

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

17TH SEPTEMBER 2017 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying “That’s it; you’ve just gone too far this time: never again? When Jesus says that we must forgive ‘seventy-seven’ times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn’t just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: ‘Father, forgive them...’ As his disciples, we must do likewise.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i> Sunday Missal: page 411; Preface at Priest’s choice		Prayers Please
Sunday <i>Home Mission Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy <i>A Day of Special Prayer for the Spread of the Gospel with a Special Collection for the Bishops’ Conference Home Mission Office</i>	<p>Sick: 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 & Arnold Banks, Andrew Rostron, Rose Mellor and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness</p> <p>Lately Dead: William Gallie Snr, David Gettins, Mark Coughlin, Priscilla Martin, Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor, Boguslaw Palmowski, Michael Flaherty, Sr Mary Baptista CP, Michael Fay, Thomas Rudd, Frank & Joyce Massey</p> <p>Anniversaries: Esther Thomas, Rosemary Davies</p> <p>Mass Intentions: A Special Intention for the death of a baby, David Gettins, Diane Ross-Fazackerley, William Gallie Snr, Mark Coughlin, Rosemary Davies, For all staff, pupils, parents & governors who have died since St John’s School opened</p>
Monday (18 th)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (19 th)	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15 SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (20 th) <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon</i>	9.15am Yr6 Mass (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday (21 st) <i>St Matthew</i>	9.15am Mass (SB) 7pm CAFOD Group (Harbour Room, SB)	
Friday (22 nd)	10.15am Requiem Mass for Mark Coughlin (SB)	
Saturday (23 rd) <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	2.30pm: Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Walsingham (Our Lady of Grace Church, Fairfax Rd, Prestwich, M25 1AS). 5pm Mass (SC)	
Sunday (24 th) <i>Special day of prayer for the Harvest and the Fruits of Human Work</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – With Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – With Children’s Liturgy <i>Darwen Road closed through Bromley Cross [please see overleaf]</i>	
SVP Awareness: September is the annual month for raising awareness about this organisation. This year we are asked to “Welcome the Stranger’ in our conferences and parishes and cards have been given out each week (by one of the SVP members) after Mass explaining this initiative. If you are interested in finding out more about the SVP please contact any member.		Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): 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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Congratulations: To Owen Andrew Edwards who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

Home Mission Sunday

The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. It can seem daunting to share such a personal part of our lives as our faith in Jesus Christ. However, we can pray that the people we carry in our hearts will encounter him for themselves. Prayer cards and prayer maps for families are available from www.homemission.org.uk. If you would like to pray for the spread of the Good News on a more regular basis, please sign up to their newsletter via www.homemission.org.uk. At our Masses this weekend, we will hold a second collection. The money received from this collection will ensure that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. Online donations can also be made: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate>

Road Closure: You may/may not be aware that Darwen Road (through Bromley Cross) will be closed on Sunday 24 September and Sunday 1 October due to re-surfacing. Diversions will be in place but the main road from Chapeltown Road to Blackburn Road will be access only. This, in turn, will affect our Masses so please allow extra time for your journeys.

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.

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, comprising ten six-week modules, with leadership and skills workshops, an independent learning project and a supervised pastoral project. 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) or Fr Chris Lough (christopher.lough@dioceseofsalford.org.uk), who are the diocesan contacts for the Diploma and Certificate.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 23/24 September

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	V Cryer	M Hilton, J Cranshaw, M Hilton
9.15 (SJ)	E Rothwell	M Cropper, A Rawlinson, F Smith T Armstrong, A Grundy, M Russell,
11.15(SB)	E Rankin	C Owen J Murphy, P Brennan

SVP News

Destitution Project: The collection continues throughout September. 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.

Embrace Liverpool 2017 – CALLED: The theme this year is *CALLED* based on the Gospel of the day, Matthew 25:34, 'Come you whom my Father has blessed'. Embrace, now in its third year, is an exciting one-day conference for young Catholics in the heart of Liverpool with Praise & Worship, Mass, Adoration, great talks and fantastic workshops

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 14-25 year 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. If you are interested in joining the youth team on this trip email Tracey on tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. Visit www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk for more information.

Mass for the 70th Anniversary of Marriage Care: Marriage Care helps couples and individuals to build and sustain strong, fulfilling healthy relationships, as well as providing counselling support in times of relationship difficulty. And they have been doing this for 70 years this year! To celebrate this anniversary there will be a Mass at Salford Cathedral, at 1pm on Sunday 1 October. All Welcome!

Theatre Lovers: Please note that I will be collecting payment for our trip to see *Jane Eyre* (Saturday 27 January) throughout September. I will be in the Harbour Room after 11.15am Mass. Alternatively, please contact me at 303505. All cheques to be made payable to **The Octagon Theatre**. Thank you. *Madeleine*.

CAFOD: The next CAFOD Group meeting will be on Thursday 21 September at 7pm in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. New members will be very welcome!

Marriage Matters

The call to forgive: How can I love my spouse and bring life? We are called to set aside resentment, to listen gently to our beloved, seeking understanding. In today's gospel, the servant who is forgiven refuses to forgive the man who owes him. God forgives us everything, but are we willing to let go of the hurts we have experienced via our spouse?

Think Vocation

Let us pray that those who are called by God to be instruments of His love and mercy in this world will have the courage and generosity to say yes, and receive the support of their families and friends.

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