

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

13TH NOVEMBER 2011

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



We must be very careful that the real point of today's first reading is not washed away in genuine concerns over what one can and cannot say about the responsibilities of spouses. This is not, in fact, a recipe for 'the perfect wife', but an illustration, from one age, of the virtue of fully employing the talents God gives us. Some things are timeless, such as holding out a hand to the poor, while other talents shift and change. The point is that all of us are gifted in varying ways and degrees: none of us should begrudge anyone else their talents, for fear that we overlook our own. We work wisely and well, looking forward to the master's return, when we can hand over to him not just what he gave us, but also the fruits that our labours have gained.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> <i>Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		Prayers Please
Sunday Remembrance Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) <i>Appeal for Basic Caring Communities</i> 11.15am Mass (SB) <i>[not a collection; see overleaf]</i> 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Special Collection for Bishop's Administration</i>	<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Philip Blackburn, Laura Shuttleworth, Bill Kay, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Baby Guy, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Maria de los Angeles, Paul Preston, Elizabeth Patterson, Eunice Brierley, Betty Boyle, Bernard Callaghan, Judith Oldham, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Paul Whittle, Caroline Vickers, Bill Sharples, George Cowley, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Karen West, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Marie Rigby, Francis Xavier Price (new-born baby), Alf Isherwood, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael (six year old), Baby Rose, Calum Russell (baby), Margaret Edge, Frank Brazel, Cynthia Winstanley, Gordon Campbell, Graham Roberts, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Tommy Lenihan, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Eileen Duxbury, Margaret Lawson, Norma Mosley</p> <p>Anniversary: Ricky Czutkowna, Robert Neil Potter, Philip Southern</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Joan Plumbley, Charles Bell, Ricky Czutkowna, Ernest Dawson, Ralph Gubbins, Deceased members of the Whyte & Eastwood families, Robert Neil Potter, Eileen Duxbury, Deceased members of the Carter & Cambridge families, Philip Southern, Norma Mosley</p> <p>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>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 7pm Open Evening at SJ School	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	11am Annual Mass for the Deceased (SB) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday Feast of Christ the King	9.15am Mass (SJ) <i>Youth Sunday & Prisoners' Sunday</i> 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB) 6-8pm Aspire Youth Mass (Spiritane Centre, Salford)	
We Will Remember Them		Special Prayers Please
<p>Today is Remembrance Sunday when we remember and give thanks for the sacrifice made by so many in warfare that we might live in peace.</p> <p>On Saturday, we have our annual Mass for all those from our parishes who have died in the last year (and other relatives and friends of parishioners).</p>		<p>Doctors decided on Friday that there is nothing further they can do for Francis Xavier Price (now four months old). They will be withdrawing treatment over the next few days. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.</p>

Basic Caring Communities: This weekend we welcome Mgr Malachy Keegan, the Bishops' Conference Prison Adviser. He is here to appeal for volunteers (not money) for the Basic Caring Communities scheme. BaCC is an initiative of *pact* (prison advice and care trust), a charity which offers free training and support to those who want to put their faith into action to support ex-offenders wanting to make a fresh start on release from prison. The scheme is currently operating in Westminster, Southwark, Salford and Clifton dioceses and *pact* are recruiting volunteers in each of these areas.

Bishop's Administration: The annual collection to support the work of the bishop and the central services of the diocese takes place this weekend.

Congratulations: To Alfie John Woodcock who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

Ordination: If you are planning to attend Joe's ordination as a deacon (Saturday 7 January 2012 at 12noon in Salford Cathedral) please put your name on the list at the back of either church so that we can give the cathedral some idea of the numbers to expect. Please continue to pray for Joe as he prepares to take this important step.

St John's School: Parents of children wishing to be admitted to primary school in September 2012 are invited to an 'Open Evening' at St John the Evangelist School to meet our governors and staff. This will be on Thursday 17 November at 7pm. During the meeting we hope to show you the distinctive offer we can make to your child.

Red Box Appeal: The appeal at St Brendan's last Sunday generated five new box holders and one new promoter. Norbert Potter is very grateful for the welcome received.

Christmas Draw (SJ): Tickets are on sale at St John's.

Christmas Dance: On Friday 9 December at Dunsar Conservative Club, with entertainment from Jo Lester & The Stardusters. Tickets cost £6 (including supper) and are on sale at both churches.

Nativity Play: Due to building work commencing at St John's School at the beginning of December, it has been necessary to bring the Foundation Stage and Key Stage One Nativity Play forward into the last week of November. Parishioners are invited to a special performance on Tuesday 29 November at 10.30am. Tickets are £1.50 and include tea/coffee and a mince pie!

CARITAS Diocese of Salford: Have a vacancy for a Finance Officer based in Salford. This is a full-time post (37 hours per week) on SCP16-24 (£16,440-£20,858). For application pack contact r.birks@caritassalford.org.uk or 0161 817 2250. Closing date 21 November. Full details on church noticeboards.

St Brendan's 100 Club	St John's 200 Club
<i>October winners</i>	<i>November winners</i>
£25 R Cornmell (31)	£50 Bob Bowes (288)
£15 A Lindsay (78)	£30 Ron Kelly (117)
£10 L Cardwell (32)	£20 Dorothy Whyte (120)

Coffee Morning (SJ): Thanks to all who supported the event on Friday morning, raising £75 for Francis House.

Bromley Cross Christmas Lights: The ward councillors have arranged that, on Saturday 3 December, the lights on the Christmas tree at Dunsar War Memorial will be switched on. Starting at 3.30pm, there will be community carol singing with Eagley Band, a short blessing from the minister of Christ Church and then the switch on around 4pm. Everyone is then invited to move to Christ Church Walmsley for free mince pies and small treats (and mulled wine for the adults). Parking will be available at Christ Church.

Pilgrimages

Lourdes 2012: Lists are on the noticeboards in both churches for those who may be interested. Cost details are not yet known but, based on this year's tariff, the expected price per person should be in the region of £600 to include travel and full board. The dates are Tuesday 31 July to Monday 6 August. *Terry Smith*

Rome & Assisi: Monday 17 September 2012 until Monday 24 September 2012. The cost is £1345 per person sharing a twin-bedded room and includes many items normally extra on a holiday.

A full colour brochure detailing the daily programme can be found on the parish website - www.sbsj.org.uk or you can view the copy displayed on the notice board in the Patmos Room and the Harbour Room.

Please contact me on 01204 853515 or email me - margaret.russell@hotmail.co.uk if you are interested in going. I am acting as tour leader and co-ordinator for the pilgrimage and booking forms and brochures are available from me. I will look forward to hearing from you! *Margaret Russell*

Bruges, Paderborn & Douai: This is being organised by Our Lady of Grace parish, Prestwich. It is a coach tour from 23 July to 3 August 2012, with 3 nights in Bruges, 5 in Paderborn and 3 in Douai (all half board) at a cost of £745 (with £209 single room supplement). For further details, see the noticeboards in church.

Envelope: Last weekend someone handed me an envelope which I thought was a Mass offering but when I opened it there was £10 in it but no note as to what it was for. If anyone can enlighten me, please do. Whenever you are handing me money for Masses or any other purpose, please do write down clearly what the money is for. Many thanks. *Fr Cooke*

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Think Vocations

As the end of the Church's year approaches, we are to be focused on the end of our lives. May we always be aware of the need to live out our Christian vocation each and every day, knowing that we can be called by the Lord to his side at any moment. May we always remember to examine our consciences at the end of each day.