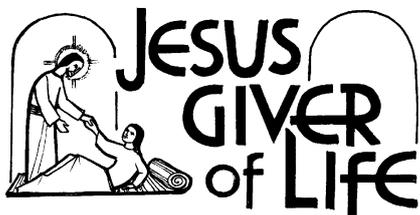


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

1ST JULY 2012

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Today we are invited to marvel at one of the most dramatic and amazing of the Lord's miracles – the raising back to life of the daughter of Jairus. The story is told with a level of emotional realism: the calm faith but dreadful fear of Jairus, the servants who bring the news of his daughter's death, the calm reassurance of Jesus and even the laughter of the servant who mock Jesus – all these make this a story that can engage us and speak to us. And what it says is something profound: all the miracles of the Lord proclaim the Kingdom of God – the world the way God wants it to be. God does not want us to die: death is not part of God's plan for us. This is reinforced by the unfamiliar first reading from the book of Wisdom, which opens our listening to God's Word today with the dramatic phrase: "Death was not God's doing." God created us to live forever, and the raising of Jairus' daughter to life is a vivid and outstanding proclamation of this truth.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1 Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB)	<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Judith Oldham, Kathleen Humphreys, Betty Boyle, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Karen West, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Margaret Edge, Frank Brazel, Graham Roberts, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Tommy Lenihan, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Jane Dent, Emma Turner, Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Trevor Gee, Catherine Crowley, Gerard Dobson, John Barrett, Fr Patrick Quinlan, Fr Ivor Netto, John Devine, Vincent Hopkinson, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Patrick O'Donnell, Bill Kay</p> <p>Anniversary: Josephine Westley, Susan Smith</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Joyce Knight, For a sick person, Mary & Tommy Armstrong (Golden Wedding), Cynthia Winstanley, Bill Kay, Patrick, Helen & David O'Donnell, Guy Ryan, For a successful operation, Josephine Westley, Susan Smith</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>
	<i>Collection for Peter's Pence</i>	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
	<i>St Thomas</i>	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 12.15 Funeral Service for Dorothy Szatan (Relph's Chapel) 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) – Y2 Mass celebrating KS1 Years	
Friday	No Mass today	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
	<i>Collection for</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am Forward in Faith Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 1.30pm One Bolton 5k Run (Bolton Arena)	
	<i>Apostleship of the Sea</i>	
	<i>Sea Sunday</i>	
Collections, Donations, Gift Aid		Baptism or Marriage
<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>		<i>By appointment and with preparation You must give six months notice for Marriage See Fr Cooke to arrange</i>

Peter's Pence: This annual collection, taken throughout the world, provides money for the Pope's charitable giving. We have this collection at Masses this weekend.

Congratulations: To the children who have celebrated First Holy Communion over the past two Sundays. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith. And we thank those, in our schools and in our parishes, who have helped the children and parents during the Sacramental Programme this year.

Congratulations: To Mary & Tommy Armstrong who are celebrating their Golden Wedding.

Prayers Please: Tara Vinden (17) was born profoundly deaf and had a cochlear implant in her left ear in 2000. On Monday, Tara will be having a second cochlear implant in an attempt to restore hearing to her right ear. Her family have asked that we all pray for Tara, the surgeons, doctors, scientists and hospital staff that will be looking after her in the weeks ahead.

One Bolton 5k Run: Next Sunday (8 July) at 1.30pm at Bolton Arena. The shorter Fun Run begins at 12.15pm. You can register at www.bwct.org.uk/one-bolton-5k1 or on 01204 673790. ***Fr Cooke will be taking part with an Interfaith Group raising money for Bolton Hospice.***

Spirit of Bolton: This event takes place in Victoria Square on Saturday 14 July (10.30am to 3.30pm) and is a flagship event for showcasing the diversity of the Bolton community. There will be a variety of stalls, activities and entertainment provided by a range of faith, community and voluntary groups.

Harbour Room Book Club: Many thanks to all members who attended the last meeting of our second season. Congratulations to all the Raffle winners! Thanks also to those members who donated raffle prizes, made delicious cake and helped to tidy up afterwards. All this is very much appreciated. The three books voted the "best reads" of the year were as follows: First, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hossieni. Joint second place was held by *The Island* by Victoria Hislop and *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. A very close runner-up was *The Guernsey Literary Potato Peel Pie Society* by M Shaffer. We wish everyone a lovely holiday. Please note that the summer read is *Persuasion* by Jane Austen for 25 September. The financial details of the end of the year donations to charity will be published soon. Happy reading! *Madeleine*

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Think Vocation

"Do lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life". The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a very powerful encounter with Christ for those who receive it. May we encourage those who are sick to send for the priests of the Church to lay their consecrated hands on the sick person. Their sins will be taken away through the anointing with the Oil of the Sick.

Apostleship of the Sea

Next weekend we celebrate Sea Sunday when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers are commonly recruited from poorer countries and work in difficult and often dangerous conditions suffering from loneliness, spiritual deprivation and even exploitation as they transport the goods we use and consume every day.

The Apostleship of the Sea is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain and it reaches out to seafarers visiting our ports, offering pastoral and practical support and care. It is wholly dependent on voluntary donations and so the annual Sea Sunday collection is vital to this work.

For more information: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

BRASS

(Befriending Refugees and Asylum Seekers)

During the month of July, our parish SVP groups have pledged their support for this Bolton-based project (which Sr Barbara CP is very involved with). They are appealing for the following items:

Potatoes • Onions • Vegetable oil • Long life whole milk Concentrated orange juice • Tea bags • Sugar
Tins of chopped tomatoes, tuna, sardines and pilchards
Red kidney beans and chickpeas • Long grain rice

If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to church on the Sundays of July and the SVP will pass them on to BRASS. Thanks.

Parish Forum Meeting

Our parish forums were established in 2008 to promote wider engagement of parishioners in the running of our parishes and have enabled parishioners to give their views and, for some, to play their part in developing St Brendan's and St John's parish communities. Whilst we can be pleased with our achievements to date, there is much more that needs to be done.

Following my formal appointment as parish priest to both of our parishes, it is now timely to establish a single parish forum to serve both St Brendan's and St John's. There are a number of key issues we need to discuss and progress:

- Sharing the Load
- Reverence and Respect
- Future of the Presbytery at St Brendan's
- Extension of the Patmos Room at St John's

With this in mind, I hope you will come along and take an active part in the next Parish Forum meeting:

**Monday 16 July
7pm at St Brendan's**

If you have any items that you would like to be included for discussion, please let me know. It is also intended to establish a discussion forum on the parish website www.sbsj.org.uk in due course.

Fr Michael Cooke