

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

30TH OCTOBER 2011

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



An awkward set of readings to sit through as a priest today! The more responsibility we have for the flock of God, the more is demanded of us. But for all God's people, there is the need for constant vigilance, to be on guard against hypocrisy and complacency, the two greatest threats to our living God's way and not our own, self-serving way. This is a prelude to the end: for the next three weeks we will think about the end of the world and the judgement that awaits. This Sunday's readings should begin to encourage us not to fear and dread that day, but to look forward to it, by putting our lives in order and living as the Lord showed us.

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) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SJ) 6-8pm Aspire Youth Mass (Spiritan Centre, Salford)	<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, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Paul Whittle, Caroline Vickers, Bill Sharples, George Cowley, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Karen West, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Marie Rigby, Francis Xavier Price (new-born baby), Alf Isherwood, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael (six year old), Baby Rose, Calum Russell (baby), Margaret Edge, Frank Brazel, Cynthia Winstanley, Gordon Campbell, Graham Roberts, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Jeremy Tait</p> <p>Anniversary: Mgr Joseph Mallon, Simone Littaye, Ernest Dawson, Dorothy Hodget, John Coupe</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Simone Littaye, Ernest Dawson, Jeremy Tait, Dorothy Hodget, John Coupe</p> <p>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</p>	
Monday	No Morning Mass 7pm First Mass of All Saints (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)		
Tuesday <i>All Saints</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) <i>Holyday of Obligation</i> 11.15am Mass (SB) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)		
Wednesday <i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 6.15pm Sacramental Programme Meeting (SJ School) 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)		
Thursday	No Mass today		
Friday <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)		
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)		
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – Sacramental Programme Presentation 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SJ)		
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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ASPIRE Youth Mass: The first monthly Mass and event for young people takes place on Sunday 30 October at The Spiritan Centre, Northallerton Road, Lower Kersal, Salford M7 3TP. Mass is at 6pm, followed by a social concluding at 8pm. For further information contact 0161 792 4195 or aspire@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

All Saints: Masses at St John's will be at 7pm on Monday 31 October and 9.30am on Tuesday 1 November, then 11.15am and 7pm on the Tuesday at St Brendan's.

Sacramental Programme: The new cycle of preparation begins at St John's this week, with a meeting in school on Wednesday evening (6.15pm) for the parents and children involved in this year's programme. Those children will celebrate their Presentation at the 9.15 Mass next Sunday.

Red Box Appeal: Every five years, the APF appeal for more people to have the red boxes in their homes. There will be an appeal at St Brendan's at Mass next Sunday.

St John's School: All parents with a child for admission in September 2012 are invited to visit St John the Evangelist RC School. Many parents have already taken us up on this offer and have been extremely enthusiastic about what we can offer them. St John's is a rapidly changing school with a new vision and a new leadership team. Parents are welcome anytime but why not visit one of our family assemblies on Friday at 2.45pm or telephone 333440 to arrange for a conducted tour and see our exciting new building plans which start in December.

CAMEO Group: The next meeting will be Thursday 10 November when we hope to have something of interest to all. Watch this space for details. Hope to see you there.

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all the members who came to the last meeting. It was its usual lively and informative affair! The next meeting will be on Wednesday 30 November, same time, same place. The designated read is *The Little House* by Philippa Gregory. All are welcome. Homemade refreshments.

Members hoping to go to *The Help* at the cinema, should note that the 2pm performance has been dropped mid-week and retained for the weekend only. Screenings now are at 11am, 5pm and 8.15pm. This was a last-minute alteration and a change from the advert on the internet. Hope it does not change too many plans. *Madeleine*

Marriage Preparation: The dates for the deanery courses next year have now been published. One will run on Wednesdays (7, 14, 21 March & 4 April) and another on the Tuesdays of October (9, 16, 23, 30). If you are planning to get married in church, then you need to attend this preparation. Please have a word with Fr Cooke.

New Canons: The bishop has appointed four new canons to the Diocesan Chapter. They are Canon Henry Jones, Canon Stewart Ansbro, Canon Paul Brindle and Canon Anthony Kay VG. They will be installed at 12.10pm Mass in Salford Cathedral on Wednesday 2 November.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

This is a nationally-awarded qualification for those teaching in Catholic schools and required for those who are appointed to senior leadership roles within them. In some cases it is also open to those involved in parish ministries and those wanting to follow it for personal interest (please check with the director about this).

The course consists of eight modules, each requiring ten hours contact time, further reading and an assignment of 1500 words. The whole course is going to be offered in Bolton over the next two years, based at Mount Saint Joseph High School, Farnworth. Four modules will be offered this academic year:

Catholic Education (Tutor: Mr Bernard Stuart)
Tuesdays 1, 8, 15 & Wednesday 23 November

Old Testament (Tutor: Rev Paul Daly)
Wednesdays 11, 18, 25 & Tuesday 31 January

New Testament (Tutor: Rev Michael Cooke)
Mondays 5, 12, 19 & 26 March

Christology (Tutor: Rev Christopher Gorton)
Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 & 23 May

Each session runs from 4pm to 6.30pm. There is a one-off registration fee of £35 and then a module fee of £60. The costs might be borne by your school.

This is a good opportunity for Catholic teachers (even if not currently teaching in a Catholic school) or for those who wish to teach in our schools, to gain this award close to home.

For further information, or to register for the course, please contact the director, Mr Bernard Stuart, on 07973 335562 or bernard.stuart@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Joe Gee: A date has now been set for Joe's ordination as a deacon. This will be Saturday 7 January 2012 at 12noon in Salford Cathedral. Please continue to pray for Joe as he prepares to take this important step in his vocation.

Christian Cohesion Volunteers: The *Passion for Bolton* earlier this year generated a lot of volunteers and the Christian Cohesion Project in Bolton is looking to see how these people might continue to promote the work of the project and get involved in a variety of volunteering roles. There will be a "Celebration Get Together" from 6.30pm on Tuesday 8 November at the Victoria Hall. This will also be open to others who were not involved in *Passion for Bolton* but might like to volunteer to be involved in ongoing or forthcoming activities. If you are interested, then please see Fr Cooke or contact Barbara Ross on 546139/521800 or barbara.ross1@ntlworld.com or visit the website www.passionforbolton.org

Think Vocations

The greatest among you must be your servant. Whatever way that we choose to respond to the vocation to which God has called us, we should essentially strive to serve God to the best of our ability by using the gifts and talents at our disposal for the benefit our brothers and sisters.

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