

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

17TH JUNE 2012

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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In today's Gospel the Lord teaches by means of parables – and Saint Mark actually explains to us some of the rationale behind this form of teaching. Parables have explanations. In other words, there is a message that we have to understand from them. Jesus privately makes sure that his disciples understand the real message of the parable, and we must do our best today to ensure that we grasp the true message behind today's story. The image is a simple one, which is also present in the First Reading: the idea of growth. A cedar, a mustard bush, the crop of corn, these are the images used today. Behind all of them there is the idea that it is not human beings who make trees grow, but God: the same is true of the Kingdom of God – its growth comes from God, not from human effort. We will cooperate with God, as a farmer does in the planting, watering and nourishing of the crop, but in the end the growth itself is mysterious and unpredictable. It demands that we trust the one who “stunts tall trees and makes low ones grow.”

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> <i>Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		<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, Judith Oldham, Kathleen Humphreys, Betty Boyle, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, Bill Sharples, George Cowley, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Karen West, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael (six year old), Baby Rose, Calum Russell (baby), Margaret Edge, Frank Brazel, Graham Roberts, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Tommy Lenihan, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Jane Dent, Emma Turner (12yrs old), Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Joan Rankin, Guy (3yrs old), Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Trevor Gee, Catherine Crowley, Gerard Dobson, John Barrett, Fr Patrick Quinlan, Fr Ivor Netto, John Devine and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Latently Dead: Patrick O'Donnell (16 weeks), Bill Kay, Margaret Noble, Baby D'Arcy (8 weeks), Jaime Galac, Alma Clements, Dorothy Davenport, Kath Prescott, Harold Grahame, Esther Spencer, Sheila Doyle</p> <p>Anniversary: John Crowley, Frank French, Georgette Kosecki, Samuel Leigh</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Joyce Knight, John Crowley, Margaret Noble, Frank French, Baby D'Arcy, Special Intention, Jaime Galac, Alma Clements, Dorothy Davenport, Georgette Kosecki, John Devine, Kath Prescott, Frank Kilfoyle (Birthday Remembrance), Harold Grahame, Baby Patrick O'Donnell & family, Samuel Leigh, Bernard Burke (Father's Day Remembrance), For the intentions of the social committee members & their families</p>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) <i>APF Red Box Appeal (SJ)</i> 11.15am Mass – with Baptism (SB) <i>SVP Sponsored Walk</i> 2.30pm First Communion (SB) <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Vocations Prayer Day (SJ Parish)</i>	
<i>Eucharistic Congress ends</i>		
Monday	9am Mass (SJ) – please note earlier time 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	9.15am Mass (SB) – please note morning Mass 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	10am Mass of the Angels for Patrick O'Donnell (SJ) 1pm Funeral Service for Esther Spencer (SB) 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday	1.30pm Genocide Memorial Service (Victoria Square) 6pm Forward in Faith Mass (SB)	
<i>St Aloysius</i>		
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
<i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i>		
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
	<i>CAFOD Box Collection</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) <i>CAFOD Box Collection</i> 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm First Communion (SJ)	
<i>Birthday of St John the Baptist</i>		

Happy Father's Day! Let each of us remember our father, living or dead, on this special day

Please also pray for the children making their First Holy Communion at this time

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APF Red Box Appeal: This weekend, Fr Jan Klaver MHM will celebrate the Masses at St John's and make an appeal regarding the Red Mission Boxes. This is not an appeal for money.

Baptism Preparation: The next preparation session will take place on Monday 25 June (7-8.30pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This is for parents from either parish who are looking to have their children baptised. Please let Fr Cooke know if you will be attending.

SVP Sponsored Walk: The annual sponsored walk in aid of holidays/activities for families in need takes place this Sunday (17 June). It is not too late for anyone interested in walking or sponsoring someone who is walking.

Congratulations: To Niamh Bethany Dineen who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

Congratulations: To Christopher Diggle and Kirsty Olive who were married at St John's on Friday. We pray that they will have a long, happy and fulfilling married life.

Mass of the Angels: This is the name we give to a Requiem Mass for a young child. On Wednesday we will celebrate a Mass of the Angels for Patrick O'Donnell who died last Monday aged 16 weeks. There is also another young child, D'Arcy, outside of the parish who has died recently aged 8 weeks. Please pray for both of these children and for their families at this time.

Genocide Memorial Day: If you are able to do so, please come along and join in the special service in Victoria Square at 1.30 on Thursday to remember all the victims of genocide in various places throughout the world.

CAFOD Cook Book: A recipe book entitled *50 Fairtrade Favourites*, produced by CAFOD Salford, is available at either of our churches for £6.

CAFOD Boxes: The contents of these boxes will be collected in next weekend. This is the last time we will have a special weekend for this purpose. In future we will ask you to bring the contents of the boxes to church when we have the Lent and Harvest Fast Days.

Boxes: As well as the CAFOD boxes, we also have the ones for Mary's Meals (which we will collect in shortly) and the Red Mission Boxes. It is amazing how much money these bring in simply by people putting their loose change in them. However, this does create some problems when we collect them in both in terms of the time taken to count such a large amount of coin and the safety and security of those taking it to the bank. So, if at all possible, it would be greatly appreciated if you could change the content of your boxes into notes (or higher denomination coins) either at your own bank or via the machines in various supermarkets. Thanks.

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Prayer for Vocations

This Sunday is the day assigned to St John's parish as part of the diocesan initiative for prayer for vocations. What I would like to invite you to do this year is to each find a little bit of quiet time during the day to simply pray through the following intentions:

Students for the Priesthood

Please pray for the following who are currently preparing for priesthood:

Callum Brown, Michael Deas, Lawrence Gambella, Joseph Gee, Nathan Horne, Gavin Landers, Frank Mulgrew, Kevin Murphy, Michael Quinn, Alfred Rebello.

Please pray that they will persevere in responding to God's call and will serve us well in the future.

Jubilees

Please pray for the following who are celebrating jubilees of priestly ordination this year:

Silver – Frs Francis Barber & Barry O'Sullivan

Ruby – Frs Michael Dever, John Marsland & Michael Waters

Golden – Frs John Allen, Peter Birmingham, Lionel Devaney, Eugene Dolan, William Fallon, Anthony Petty, John Scanlan & Patrick Tansey

Give thanks to God for their many years of service.

Our Diocese

Please pray for Bishop Brain, for Mgr Canon Anthony Kay (the Vicar General), for all the Priests, and for those responsible for promoting and directing vocations within the diocese (Frs David Featherstone & Steven Parkinson)

Prayer

Loving God, teach us to follow Christ more faithfully. By listening to His voice may we become a community more attuned to your call in our lives. We ask you to guide young people as they make important choices in their lives. We also especially pray for parents, teachers and all those who work with young people. We pray for those in formation to be priests for our diocese and those who currently serve us in ordained ministry. We make our prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Think Vocations

Like the mustard seed, a vocation can grow from something very small. We should always be aware of how some small act of kindness or encouragement done with love in the name of the Lord can make a huge difference to people's lives. The Lord can constantly use us to build up his Kingdom.

Advance Notice

Some dates for your diary, with details to follow

- Tuesday 26 June – Mass in Heaton Cemetery
- Tuesday 26 June – Relay of Prayer Concert (Horwich)
- Thur 28/Fri 29 – Feast of Ss Peter & Paul (Holyday)
- Sunday 8 July – One Bolton 5k Run
- Saturday 14 July – Spirit of Bolton Event (Vic Sq)
- Saturday 21 July – Joe Gee's Ordination (Cathedral)
- Saturday 27 October – Celebration for Golden and Diamond Weddings (Cathedral)

Please pray for Sheila Doyle – former secretary to Bishops Holland, Kelly and Brain – who died last weekend