

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

**9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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What shows us the presence of God? In the Biblical world it was miracles - signs, which pointed towards the emergence of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come, and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish. Jesus, in both his preaching and his miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in his own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as he displays to the people of his own time, and to us, the nature of Gods Kingdom: in it all diseases and afflictions are abolished: so opening the man's ears and eyes tells us two things: first that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly that he calls us into a Kingdom where all is perfect.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3 Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		<p><b>Sick:</b> 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 &amp; 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, John Devine, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Amanda Calcutt, Dr Bernard Higgins, Leila Parker and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> James Dowbakin, Eric Roberts (Snr), Anthony Francis Lomax, Jack Smyth, Bob Whaley, Connie Dalton</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Mary &amp; John Gilmartin, John Gilmartin (Jnr), Paddy &amp; Mary Josephine O'Brien, Teresa Rafferty, Noreen Fearon, Thomas Prendergast, Bridget &amp; Michael Ryan, Ralph Gubbins, Gerard Lamoury, Bridget &amp; Jack Day</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Mary &amp; John Gilmartin, John Gilmartin (Jnr), Paddy &amp; Mary Josephine O'Brien, Anthony Francis Lomax, Teresa Rafferty, Noreen Fearon, Jack Smyth, Judith Moore, Bob Whaley, James Dowbakin, Thomas Prendergast, Bridget &amp; Michael Ryan, Ralph Gubbins, Gerard Lamoury, Connie Dalton, Len &amp; Wyn Dobson (Golden Wedding)</p>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Special Collection for Catholic Association for Racial Justice</i>	
Monday <i>St Ambrose Barlow</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7-8.30pm Baptism Preparation (Harbour Room) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	9.30am Requiem Mass for James Dowbakin (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Meeting for Red Box Promoters (Patmos Room)	
Wednesday	9.30am Requiem Mass for Eric Roberts (SJ) 8pm Churches in Harwood Meeting (SB)	
Thursday <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	9.15am School Mass in church (SB) 7.30pm CAFOD Meeting (Patmos Room)	
Friday <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>Home Mission Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Special Collection for Bishops' Conference Home Missions work</i>	
<b>Collections, Donations, Gift Aid</b> <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>		

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**Racial Justice Sunday:** The theme this year is *Being an Inclusive Church...and not an exclusive club*. The Church is universal and embraces all ethnicities. Ethnic diversity enriches the life and witness of the Church at all levels. Today we pray for and financially support the work of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice

**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.

**Golden Wedding:** Congratulations to Len and Wyn Dobson celebrating their Golden Wedding this weekend.

**Piety Stall (SB):** There is a sale of existing stock over the next few weeks. There may be some bargains!

**CAMEO Group:** Thank you to all those who came and made this a very special afternoon. As a token of our thanks and appreciation to Win, a donation of £30 has been made to Macmillan Cancer Care on your behalf.

**SVP Awareness:** September is the month each year for focussing on the work of the SVP. You will see different posters displayed each week about some aspect of their work. If you are interested in joining the SVP in either of our parishes, please have a word with an existing member.

**Parish Forum:** A reminder to make any further contributions to these discussions either via the parish website ([www.sbsj.org.uk](http://www.sbsj.org.uk)) or in writing by **Sunday 16 September**. Please do take this opportunity to help shape our parishes. Thanks.

**Special Collections:** Just to give you some advance warning! Next weekend is Home Mission Sunday, the following week we are having a mission appeal by the Comboni Fathers and the week after that there is the annual appeal for the Retired Priests' Fund

**Quiz Night:** This will take place on Friday 5 October at Dunscair Conservative Club at 7.30pm. Tickets (£5 including refreshments) are on sale now. Please note there is a maximum of 6 members per team.

**BRIXI Singers:** There will be *An Autumn Concert* with the Brixsi Singers and St Brendan's School Choir in St Brendan's Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 7 October. Tickets are £9 (Concessions £8, under 18 free) on the door or ring 01204 306568

**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.

**Christie's Friends:** There will be a Fashion Show by Joan Berry of Harwood in aid of Christie's Friends on Thursday 27 September at 7pm in the Ukrainian Club, Castle St, Bolton. Raffle & Bar. Tickets (£5) are available from Kath Brown (07753 170241) or Eileen Winniczuk (07903 976227)

**St John's 200 Club:** The September winners are:

- £50 C Madden (124)
- £30 A Farrell (275)
- £20 F Smith (134)



**Dirty Nappies:** A few weeks ago a soiled nappy was left in the bin in the kitchen area of the Patmos Room. Last Sunday morning one was left in the bin in the toilet at the back of St Brendan's. Please do not leave soiled nappies in either of our church premises but take them home and dispose of them as you normally would. Thanks.

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**Think Vocation**

Our young people can often be "deaf" to God's invitation to live their lives in accordance with the teaching of the Church. It all seems to be too difficult for them to accept. May the Lord Jesus gently open their ears to his message that they are unique and called to make a difference with their lives by serving God and one another.

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