

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

**1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2017 – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Once a sinner, always a sinner. That seems to be the attitude of the self-righteous in the first reading and the Gospel; they object that God is unjust, because he gives sinners another chance. But God tells them quite clearly that such attitudes are the real injustice - to allow prejudice and hardness of heart to come between repentance and forgiveness. The words of Christ in the Gospel must have struck a chill into the hard hearts of the so-called righteous chief priests - even today they can make us stop and think: Prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. All our outward show matters little, if it does not correspond with what is deep in our hearts; all our words are meaningless, if they do not correspond with the way we live our lives.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 433; Preface at Priest's choice		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Darwen Road closed through Bromley Cross</i>	<p><b>Sick:</b> Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, 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, Father Francis McCauley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 7), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Peggy Ainscow, Canon Dorran, Christine Everitt, Mark O'Brien, Sheila Derbyshire, Margaret Gibson, Kathleen &amp; Arnold Banks, Andrew Rostron, Rose Mellor, and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Catherine Madden, Vera Chapman, Kate Jones, Jean Booth, Connie Dunne, Anthony Walsh,</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Barbara Grimes, Mary Ainscough</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Mary Ainscough, Barbara Grimes, Kate Jones, Jean Booth, Catherine Madden, Connie Dunne</p>
Monday (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	No Mass today 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	1.30pm Funeral Service for Vera Chapman (SJ) 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15 SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (4 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday (5 <sup>th</sup> )	No Mass today	
Friday (6 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</i>	No Morning Mass today 1pm Requiem Mass for Catherine Madden (SJ)	
Saturday (7 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 2pm Baptism (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC)	
Sunday (8 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Families</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – With Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – With Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	
<b>CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</b> CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is Friday 6 October 2017. This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope, fast this Friday and give what you can. <i>Thank you</i>		<b>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6):</b> We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families.

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**Hope in the Future:** Today we have a pastoral letter from the bishop outlining an initiative to help us develop missionary parishes throughout the diocese. Hope in the Future will be launched on Wednesday evening at the Cathedral and our parishes will be represented. Please pray for the success of this initiative and be ready to play your part.

**Patmos Room Afternoon Tea:** We are holding an afternoon tea for parishioners on Wednesday 18 October (2pm-4pm) at St John's. As there is only limited space, we have forty-eight tickets at £3 per person. Tickets will be on sale after weekend Masses at each church.

**New Sewing Group:** We are hoping to set up a sewing group (*Needles*). The first session will be on Monday 9 October (7pm to 9pm). We will be meeting/exhibiting at St Brendan's Harbour Room. If you are interested in cross stitch, embroidery, knitting or any other aspects of needlework (beginner or experienced), please come along. Bring your talents and ideas to help set up the group. For any further details, please contact Ursula Shorrock on 01204 392591

**Becoming Catholic:** You may, or may not be aware that we have previously run a programme for any adult who has an interest in becoming Catholic or simply wants to know more about the Catholic Faith. This year we are looking at beginning another group which will start in October at St John's Church. The programme will run until Easter and is for anyone in any of our parishes. If you would like more information and think that this is something that you would be interested in, please contact our parish office on 301927 or [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

**Readers' Rota:** The rota for St John's and St Brendan's will be updated during the next couple of weeks. If you would like to start reading at Mass or, alternatively, have your name taken off the rota, please contact the office on 301927 or [office@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk). Thank you.

### Administration Assistant Vacancies

We are currently recruiting a Junior Administration Assistant and an Administration Assistant to join our Department of Education. The Department for Education of the Diocese of Salford exists to support, advise and challenge schools to achieve excellence in education and promote understanding of and commitment to the fullness of Catholic truth and sacramental life. In order to achieve this mission, the Department plays an important role in supporting teachers, head teachers and governors through professional development and training programmes. If you would like a new challenge and want to join our busy team you can find more details on the vacancy pages at <http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk>.

**Administration Assistant** – £17,000 – £18,000 per annum, 35 hours per week.

**Junior Administration Assistant** – £16,000 per annum, 35 hours per week.

**Closing Date:** 12 noon, Monday 9th October 2017.

**To request an application pack or for more information on this post please contact:**

The Director of Administration and Personnel, Department of Finance and Administration, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP Tel: 0161-817 2222

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**Pastoral Ministry:** The Diocese will be offering a Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, beginning February 2018. This Diploma, offered in partnership with the Archdiocese of Liverpool, Liverpool Hope University and Loyola University, Chicago, will combine a two-year online course. Students who do not wish to work towards the full Diploma can enrol simply for the ten modules offered by Loyola Chicago which will lead to a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry.

If you are interested in more information, there will be a Come and See information evening at the Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford St, Salford, on Tuesday 10 October 7.30pm – 9pm. Come along and hear more about this exciting opportunity.

For further information, please contact Fr Paul Daly ([paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)) or Fr Chris Lough ([christopher.lough@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:christopher.lough@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)), who are the diocesan contacts for the Diploma and Certificate.

**Embrace Liverpool 2017 – CALLED:** This year's conference will take place on Saturday 25 November at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral between 9.30am – 6pm. It is a day to celebrate the faith of young people and is aimed at 14-25year olds but open to all ages.

We have arranged for a coach to take a group of young people from Salford Cathedral. The coach and a Diocese of Salford Youth hooded sweatshirt will cost £15 (there may be a coach leaving from Bolton as well). If you are interested in joining the youth team on this trip, please contact Tracey Ward email: [tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

Visit [www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk](http://www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk) for more information.

### SVP News

**Destitution Project:** The collection continues for another couple of weeks. At the moment, the project does not need any more clothing items. There is a list of essential food items on our notice boards that are particularly in need, for example cooking oil, tinned chick peas, and kidney beans, UHT milk, coffee tea etc There is also a particular need for toilet rolls, sanitary items and other toiletries such as soap and shower gel. Thank you for your continued support.

### Marriage Matters

**Maintain a common purpose:** Remember our courting days and the long, thrilling conversations we had about our future together. They were part of our falling in love and of establishing a common purpose in married life. St Paul reminds us of the mark of a Christian: "Be united in your convictions and your love, with a common purpose and a common mind."

### Think Vocation

St Paul speaks today of the need to have a common purpose and a common mind. Our Christian vocation should lead us to discover and carry out God's purpose for us. Our minds should focus on Christ which will lead us to put other people first and purify ourselves of conceit.

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 7/8 October

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	J O'Connor	F Ginty, C Molyneux, J O'Connor
9.15 (SJ)	C Grundy	M Russell, M Speed, A Rawlinson, T Armstrong, J Carroll, M Cropper
11.15(SB)	C Owen	T Smith, J Proctor, T Proctor