

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD
 & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS
 7TH OCTOBER 2012
 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Today we tackle the issue of marriage and divorce; Jesus is asked an awkward question about the legality of divorce. He lays down very clearly that what God intends for marriage is what is found in Genesis (where the “two become one” for all time) rather than the dispensation granted through Moses (permitting a writ of divorce) which was an exception, not the rule. Here it is clear that Jesus abrogates this Old Testament procedure - a point emphasised when the disciples press him further on this issue on getting back home. While it is important for us to be sensitive and understanding towards those whose marriages have gone awry, we must be careful to let the teachings of the Lord speak for themselves.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3 Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		Prayers Please
Sunday <i>CAFOD Collection</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 6.30pm Brixi Singers (with SB School Choir) Concert (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, Kathleen Humphreys, Betty Boyle, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Karen West, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Margaret Edge, Frank Brazel, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O’Grady, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Emma Turner, Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Trevor Gee, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Amanda Calcutt, Leila Parker, Emma Jiminez (baby), Bernard Cummings and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Clare Fealy, Gerard Walker</p> <p>Anniversary: Mary Hurst</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Joyce Knight, Cath Carney, Bernard Cummings, Mary Hurst, Special Intention, Clare Fealy, For a successful operation, In honour of St Jude for a very special intention, Deceased members of the O’Kane & Boardman families, Gerard Walker</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	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am School Mass in church (SJ) – Seeds & Gardeners 6.15pm Sacramental Programme meeting (SJ School)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 7.30pm CAFOD Meeting (Harbour Room)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10am Coffee Morning (Patmos Room) – for SB School	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy & Presentation of Sacramental Programme Children 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	
<p>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></p>		

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Congratulations: To Eddie George Wright who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

Congratulations: To Fr Joe who passed his exam on Friday. He is still in Rome and will be back with us on Wednesday.

Sacramental Programme: The initial meeting for parents and children at St John's is at 6.15 on Wednesday (10 October), with the Rite of Presentation at the 9.15 Mass next Sunday (14 October). If you have children who are not in our schools (or older children who have missed these sacraments in the past) and you would like them to be involved in this year's programme, please have a word with Fr Cooke before Wednesday.

Quiz Night: Thank you to those who organised and those who supported this very enjoyable event.

CAMEO: Next meeting is on Wednesday 17 October (2 to 4pm) in the Harbour Room. There will be a Fun Auction run by Kathleen Denton. All welcome.

Have you got something which you never use, taking up space in a cupboard? If it is in good condition, maybe someone could make good use of it. Why not bring it to the auction on 17 October and enjoy a fun afternoon raising money for a good cause. We can't have an auction without goods, so please do your best to find one item (or an absolute maximum of two items). Thanks.

Harbour Room Book Club: Would members please note the following CHANGE OF DATE. Due to my attempts to avoid a Half-term booking, I mistakenly booked the very week I wished to work round! Please note that the next meeting will be on Wednesday 31 October (not 24 as printed on the schedule). The designated read is *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. I do apologise for this and hope it has not caused any trouble. *Madeleine*

Parish Forum: The next meeting (for both parishes) will be at 7pm on Thursday 18 October in the Patmos Room.

BCMCS: The next production is *The Sound of Music*, from 16 to 20 October at the Albert Halls. Tickets (from £11) are available from the box office (01204 334400) or at www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk There is also a special deal which, for £17, includes a pre-theatre meal at Olympus Fish & Chip Restaurant.

Church Cleaning (SJ): J & M Gething

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Think Vocation

During this month of the Holy Rosary, let us continue to model our lives on the faith of Our Blessed Lady. We can resolve to pray the Rosary more regularly during this month and throughout the year. Perhaps we can dedicate our Rosary, at least once a week for vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life.

Year of Faith

Some months ago, Pope Benedict announced that we would have a Year of Faith from 11 October 2012 (the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council) to 24 November 2013 (the Feast of Christ the King). We will have a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop about this next week but here is some current information:

Welcoming in the Year of Faith: Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word, Prestwich, 7.30pm, Thursday 11th October

Our Lady of Grace church in Prestwich will host a celebration to mark both the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the start of the Year of Faith. The celebration will take the form of a Liturgy of the Word led by the parish priest, Mgr John Allen, who was present in Rome at the opening of the Council on 11th October 1962.

When: Thursday 11th October

Where: Our Lady of Grace church, Prestwich, Manchester M25 1AS

Time: 7.30pm

Year of Faith: Prayer Vigil to the Holy Spirit, Ashton-under-Lyne, 7pm, Thursday 11th October

In Ashton-under-Lyne, to mark the beginning of the Year of Faith: Vigil of prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church. Prayer and meditations with the Sacred Scriptures, invoking the presence of the Lord in the still, small voice.

When: Thursday 11th October

Where: St Ann's church, Burlington Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL67DG

Time: 7pm

Year of Faith: "Reignite" Youth event, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th November

Reignite is a new initiative for 16-35s to come together for prayer, catechesis (in the form of short talks), discussion, Reconciliation, food, friendship and Mass, for an evening and a day. The first event took place last November and was very successful. Please note that it is not an overnight event, but in two parts. The Sunday event ends with Mass. For further information, please contact Fr John Flynn or Lorraine Leonard. Email: reignite@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

When: Saturday 3rd November, 7 – 9pm and Sunday 4th November, 10am – 3.45pm

Where: Our Lady of Grace, 11 Fairfax Road, Prestwich, Manchester M25 1AS

Cost: £10 (to cover food and expenses)

Year of Faith: Diocesan talks 2012 and 2013

A series of talks is being organised by the Office for Evangelisation. Further detail will be available presently.

Year of Faith: Diocesan website

There is a new dedicated section for the Year of Faith to which will be added notice and news of any events that are happening around the diocese.

We will also have some events in our parishes or across the deanery to mark this year. Details to follow.