 1977. There will be a Mass and other celebrations to mark this milestone (dates to be announced). If anyone has any items in connection with our school, and would be willing to allow us to use them for this occasion, these would be gratefully received. The items loaned to us, should include the sender's name so that they can be returned. *Many thanks.*

### St John's 200 Club

The June winners are:

£50 K Brown (43)  
£25 W Latham (41)



### Marriage Matters

**Be united and live in peace:** In today's readings, God is revealed as full of compassion, tenderness and love for His people. Through the sacrament of marriage, we are called to reflect these qualities through our relationship with each other. When we are irritated and react angrily, it is important that we look at ourselves together, trying to recognise why, and seek to correct the causes.

### Think Vocation

"Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit." By faithfully following our vocations, whatever they may be, we give glory to God. Try and encourage someone with this message during the week.

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