

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

**20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING**



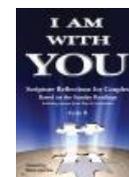
“Shepherd-King o’er mountain steep, homeward guide thy wand’ring sheep.” This hymn which we will probably sing today captures the readings perfectly: our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who would (and did) give his life for them. Love for the flock means that he will have to judge them, separating the sheep from those who do not belong to him. Coming to the end of the Church’s year leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming the hymn speaks of. The judgement of the end of time we do not view as a trial or a terror, but as a coming home: look back to the Isaiah reading on the 28th Sunday to see what a homecoming party is offered. All we do is put our lives in order, living just and holy lives, longing for the day of the lord to come.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> <i>Patmos Room - St John’s (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan’s (SB)</i>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB) 6-8pm Aspire Youth Mass (Spiritan Centre, Salford)	<p><b>Sick:</b> 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, Alf Isherwood, Bernard &amp; 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><b>Lately Dead:</b> Francis Xavier Price, Marie Rigby, Mavis Brown, George Darmody</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Graham Taylor</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Francis Xavier Price, Graham Taylor, Mavis Brown, Special Intention, George Darmody, Deceased relatives and friends of the Tetlow family, Marie Rigby, Recently deceased</p> <p><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6):</b> We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work &amp; the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners &amp; their families</p>
Monday <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>St Cecilia</i>	6pm Sacramental Programme Meeting (SB School) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 6.15pm Sacramental Programme Meeting (SJ School) 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday <i>Ss Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; companions</i>	9.15am Mass (SB) – School Mass in Church (Advent)	
Friday	9.45am Requiem Mass for Marie Rigby (SJ)	
Saturday	10.30am Interfaith Walk in Bolton [ <i>See overleaf</i> ] 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB)	

***I Am With You***

This is a book of simple but thought-provoking reflections written by married couples for married couples. They are inspired by the scripture readings for each of the Sundays and major feasts for the coming year in the life of the Church. This is a good way through which couples can spend time praying and reflecting together.

The book costs £7.99 (plus postage and packing). If you would like to order one, please have a word with Fr Cooke or you can order direct from McCrimmons (01702 218956 or [sales@mccrimmons.com](mailto:sales@mccrimmons.com)).



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**Interfaith "Friends Faith Walk":** As part of National Interfaith Week (20-26 November) there will be a walk next Saturday. This begins at 10.30 at the Zakariyya Mosque (Peace Street BL3 5LJ), moving to Swaminarayan Temple (Deane Road BL3 5AH) and then to Bolton Parish Church (Churchgate BL1 1PS). Refreshments will be provided and the event will be over by 1.30pm. It is open to anyone to join in at any stage but to give some idea of numbers to expect, it would be good to register for the walk on 546110.

**Congratulations:** To Coby Stephen Long who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

**Retired Priests:** Many thanks for your generosity with this collection a few weeks ago. It raised £880.13 and the Social Committee donated a further £750, making a grand total of £1630.13 for the fund.

**Piety Stall (SB):** The New Roman Missal with Revised Mass Translation is now available. Anyone wishing to order can do so by speaking to Irene, Kath or Mavis. Prices range from £1.25 for a paperback to £16.99 for the bonded leather, gold page deluxe edition. Would make suitable Christmas present. Also Christmas cards, crib sets and candles. All reasonably priced. Do browse on the stall. Open at all Masses.

**Nativity Play:** St John's School invite parishioners to a special performance of the Foundation Stage and Key Stage One Nativity Play on Tuesday 29 November at 10.30am. Tickets are £1.50 and include tea/coffee and a mince pie!

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

**Bromley Cross Christmas Lights:** Saturday 3 December, 3.30pm at Dunscair War Memorial.

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

**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.

**Church Cleaning (SJ):** J Burton & H Bradbury

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### Think Vocations

Let us rejoice on this feast day of the Catholic faith that is celebrated in every country of the world. We pray for young people to be proud of their faith and recognise that they belong to a Church where people of every nation, culture, race and language can praise Christ as their universal king.

### St John's SVP Annual Report

The S.V.P. at St John's would like to thank Father Michael, friends and parishioners for their continued support, encouragement and generosity during the past year. Without this our work would not have been so effective in offering friendship and support to the sick, needy, housebound and lonely of our Parish.

Our S.V.P. has a thriving and active membership supported by a number of parishioners who help with transportation and other S.V.P. activities. Sadly in August of this year Joan Hyland, one of our longest serving members died very suddenly. Joan had served as our Secretary for over 20 years keeping us all in order with her unique wit and efficiency. She is greatly missed.

During the past twelve months the S.V.P. has undertaken the following activities within the Parish:

**Visits:** We have made 501 visits to people in their own homes, 9 visits to people living in residential homes and 2 hospital visits. In addition we have helped with transport for people who have difficulty in attending Mass and appointments to hospital and clinics.

**Outings:** Our visitees look forward to and enjoy these twice yearly events when we visit parishes of interest usually within the Salford Diocese. There is opportunity to learn a little of the history of the Parish, usually followed by Benediction and afternoon tea, a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends. This year we visited parishes in Langho and Clitheroe where we received their warm hospitality.

**Sponsored Walk:** St John's S.V.P. organises an annual sponsored walk for the Bolton District. The aim of this is to support the raising of funds to help needy families with financial support for holidays or other activities during school holidays.

**Overseas Aid:** This year we have made two donations to the baby feeding project in the Sudan.

**Christmas Parcels:** Each year we deliver food parcels to needy parishioners and from time to time are able to offer financial support.

We are constantly striving to find ways in which to reach parishioners who might benefit from our friendship and support. If anyone knows of someone who might benefit from this please contact any member of the S.V.P.

### St Brendan's SVP Annual Report

We currently have 11 members, 10 of whom are active. We visit mainly on Tuesday evenings between 7.30pm and 8.30pm, plus some afternoon visiting if required.

In the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 we made 348 visits, including 272 to the elderly at home, 24 visits to families, 30 visits to parishioners in residential homes and 22 hospital visits. Main activities apart from visiting:

- The annual party for parishioners
- Lifts to church as and when possible
- Visits and help for the Mother and Baby Home
- Taking part in the sponsored walk
- Christmas gifts to the elderly housebound, people with disabilities and a needy family
- We have sponsored two young children in the poorest part of India to go to school at a cost of £15 per child per year
- We pay twinnage to India to aid SVP work there
- We donated to the Sudan Baby feeding programme
- We have made a one-off donation to a voluntary group who are providing sports and other activities for disabled children and teenagers; some of our parishioners are involved.

Financially we are very sound thanks to the legacy we received from Fr O'Connor.

If anyone would like a visit or knows of someone in need of a friendly chat please let us know. They do not have to be Catholic.