

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS
8TH JULY 2012
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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A prophet's job is to open people's eyes to the reality of their situation - pointing out to them the things they would rather forget or ignore. A prophet is a sort of "national conscience", always awake to situations of injustice and always speaking out about them. A prophet is commissioned to do this by God, who sends the prophet on his mission. Jesus is just such a prophet - teaching and preaching about the Kingdom of God and the best way to live. Despite the welcome his message has received elsewhere, when he comes to his hometown he is faced with rejection -such that "he was amazed at their lack of faith." It is curious that they seem to accept his wisdom, and his miracles, but because he grew up among them they cannot accept him as a teacher from God. We should remember that it is often hardest to stand up for the truth among those who know us well.

| Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i> <i>Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i> | | Prayers Please |
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| Sunday <i>Sea Sunday</i> | 9.15am Forward in Faith Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 1.30pm One Bolton 5k Run (Bolton Arena) | <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, George Cowley, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Karen West, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, 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, Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Trevor Gee, Catherine Crowley, Gerard Dobson, John Barrett, Fr Patrick Quinlan, Fr Ivor Netto, John Devine, Vincent Hopkinson, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Bernard Walsh</p> <p>Anniversary: Richard Gardner Hopkinson</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Joyce Knight, Special Intention, For a sick person, Jack Shechter (Birthday Remembrance), Brian & John Hamer, Francis Xavier Price (Birthday Remembrance), In honour of St Anthony, Richard Gardner Hopkinson</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers</p> |
| Monday | 9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ) | |
| Tuesday | 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB) | |
| Wednesday <i>St Benedict Patron of Europe</i> | 9am Mass (SJ) – please note earlier time 7pm Bromley Cross Area Forum (Library) 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room) | |
| Thursday | No Mass today | |
| Friday | 9.30am Mass (SJ) | |
| Saturday | 10.30am-3.30pm Spirit of Bolton (Victoria Square) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) | |
| Next Sunday | 9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SJ) | |
| <p>Collections, Donations, Gift Aid <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's or St John's as appropriate. 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. Please ask. Thanks.</i></p> | | <p>Baptism or Marriage <i>By appointment and with preparation You must give six months notice for Marriage See Fr Cooke to arrange</i></p> |

Spirit of Bolton: This event takes place in Victoria Square on Saturday 14 July (10.30am to 3.30pm) and is a flagship event for showcasing the diversity of the Bolton community. There will be a variety of stalls, activities and entertainment provided by a range of faith, community and voluntary groups.

Petitions for Lourdes: A group of 18 parishioners (plus two from St Thomas of Canterbury) will be taking part in this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Last year, we were privileged to take a number of your petitions with us for inclusion in the Diocesan Grotto Mass. Would you please hand any petitions you may wish to make this year to Fr Cooke or any Lourdes group member before the group departs on 31 July. Thanks.

Marie Curie: The Bolton Fundraising Committee of Marie Curie Cancer Care are holding a *Blooming Great Tea Party* at Longsight Church Hall (Harwood) on Saturday 21 July (10am-12noon) and everyone is welcome to support this very worthy cause which allows terminally ill people to be cared for in their own homes. There will be a few of our own fundraising stalls, as well as a plant stall by local gardener Doug Wright. Hope you can come!

Harbour Room Book Club: Members will be pleased to learn that at the end of Season Two there was £78 left in the funds. As agreed, a cheque for £30 will be sent to LEPROA (The Leprosy Relief Association) as members became interested in the work of this charity after reading *The Island* by Victoria Hislop. It costs £25 to begin the treatment to cure one person of leprosy. A further £30 will be donated to parish funds. The remaining £18 will be retained to offset the immediate expenses of starting in September. (Printing paper, buying in books for members, refreshments, etc.) Thank you all for your monthly £1 donations as it all supports worthy causes! Have a lovely holiday. See you in September. *Pauline* (Treasurer)

Fairtrade: Please note that there will not be a fairtrade stall at St John's in July or August.

Rosa Mystica: The purpose of this devotion (in honour of Our Lady, the Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church) is primarily to pray for priests and an increase in vocations. On Saturday 14 July, these devotions will be celebrated at St Mary's, Standishgate, Wigan WN1 1XL, with Mass at 12noon and Devotions, Procession and Benediction at 3pm. Tea and drinks will be available in the parish hall but please bring a packed lunch.

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Think Vocation

"This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary" Sometimes our remarks and comments can stifle confidence in other people. We do not see the potential a person has as God sees. When we speak to other people let's be encouraging and uplifting. We should be gently striving for each person to become the person God wants them to become.

Apostleship of the Sea

This weekend we celebrate Sea Sunday when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers are commonly recruited from poorer countries and work in difficult and often dangerous conditions suffering from loneliness, spiritual deprivation and even exploitation as they transport the goods we use and consume every day.

The Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain and it reaches out to seafarers visiting our ports, offering pastoral and practical support and care. It is wholly dependent on voluntary donations and so the annual Sea Sunday collection is vital to this work.

For more information: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

St John's 200 Club

The July winners are:

£50 Marie Murphy (1)
£30 Tony Clappison (77)
£20 Peter Barnes (119)



Social Committee: Our highly-popular annual Quiz Night will take place this year on Friday 5 October. Tickets will be on sale mid-September.

SURVIVE-MIVA: This is the only UK-based Catholic Lay Association funding transport in the developing world (hence MIVA - Mission Vehicle Association). In two weeks' time, one of our own parishioners (Kath Denton) who is involved with this charity will make an appeal on its behalf. See www.survive-miva.org

BRASS

(Befriending Refugees and Asylum Seekers)

During the month of July, our parish SVP groups have pledged their support for this Bolton-based project (which Sr Barbara CP is very involved with). They are appealing for the following items:

Potatoes • Onions • Vegetable oil • Long life whole milk Concentrated orange juice • Tea bags • Sugar
Tins of chopped tomatoes, tuna, sardines and pilchards
Red kidney beans and chickpeas • Long grain rice

If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to church on the Sundays of July and the SVP will pass them on to BRASS. Thanks.

Parish Forum Meeting

Please come along and take an active part in the next Parish Forum meeting:

Monday 16 July
7pm at St Brendan's
[for both parishes]

If you have any items that you would like to be included for discussion, please let me know. It is also intended to establish a discussion forum on the parish website www.sbsj.org.uk in due course.

Fr Michael Cooke