

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

**10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



The Gospel today is the beginning of a new section in Matthew, called ‘The Parabolic Discourse’ - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story, and gradually the true meaning becomes clearer and clearer. Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. In itself it is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus’s audience - people who lived in an agricultural economy. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed that is thrown out and received in different ways - the ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the word is one who allows it to lodge in the heart, but also produces a visible result. What is the harvest we should yield, when we have heard the word?

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> <i>Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		<b>Prayers Please</b>	
Sunday <i>Sea Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – <i>Forward in Faith</i> Mass (followed by Communion Breakfast in school) 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy <i>Special Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea</i>	<p><b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Philip Blackburn, Laura Shuttleworth, Bill Kay, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Baby Guy, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Maria de los Angeles, Paul Preston, Elizabeth Patterson, Eunice Brierley, Betty Boyle, Bernard Callaghan, Judith Oldham, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Roland Coles, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Paul Whittle, Caroline Vickers, Bill Sharples, George Cowley, Kath Hayes, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Elizabeth Walton, Karen West, Tommy Lenihan, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Marie Rigby, Francis Xavier Price (new-born baby) and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Dorothy Barnes, Esther Hickey, Mark Lynam</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Richard Gardner Hopkinson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mass Intentions</b></p> <p>Richard Gardner Hopkinson, Teresa &amp; Graham Taylor (Golden Wedding Remembrance)</p> <p><i>Mass offerings should be placed in an envelope with the intention written out clearly. Thanks.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6)</b></p> <p>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> <p><i>These are intentions we are invited to pray for in public and privately during this period of the year.</i></p>	
Monday <i>St Benedict Patron of Europe</i>	9.30 Mass (SJ) 7pm Premises Project Board (SB) 8pm SVP (SJ)		
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)		
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10.45 Funeral Service for Esther Hickey (SJ)		
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 2pm CAMEO Group (Harbour Room)		
Friday <i>St Bonaventure</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)		
Saturday <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Patron of Diocese</i>	12noon Ordinations to Priesthood (Cathedral) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)		
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptisms (SB)		
<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>			<b>Baptism or Marriage</b> <i>By appointment and with preparation</i> <i>You must give six months notice for Marriage</i> <i>See Fr Cooke to arrange</i>

**Parish Website:** Please send any further content ideas or information to [jamest.proctor@ntlworld.com](mailto:jamest.proctor@ntlworld.com) as soon as possible. We are hoping to go live next weekend.

**CAFOD Appeal:** As part of their work with the Disasters Emergency Committee, CAFOD have asked us to have a special collection to raise the necessary funds to respond to the crisis in East Africa. We will have that collection next weekend.

**Congratulations:** To Finley Davies James Smith who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family will continue to grow in faith.

**Children's Books:** At St John's, there are religious books available for young children to read during Mass. We are beginning to build up a similar resource at St Brendan's

**Lourdes:** There are still some places available for anyone who would like to travel to Lourdes by train. Please have a word with Terry Smith or Fr Cooke.

**Book Sale:** During the next few weeks, we shall be having a book sale after the 11.15 Mass at St. Brendan's. We have collected over 200 wonderful thrillers, murder mysteries, adventure stories, as well as modern tales and Classics. Books will be £1 and £2. All the proceeds will be divided between St. Brendan's church and school funds. Please buy your Summer reading from us and help support these two good causes! Watch this space for further details and dates. *Harbour Room Book Club*

**CARITAS Diocese of Salford:** Annual Garden Party on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July (1-4pm) at 390 Parrs Wood Road, Manchester M20 5NA, the final one on the Didsbury site.

**Piety Stall (SB):** We now have new stock after visiting the Summer Exhibition at the Cathedral. New cards for all occasions, gifts for christenings, children's items, books and miscellaneous. Do please browse and support our efforts. We have placed an order for new designs in boxed cards for Christmas and for other Christmas items. We intend to have a sale of Christmas candles and other items we have in stock – watch this space!

Irene, Kath and Mavis wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your constant support, especially during the Confirmation and First Communion period. Do ask if an item you want is not on the stall. We will always do our utmost to get these for you. One of the team will always be available at the Masses. Our grateful thanks must go to Fr Michael, always supportive and a good listening ear when needed.

**Church Cleaning (SJ):** D Peyton & A Vinden

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

£50 F Delvard (12)

£30 E Lathom (68)

£20 P Dobson (141)



**Coffee Morning (SJ):** Thank you for £92.23 raised for Francis House on Friday morning.

## New Translation of the Roman Missal Outline/Summary of Second Catechesis Session

(Recap) The Mass is not changing but the translation is

- A more literal translation of the Latin original
- “New” responses to learn
- Revised versions of Confiteor, Gloria & Creed
- Considerable changes to what the priest says
- Invitation to sing more of the Mass
- Opportunity to improve our celebration
- The structure remains the same

### Introductory Rites

- Draw us together
- Focus our attention
- Prepare us for our celebration

### Liturgy of the Word

- Readings from Scripture
- Homily
- Creed
- Prayers of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

- Offertory
- Eucharistic Prayer
- Communion Rite

### Concluding Rite

- Parish notices
- Blessing
- Dismissal (“The Mass is ended...”)
- Recessional Hymn

### Forward in Faith

- End of Sacramental Programme
- Start of full participation in the Mass
- We come to be nourished by word & sacrament
- We are sent out to live and proclaim our faith

[Further information: [www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/romanmissal.htm](http://www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/romanmissal.htm)]

## Think Vocations

“The word of God does not return to me without carrying out my will.” We need to listen to God speaking to us in the Scriptures, in the silence and stillness of our time dedicated for prayer. Only then can our hearts provide the fertile soil needed to be open to do God's will and to allow us to use our gifts and talents to make a difference with our lives for the sake of the Kingdom.

## Parish Pilgrimage to Rome

We are looking at the possibility of organising a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in September 2012. The cost will be in the region of £1300 (flying from Manchester). There are lists in the Patmos Room and in the porch at St Brendan's for those who wish to indicate an interest in this pilgrimage.

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