

**Assistant Priest**  
In September we welcome Father Joe Gee as Assistant Priest to our parishes [see below]

<p><b>19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2012</b> <b>20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Divine Office Week 4</i></p>	<p><b>26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2012</b> <b>21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>Divine Office Week 1</i></p>
<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>Despite the fact that the theme of Mass today continues that of last Sunday, there is a new twist: in recent weeks we have been looking at the Bread of Life in a very figurative or spiritual way: today we come right down to (literally) fleshy realities: food and drink, flesh and blood. As we shall see, this is too much for the Jews to swallow, and they will desert Jesus after what he says today. How far we have come from a few weeks ago when the crowds flocked over the lake to find Jesus after the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand! Despite the complexity of the message, and the reaction of the crowd, there is an elegant simplicity about it all, which the first reading and the response to the psalm highlight: there we hear a simple invitation: "Come and eat, come and drink!" and "Taste and see." Ignorance and folly disappear when they are surrendered to the generosity of God, and we taste the eternal life that Jesus gives us in himself.</p> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Lord to whom shall we go?</b></p> </div> </div> <p>Failure, rejection and isolation: these are the themes of today's remarkable Gospel - but they are not all. In the face of them we see perseverance, fidelity and trust. Above all there is an adherence to the truth that is truly amazing. Jesus speaks the truth to all who will listen, and if they find that truth "intolerable" they are free to leave, just as they are free to believe. No one who reads this passage could accuse Jesus of being interested in fame or fortune or the simple accumulation of followers. He didn't play the 'numbers game'. Even more amazing is that when his followers seem to be down to their lowest ebb, he turns to the Twelve and gives them freedom to go as well. Peter's reply, when he speaks of their belief, is the only answer that matters; it is spirit and life that replies, not the flesh, which has nothing to offer.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses &amp; Feasts</b></p> <p>Sunday – 9.15am Mass (SJ); 11.15am Mass (SB) Monday – St Bernard 10.45am Requiem Mass for Brian Wolfenden (SB) Tuesday – No Mass – St Pius X Wednesday – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.45am Requiem Mass for Robert Whaley (SB) Thursday – No Mass Friday – No Mass – St Bartholemew Saturday – 6.30pm Mass (SJ)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Masses &amp; Feasts</b></p> <p>Sunday – 9.15am Mass (SJ); 11.15am Mass (SB) Monday – No Mass – St Monica – Bank Holiday Tuesday – No Mass – St Augustine Wednesday – 9.30am (SJ) Thursday – 9.15am (SB) Friday – 9.30am (SJ) Saturday – 6.30pm Mass (SJ)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Think Vocation</b></p> <p>"Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together". Many parishes are blessed with people who generously use their talents to provide the music and lead the singing in the liturgy of the Mass. May we find appropriate ways of expressing our appreciation and joy at their generosity in sharing their musical skills and talents.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Think Vocation</b></p> <p>As the Church we are the living parts of the Body of Christ. Let us trust that the Lord Jesus who is the Head of the Church will always be faithful to his bride. Let us trust that he will continue to call people to serve in the sacred priesthood as well as the religious life.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Father Ivor Netto SDB</b></p> <p>Father Netto will be celebrating the Masses for these two weekends (and the funeral for Brian Wolfenden on Monday). As some of you already know, Fr Netto will be leaving Thornleigh in September and taking up a new appointment in Rome. He has been a great friend and help to our parishes (and across the deanery) for many years and we will all miss him very much – but we wish him well for the future.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Father Joseph Gee</b></p> <p>Fr Joe will be coming as Assistant Priest to our parishes from the beginning of September. He is looking forward to being here and I'm sure you will all make him very welcome. At the moment his dad is still very seriously ill and Joe is helping his mum and sister to look after him at home. So please keep Joe and his family in your prayers and also pray that Fr Joe will have a long and fruitful ministry as a priest.</p>

## Prayers Please

**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, Betty Boyle, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, 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, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Emma Turner, Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Trevor Gee, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Fr Patrick Quinlan, John Devine, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Amanda Calcutt, Dr Bernard Higgins, Eric Roberts (Snr), Leila Parker and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

**Lately Dead:** Brian Wolfenden, Robert (Bob) Whaley, Gerard Greenhalgh, Catherine (Kay) Murray

**Anniversaries:** Father James Kennedy, Charles Bell, Angela Gargan, Kathleen Jackson, John Pearce, Margaret Grogan, Frances & Henry Ramsden, Ellen Anne Corlett

**Mass Intentions:** Gerard Greenhalgh, Charles Bell, Joyce Knight, James Garrett Latham (Birthday Remembrance), Angela Gargan, For a successful operation, Kathleen Jackson, Deceased members of the Jackson family, John Pearce, Margaret Grogan, Catherine (Kay) Murray, Frances & Henry Ramsden, Ellen Anne Corlett, Father James Kennedy

**CAMEO Group:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22 August (2-4pm) in the Harbour Room: *A Little Bit Extra* by Win Dawson. All welcome.

**Congratulations:** To Jenson James Conlon who was baptised at St John's last Sunday (12<sup>th</sup>). We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

**SVP:** The Mass for the housebound, sick and disabled this year will be celebrated at St Brendan's on Saturday 8 September at 11am. Everybody is welcome. Refreshments available after Mass. If you require transport to attend this Mass, please contact a member of the SVP.

**Rome and Assisi:** Those who are going on this parish pilgrimage are invited to a meeting at 7pm on Thursday 6 September in the Patmos Room.

**Baptism Preparation:** The next preparation session for parents wishing to have a child baptised in either of our churches will be on Monday 10 September (7-8.30pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's.

**Marriage Celebration:** Are there any more couples celebrating Golden Weddings (or above) who would like to attend the special celebration at the Cathedral on 26 October? Please let Father Cooke know so that names and addresses can be forwarded to the bishop's secretary.

**St John's Church Garden:** A big "Thank You" to David Day who, over the past few months, has volunteered many hours to make the church grounds look splendid.

**Quiz Night:** This will take place on Friday 5 October at Dunscair Conservative Club. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of 8/9 September.

**BCMCS:** The next production is *The Sound of Music*, from 16 to 20 October at the Albert Halls. Tickets (from £11) are available from the box office (01204 334400) or at [www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk](http://www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk) There is also a special deal which, for £17, includes a pre-theatre meal at Olympus Fish & Chip Restaurant.

**Survive-MIVA:** Dear parishioners of St John's and St Brendan's. Thank you for your very generous donations to this charity. The money will be put to good use, providing mobility, to ensure success in the Church's work in underdeveloped countries. Thanks again for your marvellous response. *Kathleen Denton*

**Thank You:** The Flower Festival Committee from St Anne's, Turton, has written to thank St John's for sponsoring an arrangement at their recent festival. Monies raised at the festival go to local charities.

## Keys & Gates at St Brendan's

For security purposes, key holding parishioners are requested to record details of the keys they hold on the list in the narthex. Alternatively, please email Tony Proctor at [secretarysb@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:secretarysb@sbsj.org.uk) your name; number of keys held and the colour of the 'dot' on the key fobs. Many thanks.

The parish community thanks those parishioners who unlock and lock the gates. Since their introduction illicit use of the car park, littering and vandalism has markedly fallen.

When unlocking the gates, please enter by the pedestrian gate. On leaving, finally exit by the pedestrian gate and leave the padlock facing outwards, so that it can be easily accessed by the next user. When the gates are opened, lock them securely to the drop down bolts. This prevents the gates from swinging freely, removes trip hazards and deters metal thieves. Please do not leave the locks elsewhere on the gates, as the paintwork is being damaged by this practice. Thank you for your co-operation.

*Tony Proctor*

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## Parish Website

Don't forget that this is a useful source of information about parish activities and events. There is the online forum running at the moment regarding a number of issues discussed at the last meeting.

A new feature is *It's The Thought That Counts* (under News) which contains the short reflections Fr Cooke records from time to time for Bolton FM.