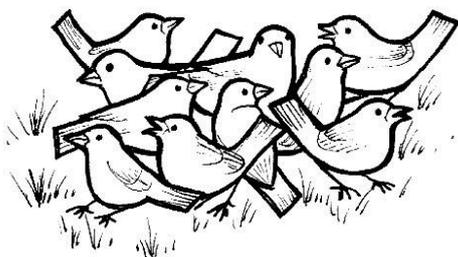


NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS

25TH JUNE 2017 – TWELFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME



Today's Gospel turns our thoughts to the strange phenomenon of persecution: throughout the history of mankind, the truth has been a commodity that often leads to persecution: the prophets of the Old Testament were attacked because of their message, as was the Lord Jesus himself. For his followers, the same may be true. The point of the readings is not simply to face up to the reality of the opposition the Gospel may meet, but to remember where the truth of the Gospel comes from: The Father in heaven, who knows us and values us so we can be confirmed in our mission to witness to the truth, not fearing those who merely kill the body.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i> Sunday Missal: Page 288; Preface at priest's choice		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy <i>A Special Collection for Peter's Pence</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, Peggy Ainscow, Jacqueline Kay, Peter Westwell, Canon Dorran and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness</p> <p>Lately Dead: Barbara Hollinshead Edna Brooks, Fr George Williams (SDB), Leo Kearney, Jake, Brendan Gilmartin, Paulina Hoyle, Mavis Fraser, Marjorie Brady, Mary O'Hanlon, Jimmy McHugh, Barbara Fellows, Patricia Jones</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Edna Brooks, Paulina Hoyle, Jimmy McHugh, Barbara Fellows. Leo Kearney, Gerard Murphy (Birthday Remembrance), Patricia Jones, Barbara Hollinshead.</p>
Monday (26 th)	No Morning Mass 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (27 th)	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (28 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ) 1.15pm-3pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB) <i>St Ireneus</i>	
Thursday (29 th)	9.15am Forward in Faith Mass (SB) 9.15am Mass (SJ) 11am Mass (SC) 7pm Mass (SJ) <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	
Friday (30 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday (1 st July)	11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC)	
Sunday (2 nd)	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	
Canon Charles Anthony Dorran Canon Dorran, who was parish priest of St John's from 1970 to 1994 has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer which is terminal. He is resigning as parish priest of St Mary, Osbaldeston and will shortly be moving into private nursing care. He would, of course, appreciate our prayers.		Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): 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

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Peter's Pence: Each year throughout the entire Church, on the Sunday nearest the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, this 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 who have recently made their First Holy Communion.

Harbour Room Book Club: Will meet on Wednesday 28 June at the usual time of 1.15pm. The book for discussion is *Room* by Emma Donohue. All welcome.

SVP News

Sponsored Walk: Thank you to all those who took part in the walk and to those who sponsored someone. Please can monies be handed in as soon as possible. The amount raised will be announced in due course.

Coffee Morning (SJ): There will be a coffee morning at St John's on Friday 7 July after the 9.30am Mass. All the proceeds will go to Urban Outreach. *All are very welcome!*

Heaton Cemetery Mass: Our annual deanery Mass for all the deceased will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5 July. Please come along to the Mass, if you can, to pray for all those who have died. If raining, Mass will be at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Lonsdale Road.

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.

Red Mission Boxes (SC): Please bring your boxes in anytime over the next few weeks. *Thank you*

Parish Amalgamation

This week we have received a letter from Bishop John asking us to begin the formal process of consultation about the amalgamation of St Brendan and St John. We will have a parish forum meeting in July to progress this.

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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.

Just Youth: Is a youth ministry project based in Salford run by the Spiritans, which works with thousands of children and young people across the north west of England every year. They are looking for young volunteers, between the ages of 18—26 to join their diverse team in Salford this summer who are enthusiastic, creative, and willing to make a difference in the world. If you're fresh out of college or Uni, why not rise up to the challenge and take a gap year with them? Make your year really count! Email for more information at admin@justyouth.co.uk. Visit the website www.justyouth.co.uk as well.

Please Join Us: At the Cathedral Centre for a Talk: "Nostra Aetate - from Curse to Blessing" by Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, previously the Head of the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue, Former Papal Nuncio to Egypt and Delegate to the Arab League. "Nostra Aetate" is the Vatican II document on the relation between the Catholic Church and other faiths, and its teachings have become more and more relevant in recent years. The talk is on Tuesday 4 July (7pm) at Salford Cathedral Centre, Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. If you would like to attend, please contact 01282 422007 or email: peter.hopkinson@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to pre-book places.

Vacancy - Receptionist at the Cathedral Centre.

The Diocese of Salford wish to appoint a highly motivated and well-organised Receptionist to provide the highest standards of reception to employees, contractors and visitors and will play a vital role in the smooth running of the Cathedral Centre. Salary: £16,500 - £18,000 per annum (depending on experience). Usual hours: 37.5 hours per week, 8.30am–5pm Monday to Friday, although a flexible approach to working hours will be required. For more information and to request an application pack, please contact: The Director of Administration and Personnel, Office for Finance and Administration, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP Tel: 0161 817 2222. Email: personnel@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. Closing date for applications: 12noon, Friday 30 June 2017.

Think Vocation

Let us pray that those who God is calling to serve Him in the priesthood or consecrated religious life, will not be afraid to follow Him and preach the Gospel from the rooftops.

Marriage Matters

Fear Conceals Itself: How easy to become paranoid, to wonder what others might be saying about us. These aspects can be present outside our relationship and within it; at their core is fear! Jesus continuously exhorts the Twelve, "do not be afraid...every hair on your head has been counted". Living our life now in Christ, we will not fear what others think.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 1/2 July

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	T Lees	M Hilton, J Cranshaw,
9.15 (SJ)	J Carroll	M Cropper, A Rawlinson, F Smith, T Armstrong, A Grundy, M Russell,
11.15(SB)	F Evans	K Wilkinson, P Carolan, J Murphy