

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

**9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



The Church's year is drawing to a close: in a few weeks we will be thinking very clearly about the end of time - but here we have a preview. The parable of the banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the looking forward to the end times which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are baptised, we go to Church, we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith is that the Bridegroom will come again; let us be careful that the same parable is not addressed to us.

<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>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – followed by Book Club Sale 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB)  <i>Collection from CAFOD Fast Day</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, 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 &amp; Rita Holder, Michael (six year old), Baby Rose, Calum Russell (baby), Margaret Edge, Simon Taylor, Frank Brazel and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Rowland Coles, Shirley Walls, Theresa Mather, Len Vrolyk</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> William Westley, Ivor Simm</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> For a successful operation, Shirley Walls, William Westley, Theresa Mather, Len Vrolyk, Ivor Simm, Frances Boyce</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>
Monday	9.30 Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	11am Requiem Mass for Rowland Coles (SJ) 2pm Open Afternoon (SJ School) 7.30pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Social Committee (Patmos Room)	
Wednesday	9.30am School Mass in Church (SJ) – Celebrating Harvest 7-8.30pm Baptism Preparation (Harbour Room) 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 2-4pm CAMEO Group (Harbour Room) 7.30pm CAFOD (Harbour Room)	
Friday	No Mass Today No Coffee Morning this month	
Saturday  <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (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>
<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>		

**Congratulations:** To Ava Rose Clarke who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.


**Baptism Preparation:** The next session for parents will be on Wednesday 12 October (7-8.30pm) in the Harbour Room. Please let Fr Cooke know if you will be attending.

**St John's School:** Parents of children interested in a place for admission in St John's school for September 2012 are invited to an open afternoon to take place on 11 October beginning at 2pm. We ask any parent interested in a place for their child at St John's to contact the school for a visit at anytime. Parents are also welcome at any of our Friday afternoon assemblies at 2.45pm.

**CAMEO Group:** The next meeting will be on Thursday 13 October (2-4pm) in the Harbour Room. All welcome.

**Piety Stall (SB):** Christmas stock is now available – cards, diaries, Advent calendars and more. Box cards will be on sale at end of October.

**Children of Eden:** The Bolton Catholic Musical and Choral Society (BCMCS) are presenting this spectacular musical version of the story of creation written by Stephen Schwartz (creator of *Wicked* and *Godspell*) at the Bolton Albert Halls from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.15pm (with a 2.15pm Saturday matinee). In view of the present economic climate, ticket prices have been slashed and are as cheap as £5 for groups of 15 or more. Full details are on the notices in the church porches or available via the box office (01204 652804) or website [www.bcmcs.co.uk](http://www.bcmcs.co.uk)

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### Think Vocations

We are all called to holiness; we are called to be saints. Every state in life must be focused on weaving the garment of grace necessary to enter the banquet of the Kingdom of Heaven.

**St Brendan's Church Car Park:** From Monday 17 October, the church car park gates will be locked when the church or school are not in use; and during school holidays and at weekends. On school days, the gates will be unlocked between 7am and 6pm.

Key-holding parishioners are advised that keys can only be removed from locks in the locked position. To prevent loss, the locks must be locked to the gate fixings at all times, whether the gates are open or closed.

### St Brendan's 100 Club

	August winners	September winners
£25	M Kwiatkowski (137)	P Whaley (81)
£15	V Hodgkinson (87)	J & A Pennington (103)
£10	R Molyneux (47)	E Hallows (61)

### St John's 200 Club

The October winners are:

£50 Eileen Dearden (213)  
£30 Leila Parker (168)  
£20 Ann Gracie (17)



**SVP Outing (SJ):** The next outing for the elderly and housebound is to Our Lady of the Valley (Clitheroe and Sabden) on Sunday 25 October. There are lists in the Patmos Room for names of those wishing to attend and for volunteers willing to help with transport. Alternatively, please inform any member of St John's SVP.

**Sheltered Bungalow:** A one-bedroom property off Bramdean Avenue, Harwood is for sale to people aged 55+. It is managed by the Anchor Guardian Retirement Trust with a warden and emergency pull cord system. For further information call 07903 233213.

**ASPIRE Youth Mass:** The Diocese of Salford and Just Youth are launching a monthly Mass and event for young people. This will be a chance to meet other young people, have fun, socialise, pray and celebrate together.

The first Mass and event takes place on Sunday 30 October (6-8pm) at The Spiritan Centre, Northallerton Road, Lower Kersal, Salford M7 3TP.

For further information contact 0161 792 4195 or [aspire@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:aspire@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

### World Mental Health Day: 10 October 2011

World Mental Health Day raises public awareness about mental health issues. The day promotes more open discussion of mental health needs and advances in prevention and treatment services for mental illness. The facts below illustrate why our communities of faith have a huge part to play in raising awareness, challenging stigma and offering acceptance and support to those facing the challenges of living with mental illness.

- In 2010 depression was the most prevalent illness after coronary heart disease
- 1 in 4 people will suffer a mental illness in their lifetime
- 1 in 10 children aged 5 – 16 have a clinical mental illness
- 1 in 100 people will suffer from schizophrenia (600,000 people)
- 26 million prescriptions a year relate to a mental health issue
- After a decade of annual declines there has been an 8% rise in suicide between 2007 and 2009
- There are 5000 suicides every year in our country
- Suicide is the second most common cause of death of men under the age of 35
- 820,000 people in the UK suffer from dementia

### Pope Benedict XVI

"I invite you to pray for those with mental health difficulties: that they are not placed on the margins, but treated with respect and lovingly supported as they live their life with dignity."