

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

13TH JANUARY 2013 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Strange if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but not if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved".

On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal page 172; <i>Readings</i> 173; <i>Preface</i> 176		Prayers Please
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy	<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Margaret Edge, Frank Brazel, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Emma Turner, Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Amanda Calcutt, Leila Parker, Emma Jiminez (baby), Bernard Cummings, Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Catherine Cooke, Vera Evans, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Denise Carolan, Leila Parker and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Elizabeth Boyle, Joan Stronge, John Barrett, Terence Concannon, Ann Wilkins</p> <p>Anniversary: William Hurst, Thomas Brooks, Anne Cordner, Fr Gerard Duffy, Frank Kilfoyle, Anthony Colin Markland, John Benbow, Mary & Richard Benbow, Bernard Molyneux, Bertu & Paul Debono, John Livesey, Joseph Parker, Tony Whyte</p> <p>Mass Intentions: William Hurst, Thomas Brooks, Joan Stronge, Anne Cordner, Fr Gerard Duffy, St Anthony (for a favour received), Frank Kilfoyle, Margaret Brandwood (100th Birthday Remembrance), Elizabeth Boyle, Anthony Colin Markland, John Barrett, Terence Concannon, Bridie Barrett, John Benbow, Mary & Richard Benbow, Bernard Molyneux, Carmel Thomas, Bertu & Paul Debono, John Livesey, Joseph Parker, Leila Parker</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6): We pray especially for: peace on earth, Christian Unity, the sick and those who care for them, students and teachers, the unemployed</p>
Monday	10am Requiem Mass for Joan Stronge (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 6pm Sacramental Programme Meeting (SB School) <i>St Anthony</i>	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ) <i>The Beginning of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy	
Collections, Donations, Gift Aid <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate. 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>		

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SVP (St John's): Many thanks to those who organised and supported the Gaelic coffee morning after the Sunday morning Mass on 30 December. The total raised and donated to SVP funds was £57.75.

Year of Faith – Catholicism: St James' Parish Montserrat continue with the second series of meetings using the *Word on Fire* material by Fr Robert Barron:

- Monday 14 January – *A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ & the Church.*
- Monday 21 January – *Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy & the Eucharist.*
- Monday 28 January – *The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit.*
- Monday 4 February – *World Without End: The Last Things.*

Each session begins at 7.30pm and lasts about an hour. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

St John's 200 Club: The January winners are:

- £50 M Burns (3)
- £30 E Minghy (36)
- £20 A Winstanley (113)



Human Trafficking: The Salvation Army are running an awareness event this Sunday evening (6pm at 102 St George's Road) if anyone wishes to attend and learn more about this modern-day slavery and how to combat it.

Sacramental Programme: The children on the Sacramental Programme at St Brendan's and St John's are now preparing to celebrate Reconciliation for the first time. There is a meeting this week for the children and their parents at St Brendan's on Thursday at 6pm in school. The equivalent meeting at St John's will be Wednesday 30 January. The celebrations of Reconciliation will be on 6 February (SJ) and 7 February (SB). The children at St Columba's celebrated this sacrament before Christmas. Please pray for all of these children and their families as they then go on to prepare for Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Christian Unity: The annual Octave of Prayer begins on Friday. There will be a Unity Week Service at St Brendan's on Monday 21 January. Further details next weekend.

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Assistant Priest

I am grateful to Bishop Brain for appointing Father Francis Parkinson to work with myself and Father Gee in serving the "Team Ministry" of St Brendan's, St Columba's and St John's.

Fr Parkinson's involvement will be part-time, so that he can continue to serve the Deaf community as their priest chaplain. He also edits the diocesan *Almanac*.

Fr Parkinson will reside in the presbytery at St Columba's. Once he is settled in, we will be able to give you more detail as to how this new arrangement will work across our three parishes. Please keep us all – priests and parishioners – in your prayers.

Fr Michael Cooke

Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships

For the last ten years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer at least 6 internships: Three interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster, two in public policy with CAFOD and one in a media internship in Archbishop's House Westminster.

All internships will run from September 2013 - July 2014 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found at: www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-internships

Completed application forms must either be emailed to interns@cbcew.org.uk or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 9am on 25th February 2013 and Assessment days will be 25th and 26th March 2013.

If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

Think Vocation

At baptism, when we entered the family of God, we received the gift of faith as well as the promise of eternal life. In this Year of Faith let us try to find out the name of the priest or deacon who baptised us and pray for them whether they are living or deceased.

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