

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

4TH SEPTEMBER 2011

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“No man is an island...” How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our ‘debt of mutual love’. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is ‘the answer to every one of the commandments.’

Liturgy & Activities This Week <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>		Prayers Please	
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	<p>Sick: 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, Rowland Coles, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Paul Whittle, Caroline Vickers, Bill Sharples, George Cowley, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Karen West, Tommy Lenihan, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Marie Rigby, Francis Xavier Price (new-born baby), Alf Isherwood, Kathleen Smith, Bernard & Rita Houlder, Ralph Gubbins and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Catherine Dray, Diane Livingstone, Peter Finn</p> <p>Anniversary: Albert Jansen, Prian June Benigay, Robert Uttley, Edward Barrett, David Gracie, Angela Gargan, Gerard Lamoury, Charles Bell</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Michael Bryan, Catherine Dray, Andrew Moore, Albert Jansen, Prian June Benigay, Oliver Attwood, Safe arrival of Jessica Livesey, Diane Livingstone, Terry Smith & Family, Robert Uttley, Edward Barrett, David Gracie, Peter Finn, Angela Gargan, Gerard Lamoury, Charles Bell</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): 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>	
Monday	9.30 Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)		
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB) 7.30-9pm Marriage Preparation Course [<i>Kearsley</i>]		
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Joint Social Committee (Patmos Room)		
Thursday <i>Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.15am Mass (SB) 2-4pm CAMEO Group (Harbour Room) 7pm CAFOD (Patmos Room)		
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10am Coffee Morning (Patmos) – for Depaul UK		
Saturday <i>St Ambrose Barlow</i>	10.30am-3.30pm Spirit of Bolton (Victoria Square) 5.30-5.55pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)		
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB)		
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>			Baptism or Marriage <i>By appointment and with preparation</i> <i>You must give six months notice for Marriage</i> <i>See Fr Cooke to arrange</i>
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Congratulations: To Isabella Rose Bonfield and Layla Victoria Wilkins who were baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Marriage Preparation: Please pray for the couples who are attending the current preparation course and all those who are planning to get married in the coming year.

CAMEO: The next meeting of the group will take place on Thursday 8 September (2-4pm) in the Harbour Room. There will be a flower arranging demonstration and refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

Parish Celebration: Tickets for the concert and buffet meal at Thornleigh Salesian College on Friday 16 September are still available and are on sale at the Masses this weekend. They are £10 each.

Quiz Night: Tickets are also on sale for the annual quiz night organised by the social committee. This takes place at the Dunscair Conservative Club on Friday 23 September at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 (including refreshments). Please note that there is a maximum of 6 members per team.

SVP: We are now observing the annual "Awareness Month" which highlights aspects of the work of the SVP. This year's theme is *Seeking Christ in Our Midst*. A different poster will be put on the church noticeboards for each of the coming weeks, reflecting the diversity of people helped by the SVP. Please take time to look at these posters and to pray for the work of the SVP during this month.

St Brendan's Car Park: The new gates have now been fitted. Parishioners will appreciate that the site's geography makes it impossible to achieve full site security. However the gates, which will normally be locked outside of school hours, will allow us to manage vehicular access.

Car park gate keys will be issued to those parishioners who require access to the car park outside of Mass times and normal school hours. Parishioners who require keys should submit their names, organisation (e.g. Book Club) and contact details, preferably by email to secretarysb@sbsj.org.uk or parishpriest@sbsj.org.uk or by written note to Father Cooke or Tony Proctor by Monday 19 September 2011. Thanks.

Racial Justice Sunday: We celebrate this annual day of prayer next weekend. It is an opportunity to pray for an end to racism and racial injustice. The theme this year is *Created by God, treated like slaves: Tackling human trafficking*. We will have a special collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice. For more information about their work (and this theme) see www.carj.org.uk

New Translation of the Roman Missal

We begin using the new Order of Mass this weekend. The rest of the new Missal comes into use at Advent.

Please note that the new Mass books are for use in each of our churches. They are not to be taken home. Thanks.

This brief article from the diocesan liturgy website provides a useful reflection as we begin to use the new translation:

"...as the weeks and months roll by we will all begin to take these new (and currently unfamiliar) words into our own prayer lives. This will take time. Only when we can begin to pray these words – without worrying about reading them from sheets and cards – will they begin to do their work. It is of the nature of translation to be imperfect; some people will be dissatisfied with the unfamiliar solemnity of these new words, while others will welcome them for their closeness to the Latin text. However it is to be remembered that words – in whichever language or translation – are not what worship is about. Worship is about the heart. Words are only one of the tools whereby we seek to lift our minds and hearts to God. Let us pray that the fragility of human words will never damage the spirit of prayer and worship, and that however we react to the words of this new translation, we will seek in charity to be bound up more closely in the mystery of divine love lived in the family of the Church."

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

Spirit of Bolton 2011 "One Bolton Community Event"

**Saturday 10th September 2011
in Victoria Square
10.30am-3.30pm**

An event full of activities, entertainment, community group displays and much more for everyone to come along and enjoy the day. The event is all about promoting positive partnerships which enhances community cohesion and portrays the unity in our town. Also, at this event we will be supporting the British Red Cross by fundraising for the East African famine appeal.

Please support this event organised by the Bolton Interfaith Council and a range of partner organisations. Thank you.

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Think Vocations

When two or more agree to ask the Father something, he hears it more pressingly. Why not start a private prayer campaign with another person to pray for somebody who may be discerning their vocation?