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The key to today's readings is the word "Covenant". A Covenant is a solemn and binding agreement between two parties, which establishes the way in which each party will behave towards the other. It establishes rights and duties, and forges a new relationship between two people or groups of people. In the Ancient World, a Covenant was always sealed with a sacrifice and a meal: the sacrifice brought divine blessing on the covenant, and the meal sealed the relationship between the participants. In the Covenant that God forged with his people in the Old Testament, it was expressed very simply: God said, "You will be my people, and I will be your God." God would remain faithful to the people, and they were to remain faithful to God (this is where the commandments come in). This Covenant was sealed in its greatest form on Mount Sinai, as we hear in the first reading. When the Old Covenant had been broken beyond repair, God sent his only Son to establish a New Covenant: the sacrifice and meal of this New Covenant is Calvary and

the Last Supper, where Christ is both priest and victim and altar. When we eat and drink this sacred meal at every Mass we are renewed in the New Covenant and the relationship with God, because Calvary and the Upper Room are present once more and the New Covenant is sealed for us anew.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i> <i>Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		Prayers Please
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>Eucharistic Congress begins</i>	<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bill Kay, 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, Bill Sharples, George Cowley, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Karen West, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael (six year old), Baby Rose, Calum Russell (baby), 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 (12yrs old), Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Patrick O'Donnell (new-born baby), Joan Rankin, Guy (3yrs old), Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Trevor Gee, Catherine Crowley, Gerard Dobson, John Barrett, Fr Patrick Quinlan, Fr Ivor Netto and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Margaret Theobold, Alf Isherwood</p> <p>Anniversary: Bill Cleary, Hanni Baxter</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Joyce Knight, Margaret Theobold, Alf Isherwood</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>
Monday <i>St Barnabas</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>Ordinary Time Week 10</i>	10.30am Requiem Mass for Frank Everitt (SB) 7pm Falklands Memorial Service (Dunscar) [<i>see overleaf</i>] 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 6.15pm Sacramental Programme Meeting (SJ School) 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday <i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	No Mass today 10.30am Bolton Y6 Mass (Salford Cathedral) 1.15pm Funeral Service for Frederick Rothwell (Overdale) 7.30pm CAFOD Meeting (Harbour Room)	
Friday <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10am Coffee Morning for St John's School (Patmos Room) 2pm Wedding Service for Christopher Diggle & Kirsty Olive (SJ)	
Saturday <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	No Reconciliation this week 6pm Fr Tansey's Golden Jubilee Mass (St Joseph's, Halliwell) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>APF Red Box Appeal (SJ)</i>	
Next Sunday <i>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass – with Baptism (SB) 2.30pm First Communion (SB) <i>Eucharistic Congress ends</i> <i>SVP Sponsored Walk</i> <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Vocations Prayer Day (SJ Parish)</i>	

Baptism Preparation: The next preparation session will take place on Monday 25 June (7-8.30pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This is for parents from either parish who are looking to have their children baptised. Please let Fr Cooke know if you will be attending.

SVP Sponsored Walk: The annual sponsored walk in aid of holidays/activities for families in need takes place next Sunday (17 June). Anyone interested is invited to walk or alternatively please sponsor someone who is walking. Sponsor forms are available at church today.

Fr Ivor Netto: After two last minute cancellations earlier in the year, Fr Netto had his hip operation on Friday 1 June. As he was not given a general anaesthetic, he was conscious throughout the proceedings, which he found fascinating! All seems to have gone well and he is now recovering in Bolton General Hospital. Please pray for his continued progress and restoration to full health and mobility.

Congratulations: To Stephen Proctor and Jenna Longworth who were married at St George's Chapel, Paphos, Cyprus last Tuesday. We pray that they will have a long, happy and fulfilling married life.

Thank you: I would like to thank everyone who came to my party, members of the St John's SVP and all the parishioners. Thanks for all the cards, especially the Mass cards, for the gifts, flowers and chocolates and all who gave donations for the Hospice. But most of all, thanks for your company. God bless you all. *Cecilia Guest*

St John's 200 Club: The June winners are:

- £50 D Whyte (121)
- £30 G Bamping (262)
- £20 A Winstanley (253)



CAFOD Cook Book: A recipe book entitled *50 Fairtrade Favourites*, produced by CAFOD Salford, is available at either of our churches for £6.

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Consultation on Marriage

The consultation runs until 14 June, so there are just a few days to make a response if you haven't done so already. The easiest way to do this is via the link www.c4m.org.uk/consultation. It is also still worth writing to your MP to express your views on this issue. Together we can save the true meaning of marriage.

Falkland's Memorial Service

This week marks the 30th anniversary of the end of the Falkland's War. On Tuesday (12 June) at 7pm there will be a service at the Dunscair War Memorial to remember a local victim of that war.

John David Stroud, whose parents lived in Egerton, died aged 20. On 12 June 1982, John was serving on HMS Glamorgan when it was struck by an Exocet missile. Casualties were evacuated to HMS Hermes and HMS Invincible. 13 men lost their lives and 14 were wounded. This occurred 2 days before the war ended.

Five years ago, John's widow, Jean, who lives in Bromley Cross, had a special plaque placed on the Memorial. She has been instrumental in arranging this service. All are welcome to attend.

APF Red Box Appeal

Next weekend, Fr Jan Klaver MHM will celebrate the Masses at St John's and make an appeal regarding the Red Mission Boxes. This is not an appeal for money.

Golden Jubilee

Congratulations to Fr Pat Tansey who celebrates the golden jubilee of his priestly ordination next weekend.

Think Vocations

"This is my body....this is my blood" These words of Christ said by the priest at Mass remind us that the Eucharist is an incredible gift from Christ to his Church. May we never take for granted the great gift of the Eucharist nor may we never take for granted the need to pray for and encourage vocations to the sacred priesthood.

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BREAD **HEAVEN** **LIVE**
EVER **FLESH** **DRINK**
BLOOD **ETERNAL** **FATHER**
ANCESTORS **DEAD** **ANYONE**

