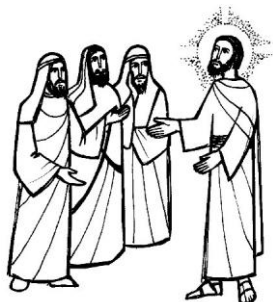


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2011**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



When you look at something like the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and see its 691 pages, or look at the 2,000 pages of the big *Jerusalem Bible*, you can be forgiven for thinking that Christianity is a complicated affair. But Jesus reminds us today that it is essentially very simple: everything can be summed up in two basic rules: love God, love your neighbour. Exodus backs this up, by talking about the simple love that we must show to each other. Not that this is easy - love is always costly, and involves some degree of sacrifice. We will have to change, to become perfect in love; but it is possible, and when we do, like the people of Thessalonica, we become a great example to people everywhere.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> <i>Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) SJ SVP Outing to Clitheroe	<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, Tommy Lenihan, 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 and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Helen Mulrooney, Christopher O’Gorman, Marjorie Chamberlain, Rowland Coles, David Ryder</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Desmond John Whitehead</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Desmond John Whitehead, Special Intention, Christopher O’Gorman, Marjorie Chamberlain, Father Anthony Grimshaw (Golden Jubilee), Rowland Coles, Helen Mulrooney</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	No Mass today 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	No Mass today 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	No Mass today 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday	No Mass today 1.30-3pm Harbour Room Book Club	
Friday	No Mass Today	
<i>Ss Simon &amp; Jude</i>		
Saturday	6.30pm Mass (SJ)  <i>End of British Summer Time (Clocks go back)</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SJ) 6-8pm Aspire Youth Mass (Spiritan Centre, Salford)	
<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>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>		

**World Mission Sunday:** Today Catholics all over the world are united in prayer, friendship and support for missionaries and the young churches as they share their faith and give life, often in difficult circumstances. Our special collection for Missio (the APF) goes in its entirety to support projects in over 1,000 dioceses in the 40% of the Church that is still missionary. *Share your faith – give life!*

**Congratulations:** To Layla Grace Kavanagh and Mollie Emily Grace Robinson who were baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

**Thank You:** Harry and Kath Gillett would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make the celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary so successful. A Mass will be offered for their intentions.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting of the club will be on Wednesday 26 October, 1.30pm-3pm approx. Homemade refreshments available and all welcome (£1). This month's read is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett (soon to be seen at The Valley cinema). *Madeleine*

**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](mailto:aspire@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**All Saints:** Just to give advance warning that this feast will be celebrated on its proper day (rather than the nearest Sunday) this year. 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.

**CAMEO Group:** Thank you to those who came last Thursday. We hope you all enjoyed the afternoon. The next meeting will be Thursday 10 November when we hope to have something of interest to all (men included). Watch this space for details. Hope to see you there.

**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.

**Piety Stall (SB):** Christmas stock is now available – cards, diaries, Advent calendars and more.

### 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](mailto:bernard.stuart@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

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God wants you to love him with everything – with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. Meditate on that “all” and how you can reach closer to it in your vocation.

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Love one another

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