

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS  
16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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As we follow through the Gospel of Saint Mark we come to an important turning point this week: after the preaching, the miracles and the journey so far, Simon Peter publicly recognises Jesus as the Messiah. But there is an important point, which is brought out by the choice of first reading today: this Messiah is a king who is destined to be rejected and killed. Jesus knows this very well, and rebukes Peter when he tries to lead him on a different path. From this point on, Saint Mark's Gospel leads to the cross: Jesus himself accepts his own cross, and reminds all his followers that the cross is a part of following him. If we are considering the question "Who is Jesus?", these scripture passages give us a deep insight into the mission of salvation that he accepts for us.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4 Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		
Sunday	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>	<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</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Arthur Hamer</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Arthur Hamer, Eric Roberts, Special Intention, Mark Maher, Joyce Knight, Liam Donnelly</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>
Home Mission Sunday		
Monday	3.30am Rome pilgrims depart (SJ) 9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	9.15am Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon &amp; Companions</i>	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday <i>St Matthew</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy	
<b>Collections, Donations, Gift Aid</b>		<b>Baptism or Marriage</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>		<i>By appointment and with preparation You must give six months notice for Marriage See Fr Cooke or Fr Gee to arrange</i>

**Congratulations:** To Jake Quinn Farnworth and Jenson James Williamson who were baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

**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:** Thank you to those who have contributed to these discussions. All views will be collated for consideration at the next Forum meeting.

**Special Collections:** Next weekend 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.

**Mystery Envelope:** Someone handed in an envelope last Sunday at St Brendan's containing £20 but with no indication of what it was for. I suspect it was a Mass intention but can't be sure. Can anyone enlighten me? Thanks. *Fr Cooke*

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

**Church Gates (SB):** Following requests to make it easier to unlock & lock the gates, the number of locks will be reduced from four to two with effect from Monday 24 September. Please ensure that the gates are secured at all times by using the drop down bolts. Thank you.

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**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:** Fashion Show by Joan Berry of Harwood in aid of Christie's Friends on 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 Brendan's 100 Club**

	June	July	August
£25	L Cardwell (32)	J Davies (147)	S Lamb (105)
£15	A Lindsay (78)	P Partington (15)	E Patel (128)
£10	E Hallows (61)	T Hough (8)	S Stell (53)

**Think Vocation**

As Roman Catholics, we are invited to add our name to Peter's profession of faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. We are asked to not only say who we believe Jesus is for us, but to show it by the way we live our lives. This will inevitably lead occasionally to criticism and conflict, but it is then that we unite ourselves with the sufferings of Christ.

**23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The tone of the Gospel begins to grow darker: Jesus is now on his way to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested and killed. Despite this, both this week and next week, there is a lighter contrast in the children that Jesus welcomes and blesses. Perhaps this tells us something about Jesus and his mission: despite the gathering clouds, (and possibly even because of that) he is still the manifestation of God's love for all his children, a love that will be most clearly displayed when he faces that death for our sake. There is one quite chilling phrase which links these together, in the first reading, where the plotters against the good man say "Let us test him with cruelty and torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his." The cold calculation of this is not far removed from the plotting of those who saw in Jesus a threat to their positions - with all his purity of worship and faith, with all his "reproaches for our breaches of the law". There is indeed a storm gathering. But the last line of the first reading, though meant mockingly, will come true: "God will look after him - we have his word for it." And three days after his death he will rise again.

**Mission Appeal**

This weekend we welcome a Comboni Missionary priest to preach the annual Mission Appeal. We pray for the work of that missionary order (formerly the Verona Fathers) and for all the missionary work of the Church.

**Sunday Missal**

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Post Communion.....	432

**Monday 24 to Friday 28 September**

**No Masses in either church this week**

Monday – Our Lady of Walsingham  
 Thursday – St Vincent de Paul  
 Saturday – Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael  
 SVP – Monday 8pm (SJ); Tuesday 7.30pm (SB)

**Think Vocation**

We all like to be helpful and to be needed by other people. Like James and John we sometimes have a tendency to want to be noticed for the things that we do. Our Lord calls us to a life of service and humility. Whenever any credit is being dished out for something good that we have done let us try to deflect that praise away from ourselves and back to the Lord.