

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017</b> <b>SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 238; Readings 238; Preface at Priest's choice</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>“Love your neighbour as yourself.” These are words we associate so clearly with the teaching of Jesus and the way of life the Gospel calls us to. But it may be a surprise to some people to hear that these words come first from the Old Testament, in the mouth of Moses himself. Moses was speaking the Lord God’s instruction for the community – the community of the people of Israel in flight from Egypt in their long sojourn in the wilderness. God’s instructions were about how that community had to work – without grudges, resentment or vengeance, but with love and forgiveness and tolerance. When Jesus comes with the message of the Kingdom of heaven, it is the same – instruction for a perfect, God-guided society, which depends on how each of us lives with others. The “wisdom of this world”, which Saint Paul mentions in the Second Reading, will not teach us this: the world will believe in vengeance and friendship only for your friends. Each of us must ask how we can embrace the apparent folly of Jesus’ teaching: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017</b> <b>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 248; Readings 248 Preface at Priest's choice</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>In these weeks, as we follow the Sermon on the Mount in Saint Matthew’s Gospel, it can feel as though we are dealing with some very “obvious” and familiar teachings. Last week we had “Love your neighbour”, and this week the extremely simple message that God loves and cares for us. This is because the Sermon on the Mount is a great summary of the most basic teachings of our faith, and we should take this opportunity to renew within ourselves our awareness of these teachings. After a simple, yet beautiful image in the first reading, Jesus elaborates on the idea of the constant care of God for us with some more beautiful images: he invites us to look at the birds and the flowers, which do not have money, mortgages, computers, cars or so many of the things we have and worry about, and yet manage to be beautiful and happy in what God provides. The message is simple, and is expressed right at the beginning of the Gospel: trust God; be the servant of God, relying on God for everything, not on money or the other things of this world.</p> </div> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses, Feasts &amp; Activities</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Masses:</b> 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB); 2pm Baptism (SC)</p> <p><b>Monday (20<sup>th</sup>)</b> 9.30am Mass (SB); 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p> <p><b>Tuesday (21<sup>st</sup>)</b> No Mass today; 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p> <p><b>Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup>)</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ); 1.15pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB) – <i>Chair of St Peter</i></p> <p><b>Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup>)</b> 9.15am Mass (SB) – <i>St Polycarp</i></p> <p><b>Friday (24<sup>th</sup>)</b> 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p> <p><b>Saturday (25<sup>th</sup>)</b> 11am Baptism (SJ); 2pm Baptism (SB); 5pm Mass (SC)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses, Feasts &amp; Activities</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Masses:</b> 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB); 2pm Baptism (SB)</p> <p><b>Monday (27<sup>th</sup>)</b> 9.30am Mass (SB); 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p> <p><b>Tuesday (28<sup>th</sup>)</b> 7pm Mass (SJ); 7pm Becoming Catholic Course (SJ); 7.15pm SVP (SB)</p> <p><b>Ash Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> March)</b> 9.15am Mass (SC); 9.30am Mass (SJ); 10.45am Mass (SB); 7pm Mass (SJ) – <b>Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence</b></p> <p><b>Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b> 9.15am Mass (SB); 7pm CAFOD Meeting (Patmos Room, SJ)</p> <p><b>Friday (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b> 8.15am Mass in SJ School - <i>Women’s World Day of Prayer</i></p> <p><b>Saturday (4<sup>th</sup>)</b> 11am-12noon Adoration &amp; Reconciliation (SJ); 5pm Mass (SC)</p> <p><b>Next Sunday (5<sup>th</sup>)</b> 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB); 2.30pm Rite of Election (<i>Salford Cathedral</i>)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Think Vocation</b></p> <p>“If anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him.” Going the extra mile has crept into our vocabulary to express the need to give everyone a fair chance. We should avoid hastily judging people who have wronged us or let us down. Sometimes we may have to take risks for the sake of the Kingdom which is built on love and mercy. The Lord has high standards for those whom he calls to serve him in the Church.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Think Vocation</b></p> <p>Jesus says that you cannot be the slave of both God and money.” Those who enter religious or consecrated life are asked to live out the “evangelical counsels”. They take vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. Having no possessions of their own frees them to be able to dedicate their lives to living out the Gospel. May others also be called to give their lives generously to serve the Lord in the Church.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marriage Matters</b></p> <p>Finding the joy in our sacramental relationship: The joy of courting couples is obvious for all to see. Over the years, excitement can lessen, our independent attitudes strengthen; competition and jealousy creep in. Today Jesus calls us to “...turn the other cheek...”. In confidence share, in trust listen, in faith forgive, so that our spouse will grow in self-worth and the sparkle of joy will reignite</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marriage Matters</b></p> <p>Have the heart of a servant towards each other: St Paul said, “People must think of us as Christ’s servants”. In marriage, it’s an invitation to have a servant heart towards each other. Is it easier to give at work, the Church, or elsewhere? Yet “no one can be the slave of two masters”. How big is the challenge to make you and our marriage my number one priority?</p>

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## Prayers Please

**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, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, John Pryor, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Robert Morissey, Edwin Rankin, Father Francis McAuley, Margaret Patterson, Jessie Carter and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

**Lately Dead:** Canon Harry Jones, Lawrence Shepherd, Kathleen Gray, Mary Beatty, Arthur Derbyshire, Josephine Gell, Michael Mertz, Joan Cropper, Brian Harrison, Martin Liptrott,

**Anniversaries:** Christopher Hailwood, Kathleen & Harry Howarth, William Hodget, George Beeching

**Mass Intentions:** Christopher Hailwood, Tom Rabbit, Kathleen & Harry Howarth, Harry Dawson (Birthday Remembrance), In thanks to Our Lady & Padre Pio, Lawrence Shepherd, Tony Anthony Long MBE (sick), Kathleen Gray, Patrick O'Donnell (Birthday Remembrance), William Hodget, Mary Beatty, Margaret Patterson (Special Intention), George Beeching

**Fairtrade Fortnight 2017:** Runs from Monday 27 February to Sunday 12 March. Justicia are setting up a stall in the Town Hall Square Bolton on Friday 3 March to raise awareness and provide information on how we can make our tea and coffee breaks more fair. Simple choices which individually we can make and which together can make a huge difference to farmers in developing countries. They will be there from 11am - 3pm. Look out also for the new Facebook page and twitter account for all things Fairtrade in Bolton facebook.com/fairtradebolton, twitter@fairforbolton or [www.boltonfairtrade.org.uk](http://www.boltonfairtrade.org.uk).

**CAFOD:** Thank you to everyone who came and supported the recent Ceilidh. The event raised just over £700 which will be sent to CAFOD. The next CAFOD meeting will be Thursday 2 March at 7pm in the Patmos Room (St John's). All welcome!

**Theatre Lovers Reminder:** I am now collecting monies for the *Talking Heads* parish outing booked at the Octagon for Wednesday 21 June. The price is £14 (reduction from £15.50) I can be found after 11.15am Mass in the Harbour Room. Could all cheques be made payable to the **Octagon Theatre**. It can be posted to me if you prefer. With thanks, Madeleine 303505

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22 February at 1.15pm. Meetings finish around 2.45-3pm. The book for discussion is *The Miniaturist* by Jesse Burton. All welcome.

### Come and enjoy the BBC Philharmonic's visit to Salford Cathedral on Friday 10th March 2017 at 1.30pm

Join musicians from the world-class BBC Philharmonic for an afternoon of fabulous music and entertaining chat. They will perform music from a wide variety of styles and periods, from a Burt Bacharach medley to film music by John Williams via beautiful Romantic music by French composer Gabriel Fauré. Tickets are free, seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017:** There have been several enquiries from within our three parishes regarding this year's Lourdes pilgrimage (28 July – 3 August).. The cost will be approx. £700-£750, dependant on hotel choice. If you require forms or further details, please contact Margaret Russell (St John's), Peter Carolan (St Brendan's) or myself on 01204 305832. *Terry Smith*

**Destitution Project:** The next collections take place at our three churches during March. *Thank you for your continued support.*

## Lenten Activities

**Walk With Me:** The free booklets and calendars will be available to take at Masses next weekend (25/26 February). Please do take one with you to use at home throughout the Lenten period.

### Ash Wednesday

Please note that Schools will be in attendance at the morning Masses.

This is a day of fasting and abstinence marking the beginning of the season of Lent

**Churches together in Harwood:** Lenten Course entitled ***Eat, Pray, Share*** will be held every Monday in Lent (7.30-9.00pm):

St Brendan – 6 March & 27 March; Longsight Methodist – 13 March & 3 April; Christ's Church - 20 March & 10 April.

**School Lenten Masses:** Early Masses will be held in St Columba's Church at 8.15am every Tuesday (starting on 7 March) and every Friday Morning in St John's School at 8.15am (starting on 3 March). All welcome!

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend (25/26 February)

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	L Seals	M Hilton, J Cranshaw
9.15 (SJ)	F Carter	F Smith, M Fau-Goodwin, A Grundy, M Cropper, M Russell, T Armstrong
11.15 (SB)	F Doloroso	K Wilkinson, P Carolan, J Murphy

### Readers and Eucharistic Ministers Weekend (4/5 March)

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	M Maybury	P & F McDowell, E Clarke
9.15 (SJ)	E Rothwell	E Rothwell, P McArdle, M Cropper, D Ramsden, A Gracie, T Armstrong
11.15 (SB)	E Rankin	M Durkan, C Owen, P Brennan

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