

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

18TH JUNE 2017 – THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink



The Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Christ – is a mystery with so many layers and a depth that takes more than a lifetime to penetrate. It is not just a “thing” that we receive – however reverently – it is a person, a relationship, a belonging and a transformation that we consume, that becomes part of us: “Receive what you are – the Body of Christ”. The readings invite us to reflect on how our celebration of the Eucharist brings Christ’s words to our reality: “...who eats my flesh and drink my blood lives in me and I live in him.” The people of the Old Testament had God living in their midst, walking with them on their journey, feeding and nourishing them with the gift of manna from heaven. Jesus walks with us, not looking on from afar, journeying “in communion” with us – living

within us, as we eat and drink the gifts he extends from the Last Supper. And as Saint Paul reminds us, our communion with the One Christ is also a communion with each other – God lives in us as the Church, as we become His Body.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please	
<i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: page 826; Preface: page 53			
Sunday <i>Father's Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm First Communion Mass (SJ) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Human Life</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, 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, Jacqueline Kay, Barbara Hollinshead, Peter Westwell and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness</p> <p>Lately Dead: Edna Brooks, Leo Kearney, Margaret Riley, Jake, Brendan Gilmartin, Paulina Hoyle, Mavis Frazer, Marjorie Brady</p> <p>Anniversaries: Mary Rose Hanley, Harry Dawson, Denis O'Toole, Gladys Hall</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Edna Brooks, Thomas Baker (Birthday Remembrance), Jake (16 years old), Margaret Riley, Mary Rose Hanley, In honour of St Anthony & St Jude for favours received, A Special Intention, Harry Dawson, Peter Westwell (sick), Denis O'Toole, Brendan Gilmartin, Gladys Hall, Paulina Hoyle</p>	
Monday (19 th)	No Morning Mass 7.45pm SVP (SJ)		
Tuesday (20 th)	No Mass today 7.15pm SVP (SB)		
Wednesday (21 st) <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	10am Requiem Mass for Edna Brooks (SJ)		
Thursday (22 nd) <i>St John Fisher & St Thomas More</i>	9.15am Forward in Faith Mass (SC)		
Friday (23 rd) <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.30am Forward in Faith Mass (SJ) 11.30am Requiem Mass for Mavis Frazer (SB)		
Saturday (24 th)	10.30am First Communion Mass (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) <i>A Special Collection for</i>		
Sunday (25 th) <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy <i>Peter's Pence</i> 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)		
<p>Collections & Donations: <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i></p> <p>Gift Aid: <i>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</i></p>			<p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6):</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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Happy Father's Day

We wish all fathers a lovely day today. We also remember and pray for those who are deceased.

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 this weekend to help fund projects that seek to care for life at every stage and in every condition. *Thank you.*

Peter's Pence: Each year throughout the entire Church, on the Sunday nearest the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, next Sunday, a collection is held for the charitable work of the Pope. It is interestingly one of the oldest collections in the Church. It was first mentioned in history as far back as 1031 and in Ireland it dates back to Norman times. Pope Francis has shown us by his word and by his example the special concern he has for the poor and those on the periphery of society. He has said that he wants a Church which is poor and there for the poor. He has a special concern for the victims of human trafficking and modern forms of slavery. He has appealed on many occasions for support for the many Christians who suffer persecution because of their faith. Pope Francis' own personal life style is marked by great simplicity. The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity with the Pope in his care for the poor. Please give generously for appreciation of the work of Pope Francis. *Thank you*

Communion Prayers: Please pray for all the children making their First Holy Communion this weekend and next.



Congratulations: To Sadie-Rae Tansey Brown who was baptised at St Columba's last Saturday. We pray that she and her family continue to grow in faith.

Father Parkinson: The operation on Fr Parkinson's knee went very well. He is in very good spirits and recovering nicely. We pray that he continues this great progress.

Theatre Lovers: Now is the time to find your tickets! *Talking Heads* reminder at The Octagon, Wednesday 21 June matinee at 2pm. Enjoy! *Madeleine*

SVP News

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.

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. All details will be kept confidential. Thank you to those who have responded to this request so far.

Red Mission Boxes (SJ): Due to a shortage of Promoters, the method of collecting monies has been reviewed. With effect from Sunday 2 July, a quarterly 'gather-in' will take place after Sunday Mass at St John's. If the boxes are brought to church, the proceeds will be counted and the boxes ready for collection the following Sunday. The *Missionary* magazine will also be available for collection at church.

Baptism Preparation Course: The date for the next course is Saturday 15 July (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. If you wish to attend please email the Parish Office: office@sbsj.org.uk.

Bolton Cancer Voices: The North West's first dedicated choir for cancer patients and cancer survivors is celebrating its milestone 5th 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.

Marriage Matters

Feed your love: Without food, we die! Our wedding promise was to nourish each other so that we bring life to our marriage. We feed each other in all the little countless ways, but particularly in our tender lovemaking, our talking and listening, support and encouragement, particularly in times of doubt and uncertainty. In these ways, our marriage will grow and shine.

Think Vocation

The Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is at the core of our Catholic faith. May we grow in love for the Church, the Blessed Sacrament and the sacred priesthood. May we always risk gently helping people to grow in their appreciation and understanding of this great gift by paying attention to our own personal reverence and devotion to the Eucharist.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 24/25 June

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	M Maybury	F Ginty, C Molyneux, J O'Connor
9.15 (SJ)	A Gracie	E Rothwell, D Ramsden, A Gracie, F Smith, M Speed, M Cropper
11.15(SB)	F Doloroso	J Murphy, K Wilkinson, P Carolan

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Come and Join Us!

Tea, coffee and a chat are always available after Sunday Masses at St John's (9.15am) and St Brendan's (11.15am).
All welcome!