

**Why be envious, because I am generous?**



We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thought are not our thoughts.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> <b>Sunday Missal: page 423 Preface: at priest's choice</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday <i>Home Mission Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC)- with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB)- with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) 2pm Blessing of the Mosaic at The Schoenstatt Centre	<p><b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Eunice Brierley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Kathleen Hopwood, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Walter Norris, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Emma Turner, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Leila Parker, Mary Long, Oliver Smith, Dylan Crosby, Sharon Gordon and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Brian Hartigan, Josie Whalley, Rita Bramwell, Mary Grundy, Dr Bernard Higgins, Joan Marie Greenhalgh, Martin Ball, Mary Marshall, Albert France, Philip Marsden, Bill Gore</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Michael Clarke, Muriel Conniffe, Frank Greenhalgh</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Holy Sacrifice of the Mass from the Marshall family, Brian Hartigan, Sharon Gordon (sick), Cynthia Winstanley, Josie Whalley, Martin Ball, Joyce Knight, Mary Marshall, Rita Bramwell, Michael Clarke, The family of Dr Higgins, Muriel Conniffe, Jim Smith (Birthday Remembrance), Mary Grundy, Alan Henning, Frank Greenhalgh</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 <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	No Mass Today 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	9.15am Yr5 Class Mass in School (SC) 1.30-3pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	12noon Wedding Service for Nirmal Daniel & Hannah Russell (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>Harvest Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) - with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SC) <i>Day of Prayer for Synod on Family Life</i>	
<p><b>Collections &amp; Donations:</b> <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.</i></p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i></p> <p><b>Gift Aid:</b> <i>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 Noah Scott Kendall who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

**Home Mission Sunday:** This weekend the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales invite prayer and support for the work of Evangelisation. This year's theme is *Evangelisation in the heart of the family*. We will have a second collection to help the Bishops develop new ways of reaching out to non churchgoing Catholics. For more information please visit [www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14).

**Message of Thanks:** I would like to thank all parishioners and friends who attended the Mass for Mary Marshall and for all their cards of sympathy and Masses. A special thank you to Canon Michael, Father Joe and Father Robert for the lovely service and to St John's SVP for their support. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for you all. Thank you. *John Marshall & family*.

**Annual Marian Procession:** The Marian Procession will be on Sunday 4 October starting at St Edwards Church, Thurloe Street, Rusholme, M14 5SG (10.30am). Bishop Brain will join the procession. For more information please contact 0161 817 2222 (Ext 245) or email [marianprocession@gmail.com](mailto:marianprocession@gmail.com).

**Bolton Prayer Breakfast:** This will be held on Friday 10 October at Bolton Town Hall (7.30-9.15am). Dr Barbara Downes, Medical Director of Bolton Hospice will be the guest speaker and the cost is £10 per person. To request tickets or for more information, Telephone 0161 790 8289 or email: [susan@edmonsons.org.uk](mailto:susan@edmonsons.org.uk).

**SVP Awareness:** September is the annual month for raising awareness about this organisation. Please see the posters on the notice boards (which change weekly). If you are interested in finding out more about the SVP please contact any member.

**Mass for the Housebound, Sick and Disabled:** This year will be celebrated at St Brendan's on Saturday 11 October at 11am. Everybody is welcome and refreshments will be available after Mass. If you require transport to attend this Mass, please contact any member of the SVP.

**Schoenstatt Centre:** This Sunday, there will be a blessing of the Mosaic, the gift of the Schoenstatt Family, in thanksgiving for the 100 years of the Covenant of Love. Refreshments will be served at a gathering at 2pm and the blessing will commence at 3pm, followed by a family celebration at 4pm.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24 September at 1.30-3pm. The book for discussion is *Empress Orchid* by Amchee Min. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome!

Also, an early reminder: On 5 November in the Harbour Room (1.30-3pm.) will be PART TWO of the Remembrance Event for the Centenary of the First World War. Last November we considered War Poetry and this year prose will be under discussion (Birdsong, Warhorse, All Quiet on the Western Front etc.) Come along for readings, discussions and refreshments. Details will follow nearer the time. *Madeleine*



The Caritas charity shop (Bolton) needs your help! They are currently running low on stock of clothing and shoes. If you are able to help, please take any of your unwanted items along to the shop. Thank you.

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### Vacancies

**Admin Officer** (School Social Work Service & Family Project)

**Admin Officer** (Fundraising & Communications)  
**Apprentice Admin Assistant** - 12 month fixed term contract, 37 hrs per week. This apprenticeship has structured study and day release for The Manchester College in term time.

Please see the poster on our parish notice boards for application details.

### Cameo & Tea-pot Time:

#### Forthcoming Events:

**Wednesday 8 October:** Lyn Massey a local Textile Artist will talk and demonstrate her Spinning Techniques. There will be an opportunity to buy some of her unique products.

**Wednesday 12 November:** Mike Perris a local Amateur Historian will talk on The History of Barrow Bridge. Come and remember the boating lake.

**Wednesday 10 December:** Come and enjoy making your own Christmas Decorations with our own extremely talented Margaret Fazackerley

### St John's 200 Club

The September winners are:

£50 J Rowson (111)  
£30 D Whyte (120)  
£20 F Delvard (12)



**BRASS:** The collection for September will take place at the weekend Masses at St Brendan's. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thanks.

### Think Vocation

The Lord rewards those who follow vocations faithfully from a point later in life with the same reward as those who began in youth. May those who do not have the courage to respond to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life be given fulfilment and peace in whatever way they live their lives.

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