

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

**11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying “That’s it; you’ve just gone too far this time: never again”? When Jesus says that we must forgive ‘seventy-seven’ times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn’t just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: “Father, forgive them...” As his disciples, we must do likewise.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i> <i>Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		<b>Parish Celebration Weekend</b>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB)	<b>40 years of St Brendan's parish</b> <b>50 years of St John's parish</b>
	<i>Racial Justice Sunday</i> <i>Collection for CARJ</i> <i>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11</i>	Next weekend we are holding our celebrations to mark these two significant anniversaries.
Monday	9.30 Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	<b>Celebration Evening:</b> We have a variety concert and buffet meal at Thornleigh Salesian College on Friday. Tickets still available (£10).
Tuesday	No Mass today 7.30pm SVP (SB) 7.30-9pm Marriage Preparation Course [Kearsley] <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	<b>Mass for the Sick and Housebound:</b> This has been an annual event in St John's and it was thought appropriate to move it to this particular weekend for this year and open it to both parishes. It is an opportunity to include in our celebrations those who may not normally be able to attend church, many of whom may well have been parishioners for a long time.
Wednesday	12noon Requiem Mass for Michelle Urmston (SJ) 6pm Open Evening at Thornleigh (for 2012 intake) <i>The Triumph of the Holy Cross</i>	<b>Celebration Masses:</b> All of our Masses next weekend will be “celebration” Masses, marking the special occasions in the life of our parishes. Children from both primary schools will form a special choir to sing the hymns at the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday and the 11.15am on Sunday.
Thursday	No Mass today Today Thornleigh is hosting a big diocesan event – the launch of a Diocesan Torch Relay of Prayer – connected with the 2012 Olympics [See overleaf] <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	<b>Celebration Collection:</b> It has been suggested that we have a special collection next weekend for our parish funds. Although we have a lot of special collections, they are mainly for groups or causes outside the parishes. This would be a way of marking the occasion and putting something into our reserves for the future of our parishes.
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30pm <b>Parish Celebration Evening</b> (Thornleigh) <i>Ss Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>	
Saturday	11.30am <b>Mass for Sick &amp; Housebound</b> (SJ) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm <b>Parish Celebration Mass</b> (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am <b>Parish Celebration Mass</b> (SJ) 11.15am <b>Parish Celebration Mass</b> (SB) 2pm Baptism (SJ)	<b>Please come and celebrate with us</b>
	<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>
<b>Find out about our Parishes, Masses, Events, Groups and so much more: <a href="http://www.sbsj.org.uk">www.sbsj.org.uk</a></b>		

### Think Vocations

At our Masses this weekend we have opportunity to hear from Joe Gee, the seminarian on placement in our parishes, about his own vocation story. Please pray for Joe over the coming months as he prepares for ordination. Let us also pray that others, especially from our own parishes, might be called to priesthood and respond generously.

**Racial Justice Sunday:** Today we celebrate this annual day of prayer 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 (CARJ). For more information about their work see [www.carj.org.uk](http://www.carj.org.uk)

**Congratulations:** To Jack Stephen Proctor who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family 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.

**Thornleigh Open Evening:** On Wednesday evening (6pm), there is an opportunity for parents and children (those starting secondary school next September) to meet with staff and students at Thornleigh and experience first-hand the very special "spirit" that exists in the school. The headteacher will speak to all in the Chapel at 6.15pm.

**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.

**Church Cleaning (SJ):** J Findlay

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

- £50 Agnes Winstanley (253)
- £30 Peter Dobson (141)
- £20 Monica Lloyd (247)

The September winners are:

- £50 Helen Rothwell (269)
- £30 Margaret O'Kane (192)
- £20 Rosemary Evans (16)



**Libraries:** The campaign to keep local libraries in Bolton open is still in full swing and looking for further support. There is a new consultation which can be completed online or via any of the libraries. There is a public debate between politicians, trade unionists and campaigners at 7pm next Thursday (15<sup>th</sup>) in the Bolton Central Library Lecture Theatre. There is also a national petition organised by the WI, as part of the *Love Your Libraries* campaign, which calls on the Government to ensure that libraries are valued at both local and national level as educational and information resources. Please support this campaign.

**St Brendan's Car Park:** Parishioners who require keys for access to the car park outside of Mass times and normal school hours. should submit their name and contact details, preferably by email to [secretarysb@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:secretarysb@sbsj.org.uk) or [parishpriest@sbsj.org.uk](mailto:parishpriest@sbsj.org.uk) or in writing to Father Cooke or Tony Proctor by Monday 19 September 2011. Thanks.

**Quiz Night:** Tickets are 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.

### Prayers Please

**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, Bernard & Rita Holder, Ralph Gubbins, Michael (six year old) and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

**Lately Dead:** Kathleen Smith, Michelle Urmston

**Anniversary:** David Gracie, Bridget & Jack Day

**Mass Intentions:** Thanksgiving for a successful operation, Thanksgiving for a 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday, David Gracie, Bridget & Jack Day, Sheena Gallie, John Hamer

**Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6):** We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families

### 2012 Olympics – Diocesan Relay of Prayer

*On your marks, get set...*

With the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic games less than a year away now, Salford Diocese is organising a Relay of Prayer involving all the Catholic schools in the diocese. A torch will be taken in relay from one school to another, beginning in November and ending in July 2012 at Salford Cathedral. Each school will focus on and research one of the countries taking part in the games.

For the launch event on 15 September (at Thornleigh), there will be six pupil ambassadors from each school and various celebrities. We would also be keen to hear from any past or present Olympians or Paralympians from the parishes in our diocese. If you are an Olympian or Paralympian, please contact the Department for Evangelisation on 0161 761 0563 or by e-mail to [paul.cannon@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:paul.cannon@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) for further information.

Please note that, for safeguarding purposes, attendance at the launch event at Thornleigh is by invitation only.

This Newsletter is sponsored by

**HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE**

Peel House  
638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton.  
BL1 7AL  
01204 309609

