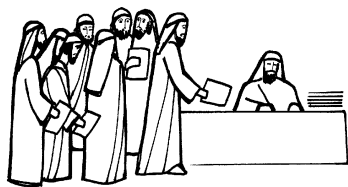


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**22ND SEPTEMBER 2013
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



How easy to take the words of Jesus out of context: “Use money to win you friends,” is one of those lines that sounds strange to us outside the context of the parable and the teaching in today’s Gospel. Even the parable itself can seem a little strange – is Jesus really recommending that we act like dishonest stewards? No, of course not! The point that reveals this is hidden half way down: “The children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind...” Jesus in a way praises the effort of the dishonest steward, but wishes that it was

directed less to worldly things, but to the things of heaven. And this is the message that we are to take: where do we direct our energies – to making money, fame, fortune and success, or to finding “friends in heaven”?

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i>		Prayers Please
Sunday Missal: page 423; Readings 429; Preface at Priest's choice		<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, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O’Grady, Pauline Bowling, Emma Turner, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Emma Jimanez (baby), Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Julie Smith, Ernie Little, Mary Coyne, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Joshua Almond, Jacqueline Kay, Wynn Elliot, Tom Wardle, Joan Peake (nee Hooton), Elizabeth Evenson, Bob Taylor, Rita Margiotta, Noel Gannon, Sheila Derbyshire, David Walton and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Joan Taylor, Michael Mangan, Betty McGeever, Carol Ainscow</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Joan Taylor, Michael Mangan, Intentions of the Tetlow Family, Cynthia Winstanley, Frances Bury (70th Birthday), A Special Intention, Mark & Annie O’Brien (Golden Wedding Anniversary), Joyce Knight, Betty McGeever, In thanksgiving for a recovery from illness, Ethel Leach (Birthday Remembrance), In honour of St Jude, St Anthony & The Sacred Heart</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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</p>
Sunday <i>A Day of Special Prayer for the Harvest.</i>	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	
Monday <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 11am Social Group Meeting (SB Harbour Room) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	No Mass today 7pm Mass at Salford Cathedral [<i>see details overleaf</i>] 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am School Mass in church (SJ) 12noon Funeral Service for Michael Mangan (SJ) 1.30-3pm Harbour Room Book Club	
Thursday	10am Requiem Mass for Joan Taylor (SJ)	
Friday <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	9.30am Requiem Mass for Carol Ainscow (SB)	
Saturday	11am Mass for the Sick & Housebound (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Special Collection for</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy <i>Retired Clergy</i> 10.15am (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB & SC)	
<p>Collections & Donations: <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan’s, St Columba’s or St John’s as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John’s</i></p> <p>Gift Aid: <i>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. Thanks</i></p>		

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Break-in at St Columba's

Sometime between Wednesday morning (after the school Mass) and Friday afternoon, St Columba's was broken into. The intruder(s) entered via the presbytery and then broke through to the sacristy. Although very little appears to have been taken, it will cost somewhere in the region of £1000 to repair the damage done. If you saw anything suspicious, or if you hear anything about this, please have a word with one of the priests so that the information can be passed on to the police. Thanks.

Social Group: A number of parishioners have expressed their interest in the formation of a joint Social Group within the 3 parishes. A discussion on the format of such a group will be held in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's on Monday 23 September (11.00am). If you are interested please just come along or, preferably, let me know that you will be there. Regards to all. *Terry Smith* (01204 531197).

The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham: A special Mass will be held this Tuesday (24 September) at Salford Cathedral. Rosary & Confession (7.00pm) followed by Holy Mass at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All welcome.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25 September (1.30-3pm). The book for discussion is *The Return of Captain John Emmett* by Elizabeth Speller (a First World War mystery). Refreshments will be available. All Welcome! *Madeleine*

Congratulations: To Annie & Mark O'Brien who are celebrating their Golden Wedding this weekend.

Steering Group: We are looking for 3 volunteers from each of our 3 churches to form a steering group which will help keep things moving in between Parish Forum meetings. Two people from St John's have already put themselves forward. If you feel that you would like to be involved please contact one of the priests or email office@sbsj.org.uk.

SVP

Mass for the Housebound, Sick and Disabled

This will be celebrated at St John's on Saturday 28 September at 11am. Everybody is welcome. Refreshments will be available after Mass. If you require transport to attend this Mass, please contact a member of the SVP.

Outing for the Elderly & Housebound

There will be an outing to St Joseph's, Audley Range, Blackburn on Sunday 13 October 2013. There is a list in the Patmos Room for names of those wishing to attend and for volunteers willing to help with transport. Alternatively, please inform any member of St John's SVP.

SVP Awareness

September is the annual month for raising awareness about this organisation. Please see the posters in the church porches (which change each week).

Parish Quiz Night

Friday 18 October at Dunscaer Conservative Club
Tickets (£5) on sale after Masses this weekend

Mary's Meals: You may remember, some time ago, that there was a special appeal for Mary's Meals and a good number of parishioners kindly took collection boxes home. If you still have a box, please bring it in to any Mass. Thank you.

Scripture Study: From Thursday 3 October we will be running a course on Scripture at St Brendan's (7.30-8.30pm). If possible, please bring a Catholic Bible and a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

BRASS: The collection for September, will take place at the weekend Masses at Brendan's. *Thank you for your continued support.*

CAFOD Volunteers: CAFOD needs volunteers to give talks about their work in parishes and in schools. Full training and support will be given. Please contact Ged Edwards on 0161 705 0605 or gedwards@cafod.org.uk for further details.

Year of Faith

Two more talks have been organised:

Wednesday 2 October (7.30-9.30pm): *An Introduction to the Book of Revelation* – Canon Dr Jeremy Duff

Tuesday 8 October (7.30-9.30pm): *The Power of the Parables (Part 1)* – Fr Denis McBride

Both talks will take place at St Gabriel's RC High School, Bridge Road, Bury BL9 0TZ. The cost for each of the sessions is £5.00 per person.

The Catholic Church in Darwen

The Parish of the Sacred Heart & St Edward and the Parish of St Joseph would like to invite you to a
24 hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
for the Pope's Intentions and to
celebrate the Year of Faith
at St Joseph's Church, Bolton Road, Darwen
Friday 4 October – Saturday 5 October

All Welcome!

Think Vocation

"Praise the Lord, who raises the poor." Many people are inspired by the Gospel message of reaching out to the poor and marginalised. To present yourself at the service of the Church as a priest or Religious can be an opportunity to really make a difference to the lives of people in need. Let us ask ourselves whether we really our sincere prayers and generous financial contributions.

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