

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS  
28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012  
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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All of Jesus' miracles can be read in many different ways: there is always a message – almost a parable – behind each one, that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no exception: on the simplest level, we see Jesus offering the greatest gift he could give to Bartimaeus - the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus' love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. So Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there: in our own age we still have the blind, and those who suffer: there are still tears to be washed away – Jesus' work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him in doing what we can to bring that comfort which is the Kingdom of God to all in need.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <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>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	<p><b>Sick:</b> 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 &amp; 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, 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, Stephen Tootill and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Trevor Gee, Fr Dennis Geraghty OP</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Patrick McCourt, John Coupe</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Joyce Knight, Cynthia Winstanley (Birthday Remembrance), In honour of St Jude for favours received, Patrick McCourt, Deceased members of the McCourt family, Trevor Gee, John Coupe (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Thanksgiving to St Jude for prayers answered, Joseph Gilmartin, Winnie Leahy (Birthday), Father Dennis Geraghty OP</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	No morning Mass 1.30-3pm Harbour Room Book Club 7pm First Mass for All Saints (SJ)	
Thursday <i>All Saints</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) <b><i>Holyday of Obligation</i></b> 11am Mass (SB) 7pm Mass (SB)	
Friday <i>All Souls</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	
<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 & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families		

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**Trevor Gee RIP:** Fr Joe celebrated a very fitting Requiem Mass for his dad last Friday at St Thomas More Church, Alkington, Middleton at which he thanked parishioners from St Brendan and St John for their support over these past weeks and months. It was good to see a number of our parishioners present for the funeral.

**Congratulations:** To Ella Rose Blades and Lara Rose Williams who were baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

**Golden Weddings:** Congratulations to all those couples from our parishes who are celebrating their Golden Weddings this year. It was great that some of you were able to participate in the special Mass with the bishop at Salford Cathedral on Saturday.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday (31 October). The designated read is *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. All welcome. *Madeleine*

**Deanery Changes:** Bishop Brain has made the following appointments which affect our deanery. Fr Morrrough O'Brien will take over as hospital chaplain and be assistant priest at St William's, Great Lever. Fr Billy Molloy will become parish priest at Holy Infants, with Fr Colin Wright moving to St Bernadette's in Manchester. Also, Fr Michael Fleming who was recently in the deanery, at Farnworth, will take up a new appointment in Oldham. These moves will take place for the First Sunday of Advent.

**Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2013:** *Appeal for volunteer nurses and doctors.* The pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place next year between 30th July and 5th August (by air) or 6th August (overland). If you are a doctor, nurse or qualified health care assistant and are interested in the possibility of volunteering your skills to help support those sick and disabled pilgrims who need particular care in this year of faith, the Diocesan pilgrimage organisers are eager to hear from you.

Financial support may be available for those involved in healthcare, to assist with the cost of travel through a bursary fund. If you are interested and would like further information please contact the Pilgrimage Medical and Nursing Co-ordinator, Veronica Hall on [veronica@salfordlourdes.co.uk](mailto:veronica@salfordlourdes.co.uk) or telephone the pilgrimage office on 0161-817 2209.

**Mystery Mass:** Once again, an envelope has been handed in containing money but without a clear indication of what it is for. The envelope says "Mass Offering" but there is no name or intention given. If you have handed in a Mass this week and it does not appear on the list in this week's newsletter, please have a word with Fr Cooke.

**Mass for the Deceased:** Our annual Mass, organised by the SVP, for all who have died in the past year will take place at St John's at 11am on Saturday 17 November.

**Christmas Draw (SJ):** Tickets for this annual raffle will be on sale next weekend.

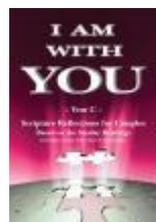
**CAFOD Cake Bake:** 6.30pm Mass at St John's on Saturday 10 November and 11.15am Mass at St Brendan's on Sunday 11 November. Bakers welcome and buyers needed. Please come along and support CAFOD.

**CAFOD World Gifts:** Catalogues for these are now available at the back of each of our churches. You may wish to make use of these gifts as an alternative to traditional Christmas presents.

**St Osmund's:** We have been asked to advertise a number of forthcoming events in our neighbouring parish:

- A cabaret night featuring the exciting duo *Hart & Soul* on Saturday 10 November (7.30pm to midnight). Line, Ballroom and Disco dancing. Tickets (£7) include two-course refreshments and are available from David (533118) or George (526969)
- Parish Christmas Fair. Sunday 25 November at 12.30pm. Adult admission 20p; children free.
- Phoenix Knights of Harmony. Sunday 9 December (4pm to 6pm) in the Parish Hall. Tickets (£3.50) include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Admission by ticket only. Telephone 01204 533118

**I am with You – Year C:** Last year a number of you bought copies of *I am with You – Year B* which provided reflections on the Sunday readings particularly focussed for married couples. The new book, just published, does the same things for Year C of the Sunday cycle of readings which begins this Advent.



Archbishop Nichols has written about this book: "The visit of Pope Benedict XV1 to the United Kingdom awakened in many people the desire to strengthen their family life and enrich the quality of their relationships. This book will certainly help to satisfy that desire, not least because it is a valuable aid to prayer - so necessary if the

inevitable challenges and difficulties of everyday family life are to be faced. With the help of these pages I hope that husbands and wives will discover the source of courage required for acceptance, pardon and dialogue which characterize a true communion of hearts and minds. I commend this publication as a timely initiative, alongside the new translation of the Roman Missal, which will help to deepen Eucharistic love within marriages so as to constantly renew the core of the domestic church"

If anyone would like to order a copy of this book (£9 including postage & packing) please let Fr Cooke know by next weekend and then they can be ordered in time for Advent.

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### Think Vocation

Jesus opens the eyes of the blind man because even though he could not see he recognised that he was in the presence of the Messiah "the Son of David". We too need to ask for the faith of Bartimaeus and know that we are always in the presence of the Lord even though we cannot see him.

Please read the special *Year of Faith Newsletter* which is attached to this week's parish newsletter