

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS
14TH OCTOBER 2012
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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In today's story of the rich young man, who comes to Jesus full of good intentions, there are some simple words that speak so clearly to our own age: when Jesus tells him to sell everything and give it to the poor, "his face fell at these words, and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth." How sad it is that such a keen (he runs up to Jesus), and by all accounts good young man (whom Jesus loves) could not free himself from the one thing that was holding him back – his dependence on money. Jesus' words "How hard it is..." perhaps indicate his own sadness that the young man could not free himself from this. Jesus' teaching was new - as the disciples' reaction shows. In Israel at the time, riches were thought to be a blessing from God. But as Jesus knew and taught, holding on to anything that passes away can distract us from holding on to things that are eternal.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i> <i>Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		Prayers Please
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>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, Iris Slack, Stephen Tootill and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Marie Doyle, Eve Mary McArdle (baby)</p> <p>Anniversary: Mary & Walter Cranshaw</p> <p>Mass Intentions: William Westley, Marie Doyle, Mary & Walter Cranshaw, Special Intention</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6)</p> <p>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 <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 2-4pm CAMEO Group – Fun Auction (Harbour Room)	
Thursday <i>St Luke</i>	9.15am Mass (SB) 7pm Parish Forum (Patmos Room)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>World Missions Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Special Collection for Association for the Propagation of the Faith</i>	
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>		

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Parish Forum Meeting

Please come along and take an active part

Thursday 18 October - 7pm at St John's
[for both parishes]

Agenda

1. Welcome, Prayer & Opening Comments
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of Last Meeting (16 July)
4. Report on Consultation Exercise
5. Sharing the Load
6. Reverence and Respect
7. Future of the Presbytery (SB)
8. Extension of the Patmos Room (SJ)
[Architect will present suggested scheme]
9. Year of Faith
10. Social Committee Update
11. Date of next meeting (March 2013)

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. 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. All welcome. *Madeleine*

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.

Church Cleaning (SJ): J & M Gething

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

- £50 M Aspinall (164)
- £30 M O'Kane (192)
- £20 A O'Rourke (14)



Coffee Morning: Thank you to those who supported this event on Friday, raising £75 for St Brendan's School.

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Think Vocation

These days quite a few people present themselves as candidates for the priesthood and Religious Life after having worked in all sorts of different occupations. In undertaking such a change of life, they are prepared to give up property, good salaries and other comforts. May more people have the courage to make such sacrifices with confidence and trust in the Lord Jesus.

Year of Faith

Today we have a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop about the Year of Faith which began on Thursday 11 October 2012 (the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council) and will run to 24 November 2013 (the Feast of Christ the King).

Here are the things currently planned in the diocese:

Year of Faith: Diocesan talks 2012 and 2013

A series organised by the Office for Evangelisation and taking place at St Gabriel's High School, Bury (7.30pm):

- Wednesday 7th November 2012 – Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB 'Knowing God the Father'
- Wednesday 14th November 2012 – Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB 'Knowing God the Son'
- Thursday 22nd November 2012 – Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB 'Knowing God the Holy Spirit'
- Tuesday 4th December 2012 – Fr Denis McBride 'The Gospel of St John' (Part One)
- Wednesday 6th February 2013 – Fr Denis McBride 'The Gospel of St John' (Part Two)
- February 2013 (exact date still to be confirmed) – Mgr Peter Fleetwood 'Ecumenism in the light of Vatican II'
- Wednesday 6th March 2013 – Dr Edward Kessler MBE 'Jewish-Christian Relations in the light of Vatican II'

Prior registration is not essential but helps with organisation. You can book now for the first three talks. There is a suggested donation of £5 per talk. Book via the diocesan website or write to Department for Evangelisation, Guardian Angels Presbytery, 54 Harvey Street, Bury BL8 2RD

Year of Faith: "Reignite" Youth event

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. For further information, please e-mail: reignite@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

When: Saturday 3rd November, 7 – 9pm and Sunday 4th November, 10am – 3.45pm *[NB not overnight]*

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

Cost: £10 (to cover food and expenses)

Eucharistic Prayer Group for 16-35s

When: Every Thursday 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Where: Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich

Year of Faith: Diocesan website

There is a new dedicated section for the Year of Faith

Thornleigh Mission Week: 15-19 October "One Body, One Spirit"

Please pray for the school during this special week

Lord, we ask you to bless our Mission Week. May it be an opportunity to reflect on how each of us makes up the one body of Thornleigh. Give us the strength and courage to become a body of love, care and support for all. Amen.

St John Bosco, pray for us.