

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

**6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



“Watch early for wisdom”: wise words, and ones that the foolish bridesmaids of the Gospel should have taken to heart. This is the ultimate in ‘putting off till tomorrow...’, since the reading is about the end of time, when the Son of Man will come again. Then there will be no tomorrow. If a thing is worth doing, it’s worth doing today. Quite often we contemplate the end of time with anxiety and fear: this is not what God wants. Look at the Psalm, where we hear of desperate longing, a thirst for the Lord, that cannot wait. We should not just wait for the Lord with patient endurance, but with impatient longing: what could we desire more than the coming of the Lord, the rising of the dead and an eternity of joy and glory?

<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) – Sacramental Programme Presentation 11.15am Mass (SB) – Red Box Appeal 2pm Baptism (SJ)	<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, 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, Frank Brazel, Cynthia Winstanley, Gordon Campbell, Graham Roberts, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O’Grady, Tommy Lenihan, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Eileen Duxbury</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Arthur McSherry, Agnes Kay, Laurence Clossick, Philip Marshall, Victor Gill, Maureen Smyth Taylor</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Arthur McSherry, Agnes Kay, For a successful operation, Eileen Duxbury, Laurence Clossick, James &amp; Mary Mathen, John &amp; Mary Carter, Relatives &amp; friends of the Mathen &amp; Carter families, Philip Marshall, Eileen &amp; Victor Gill, Maureen Smyth Taylor, Thomas Brooks (Birthday Remembrance), The Durkin &amp; Kelly families</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	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)		
Tuesday	9.15am Mass (SB) 6.30pm Christian Cohesion Volunteers <i>[See overleaf]</i> 7.30pm SVP (SB)		
Wednesday <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)		
Thursday <i>St Leo the Great</i>	9.15am Mass (SB) 2-4pm CAMEO Group (Harbour Room) 7.30pm CAFOD Meeting (Patmos Room)		
Friday <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10am Coffee Morning for Francis House (Patmos Room)		
Saturday <i>St Josaphat</i>	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)		
Next Sunday <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	9.15am Mass (SJ) <i>Appeal for Basic Caring Communities</i> 11.15am Mass (SB) <i>[not a collection; see overleaf]</i> 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Special Collection for Bishop's Administration</i>		
<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 Oliver Jake Longworth who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

**Sacramental Programme:** Congratulations to the children enrolled on the new cycle of preparation that began at St Brendan's a few weeks ago and at St John's this week. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers over the coming months as they prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

**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 this Sunday.

**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](mailto:barbara.ross1@ntlworld.com) or visit the website [www.passionforbolton.org](http://www.passionforbolton.org)

**CAMEO Group:** The next meeting will be Thursday 10 November (2-4pm in the Harbour Room), with Wynn Dawson giving a humorous talk. All welcome.

**Christmas Draw (SJ):** Tickets are on sale from this weekend at St John's.

**Christmas Dance:** On Friday 9 December at Dunscair Conservative Club, with entertainment from Jo Lester & The Stardusters. Tickets cost £6 (including supper) and are on sale at both churches.

**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.

**Bishop's Administration:** The annual collection to support the work of the bishop and the central services of the diocese takes place next weekend.

**Farnworth:** You may have heard that the parish priest of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gregory is having a three-month break from the parish. He has not been particularly well in recent times, so please keep him in your prayers. His absence does, of course, put extra pressure on me as the Dean. It is my responsibility to ensure that services there are covered and the administration of the parish is done. I trust you will understand if this additional work makes me less available than usual in our own parishes.

**Church Cleaning (SJ):** K Lucas & J Leary

**Basic Caring Communities:** BaCC is an initiative of *pact* (prison advice and care trust), a charity which offers free training and support to those who want to put their faith into action to support ex-offenders wanting to make a fresh start on release from prison. The scheme is currently operating in Westminster, Southwark, Salford and Clifton dioceses and *pact* are recruiting volunteers in each of these areas. We will have an appeal (for volunteers not money) at the Masses next weekend. This will be given by Mgr Malachy Keegan the Bishops' Conference Prison Adviser.

**Mass for the Deceased:** During the month of November we traditionally pray for all our departed loved ones. We will have our annual Mass for all those who have died in the past year on Saturday 19 November at 11am. This year it will take place at St Brendan's.

### Pilgrimages

**Lourdes 2012:** There have been a number of enquiries about a possible re-visit to Lourdes in the coming year. Lists are on the noticeboards in both churches for those who may be interested. Cost details are not yet known. However, based on this year's tariff, the expected price per person should be in the region of £600 to include travel and full board. The dates of the pilgrimage are Tuesday 31 July to Monday 6 August. *Terry Smith*

**Rome & Assisi:** I am delighted to say that the date for our 8 day parish pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi has now been set. It is Monday 17 September 2012 until Monday 24 September 2012 and is being organised through the services of McCabe Pilgrimages, an ecumenical company with established links in Italy for over 25 years and with whom members of the parish went to Oberammergau in 2010. The cost is £1345 per person sharing a twin-bedded room and includes many items normally extra on a holiday.

The tour is on half board basis with continental breakfast and evening meal being served at our hotel. We will travel around Rome in our own air-conditioned coach and have the services of an Italian tour manager. All entrance fees are included as well as British air passenger duty and all other airport taxes. We will fly to and from Manchester on scheduled flights with Jet 2. A full colour brochure detailing the daily programme can be found on the parish website - [www.sbsj.org.uk](http://www.sbsj.org.uk) or you can view the copy displayed on the notice board in the Patmos Room and the Harbour Room.

Please contact me, Margaret Russell on 01204 853515 or email me - [margaret\\_russell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:margaret_russell@hotmail.co.uk) if you are interested in going. I am acting as tour leader and co-ordinator for the pilgrimage and booking forms and brochures are available from me. I will look forward to hearing from you!

### Think Vocations

November is the month of the Holy Souls. May all of us remain faithful to the need to remember those who have died. May we take seriously the need to pray for the souls of those who have died and to ask the Lord to forgive them for their sins and to welcome them into their eternal homes.

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