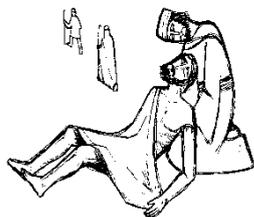


NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS

10TH JULY 2016 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Both first reading and Gospel today invite us to be “down to earth” about the Law of God. It’s very easy to become an “expert in religion” - knowing all the right answers, remembering all the right quotes, and so on. But for Moses and for Jesus, if God’s Law is to be kept anywhere, it must be in our hearts and in our everyday lives. We are not to be concerned with keeping our eyes fixed on heaven, if it means that we cannot see the poor man at our feet.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i>		Prayers Please
Sunday Missal: page 317; Readings 324; Preface at Priest’s choice		
Sunday <i>Sea Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SC) <i>Special Collection for Apostleship of the Sea</i>	<p>Sick: Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, Derek Crompton, Roy Shepherd, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, Barbara Stoppard, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, John James McLaughlin, Carrie Roscoe, Christine Hasleden, Eileen Dearden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Josephine Gell, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Ken Gorse, Geoffrey Shovelton, Joyce Mulholland, Cecilia Guest, Denis O’Toole,</p> <p>Anniversaries: James Crowther, Marie Corner, Michael Hayes, John McCormick</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Cecilia Guest, James Crowther, Suzanne Freeman-Hill (sick), Marie Corner, Michael Hayes, Joyce Mulholland, Lucy Hesford (very sick), Francis Xavier Price (Birthday Remembrance), Ethel Connerly (Birthday Remembrance), Geoffrey Shovelton, John McCormick, Vera & Fred Boatfield, Joyce Knight, Rosemary Davies (Birthday Remembrance), Ken Gorse, Vincent Heron (Birthday Remembrance), Denis O’Toole</p>
Monday (11 th) <i>St Benedict</i>	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (12 th)	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (13 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10.30am Funeral Service for George Mulligan (SC) 2-4pm CAMEO Group (Harbour Room, St Brendan’s)	
Thursday (14 th)	9.15am Yr2 Mass (SB) – Celebration of KS1	
Friday (15 th) <i>St Bonaventure</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10am Church Cleaning at St John’s 7pm Flower Festival Auction (Harwood Methodist Community Hall, Longsight Lane)	
Saturday (16 th) <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	5pm Mass (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy	
Next Sunday (17 th)	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	
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		
Collections & Donations: All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan’s, St Columba’s or St John’s as appropriate.		
Mass Intentions: Cheques should be made payable to St John’s		
Gift Aid: 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		

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The Re-Structuring of Parishes Within the Diocese A Proposal for Consultation

Since the *Preparing the Way* consultation in 2015, the Bishop has been working with the priests of the diocese to look at how the parishes might be re-structured and strengthened to be places where “we the missionary disciples are nourished and sustained in our Faith, in order to go out and serve the people who are in need of our Faith and love in the area”.

This weekend, the Bishop is making a consultation document available for parishioners to take in order to consider the proposals as to how the Diocese of Salford might re-structure. Before making any decisions, the Bishop would like to hear from parishioners around the diocese. The details of how to return your responses can be found at the back of the document. Your feedback is important and the consultation will remain open until 14 October.

You can view the document and respond via the diocesan website (www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or respond at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/salfordparishes

All individual responses will be welcomed and we will have a parish meeting in September to prepare a joint response.

Apostleship of the Sea

This weekend we celebrate Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers are commonly recruited from poorer countries and work in difficult and often dangerous conditions suffering from loneliness, spiritual deprivation and even exploitation as they transport the goods we use and consume every day.

The Apostleship of the Sea is the official Maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain and it reaches out to seafarers visiting our ports, offering pastoral and practical care and support. It is wholly dependent on voluntary donations and so the annual Sea Sunday collection is vital to this work. For more information: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk



Congratulations: To Freddie George Marsh who was baptised at St Brendan’s last Sunday. We pray that he and his family will continue to grow in faith.



Congratulations: To Stephen Morgan & Gemma Hargreaves who were married at St John’s on Friday. We pray that they may have a long, happy and fulfilling life together.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Seventeen of our parishioners, including Fr Frank, will be attending the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in late July. If you would like us to take a petition to Our Lady of Lourdes, would you please place it in an envelope and hand to any of the Clergy or to Margaret Russell, Peter Carolan or myself. Thank you, *Terry Smith*

Book Sale after Masses this Weekend!

Please support our charity (Survive Miva) which helps to provide transport for poor communities in difficult areas of Africa and Asia. Paperbacks are 50p each or three for £1 (buy 2 get 1 free). Hardbacks £2 each. *Thank you.*



Message of Thanks: Rita O’Toole and family would like to thank Fr Seán O’Brien, Fr Gerard Haugh, Eucharistic Ministers, The SVP, organist, Howarth’s Funeral Service, staff at Mill View and all for Masses, prayers and expressions of sympathy received at this sad time. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

CAMEO: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13 July and will include a talk by Florence Wood called *Bolton and Walt Whitman*. The meeting is at 2-4pm in the Harbour Room at St Brendan’s. Refreshments are available and all very welcome.

Bolton Mother & Baby Unit: Is appealing for help from the local community. They are setting up the ‘*Friends of Radcliffe Road*.’ You are invited to attend their first meeting at 3.30pm on 14 July. If you think that you can help fundraise or support the home in anyway, however small, please contact Meriel Woodward 07989 922666 m.woodward@caritassalford.org.uk

Auction: This is to raise money for the Flower Festival (see below) and will take place on Friday 15 July (7pm) at Harwood Methodist Church Hall, Longsight Lane. Items may be brought to the hall from 3pm until 6.45pm (however viewing is from 6.30pm). Collection, if necessary, can be arranged by ringing Kathleen Denton (399332). Sorry but no large bulky items (furniture, fridges etc) can be accepted.

Flower Festival (Weekend of 24/25 September): Once again thank you to everyone who has donated and pledged monies for the festival. We will still be at Masses if anyone would like to contribute. You can Gift Aid your donation if you pay Tax. Please let us have a note with your name and address on it expressing your wish to Gift Aid the amount you have donated and sign the note confirming this. If you are donating by cheque please make it payable to **St Brendan’s** and please mark the envelopes **Flower Festival**.

Marriage Matters (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

Bandaging each other’s wounds: The Good Samaritan ‘*went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring wine and oil on them*’. On the journey of life we wound ourselves and each other by our words, actions and omissions: our angry words, the withdrawal of affection, the broken promise. Open, honest dialogue ‘oils’ intimacy and we bind up each other’s wounds by asking and granting forgiveness.

Think Vocation

Jesus, the Master teacher gives us the image of the Good Samaritan. In many ways Jesus himself is the Good Samaritan. Like the Good Samaritan, Christ will not pass us by, he will always be compassionate to us, he will always take a risk on us and he will use all that he has to give us what we need. We are asked to imitate Christ, the Good Samaritan, and draw others to know him and love him.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	V Cryer	F & P McDowell
9.15 (SJ)	M Parkinson	J Carroll, A Grundy, M Cropper, M Speed, A Gracie
11.15 (SB)	K Wilkinson	T Proctor, T Taylor, J Proctor

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