

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS
30TH SEPTEMBER 2012
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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There is a peculiar type of pettiness that will not allow someone to do what others do (even if - or perhaps especially if - they are good at it) because they aren't part of the group, or club, or circle. Unless you wear the uniform, the badge or tie, you can't share in the work. When this is applied to doing good or following the Lord, it seems even more petty than ever: if someone does a good thing, does it matter that she or he is not a Catholic? The words of the Lord, "Anyone who is not against us is for us," should be taken to heart this Sunday. Let us recognise anyone who helps the poor, serves peace and justice, does what the Lord Jesus wants as our co-worker, whatever the 'label' they work under.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2 Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		Prayers Please
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Special Collection for Retired Priests' Fund</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, 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, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Amanda Calcutt, Dr Bernard Higgins, Leila Parker, Emma Jiminez (baby) and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Eileen Glover, John Gardiner, Margaret Maloney, Josephine Whitehead, John McHale, Maureen Black, John Devine</p> <p>Anniversary: Arthur Hamer, John Edward O'Brien, Barbara Grimes, Rowland Coles</p> <p>Mass Intentions: For an unborn baby, For a recently deceased friend, Eileen Glover, John Hall (Birthday Remembrance), Special Intention, Emma Jiminez, Cynthia Winstanley, Arthur Hamer, John Edward O'Brien, John Donoghue, David Greenhalgh (Birthday Remembrance), John Gardiner, Barbara Grimes, Margaret Maloney, For a friend having major surgery, Joyce Knight, Josephine Whitehead, John McHale, Rowland Coles</p>
Monday <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>Guardian Angels</i>	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	No Mass today	
Thursday <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.15am School Mass in church (SB) – Zambia Visit 11.15am Requiem Mass for Maureen Black (SB) 6pm Sacramental Programme meeting (SB School)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ) <i>CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</i> 7.30pm Parish Quiz Night (Dunscar)	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Collection for</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy <i>CAFOD</i> 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 6.30pm Brixi Singers (with SB School Choir) Concert (SB)	
<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>		

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Retired Priests' Fund

This weekend we have our annual appeal for this fund. The bishop and priests of the diocese are very grateful for people's generosity to this collection over the past two years. We have a considerable number of retired priests and, as you know from your own experience, the cost of everything goes up from year to year.

As part of the fundraising this year – and in order to develop the Cathedral House into accommodation for retired priests (which will reduce costs in the longer term) – parishes are being levied, based on general income and parish reserves. Our levy is £2,182 for St Brendan's and £10,068 for St John's. This is in addition to the collection.

Please be as generous as you can with this special appeal. You might wish to Gift Aid your donation, to give regularly by standing order, or to donate via the diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk. You might also consider remembering the fund in your will.

Congratulations: To Isabella Rose Davison, Ava Jessica Elsie Dorning, David Edward Jack Dorning and Jesse William Simms who were baptised at St Brendan's on Sunday 16 September. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

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

Fr Joe: Please remember him this week as he prepares for his exam on Friday.

Sacramental Programme: It is time to start the new cycle of preparation for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. This is open to children in Year 3 or above. The initial meeting for parents and children at St Brendan's is this Thursday (4 October) at 6pm and will conclude with the Rite of Presentation. The equivalent meeting for St John's is on Wednesday 10 October (6.15), with the Rite of Presentation at the 9.15 Mass the following Sunday (14 October). If you have children who are not in our schools (or older children who have missed these sacraments in the past) and you would like to be involved in this year's programme, please have a word with Fr Cooke this week.

BRIXI Singers: *An Autumn Concert* with the Brixsi Singers and St Brendan's School Choir in church at 6.30pm next Sunday. Tickets 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 There is also a special deal which, for £17, includes a pre-theatre meal at Olympus Fish & Chip Restaurant.

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all the members who turned up to attend the first meeting of Season Three despite a wet and cold day. We had a most informative and interesting time. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24 October and the designated read is *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. All welcome. *Madeleine*

CAFOD

As we are about to have the Harvest Fast Day (on Friday), we have received this report about the very successful Lenten "Thirst for Change" Campaign:

Together, we raised over £9 million during Lent – an incredible amount. This will have a profound impact on the lives of thousands of the world's poorest men, women and children.

We had been planning a £2m programme of work to reach 155,000 people and provide them with safe, clean drinking water, access to better sanitation and the knowledge and training to sustain them, their communities and their new resources. The £2m programme also included empowering women and girls to access decision making structures within their own communities. **But because of your unprecedented generosity, we are now able to scale up our work to reach many thousands more people in dire need.**

Here are some examples of the impact of your giving:

Before Lent, we planned to help 10,000 people in war-torn communities in Sri Lanka get access to water. **Because of your generosity, we will now reach 20,000 women, men and children – double the original amount.**

We also wanted to provide 2,500 families in the Democratic Republic of Congo with drinking water. **Because of your generosity, we will now reach 4,000.**

In Zimbabwe and Zambia, we had planned to reach over 15,000 people by building and repairing latrines in homes, schools and clinics, by constructing boreholes, some with solar powered pumps, and by training the community in good health and hygiene. **Because of your generosity, we can now reach over 15,000 more people and train community leaders, often women, to maintain and manage their new resources.**

It goes to show that, regardless of tough times, as a community we can achieve great things when we stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers overseas.

We are currently discussing with the Government how much will be matched. We'll keep you updated.

Think Vocation

Marriage, Holy Orders and Religious vows are life-long commitments and are not easy to undertake. Let us pray for those who feel unable to make such commitments. May they receive help and strength from the Lord in being able to trust him in the choices and decisions that they are able to make with their lives.

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