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It's often the case that the “values of the Gospel” contradict the “values of the World” – sometimes to the extent that the one is the exact opposite of the other. Today is a typical example: greatness and prominence, success and victory, these are goals that the world has very clear ideas about. The Gospel, however, redefines them: Gospel success is Worldly failure: the Gospel’s way of greatness is the World’s life of service; and what the World sees as death and failure is in fact life and victory. It’s this contrast that we see in the Gospel reading today, where out of a possibly innocent (but possibly sycophantic) question, a debate emerges about prominence and greatness. Jesus makes it clear that his greatness is different to that sought “among the pagans” - he will give his very life, and so become the first of all. We should take his words about the “worldly way of behaving” to heart: “This is not to happen among you.”

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> <i>Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		Prayers Please
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>	<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> Iris Slack, Edward Doyle, Mary Thornton, Liam Quinn, John Fahy, Trevor Gee</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Desmond Whitehead, Ernest Dawson</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Desmond Whitehead, Cynthia Winstanley, Ernest Dawson, Edward Doyle, Mary Thornton, Joyce Knight, Ursula Wolff, Liam Quinn</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	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 12noon-4pm Caritas Open Day in Bolton [ <i>cf. overleaf</i> ]	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	12noon Celebration of Marriage (Salford Cathedral) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Clocks go back one hour</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	
<p><b>Trevor Gee RIP</b> As you know, Father Joe’s dad, Trevor, has been ill for some time. He died, peacefully, on Saturday afternoon. May he rest in peace. Father Joe has spent this last week with his family. Please keep them all in your prayers.</p>		

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**World Mission Sunday:** Today we are invited to pray for the spread of the Gospel throughout the world and to financially support the world-wide mission of the Church. The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) supports the 40% of the Church which is too poor, weak or vulnerable to be self-sufficient.

The theme for this year's World Mission Sunday is "Faith changes everything" – an appropriate thought as we begin the Year of Faith. Let us each take time this year to deepen our appreciation of the gift of faith that we have been given – but also seek to share it with others.

**Congratulations:** To Maddison Leigh Giller who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

**Birthday Congratulations:** To Marjorie Greenhalgh who will be 99 on Tuesday (23<sup>rd</sup> October).

**Caritas Open Day:** Caritas Diocese of Salford invites parishioners to a FREE Open Day at the Caritas Bolton Home for Homeless Women and Children. You can meet the Mayor and Mayoress of Bolton who are presiding over the event to support this vital lifeline for a very vulnerable group of people. Please come on Thursday 25 October from 12 to 4pm and celebrate the reopening of this Home after suffering a 100% cut in funding from Bolton Council! The Home is located on 94 Radcliffe Road, Bolton, BL2 1NU and free parking is available on the street. RSVP: 01204 385245

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 31 October (not 24 as on the schedule). The designated read is *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. All welcome. *Madeleine*

**CAMEO:** The Fun Auction on Wednesday raised a total of £203.60. Thank you to everyone for your generous support. A big thank you to Kathleen Denton for making this a very enjoyable afternoon. £200 will be donated to CAFOD for their Harvest collection.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5 December. All welcome.

### St Brendan's 100 Club

The September winners are:

£25 B Barlow (35)  
£15 O Haslam (130)  
£10 J Haynes (83)



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### Think Vocation

Those who live the Religious life usually live in community. This means often working, living and praying alongside people whom you probably would not have chosen to live with. This is a challenging yet rewarding way of following Christ. May the Lord bless all the Religious orders and communities that have a presence in our own Diocese. May others be drawn to join them.

## Reverence and Respect

Following the discussion at the Parish Forum meeting on Thursday (and at the previous Forum), there is a desire to try and create a more reverential atmosphere in our churches prior to the celebration of Mass.

Notices will be placed near the doors into the main body of the churches to remind us that we are entering into a sacred space, made especially so by the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Sometimes we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament prior to Mass, or we will play Taize music quietly. At other times we will rely on people simply to remain silent. This will help to create an atmosphere for quiet prayer in the 10 or 15 minutes before Mass begins.

We do appreciate that coming to church is also a social occasion – and for some may be the only such opportunity to see each other in the week – but we would ask that such socialising take place after Mass or, if it must be before Mass, in the church porches.

In our society today, it is very hard to find opportunities for quietness and reflection. Coming to church should afford us such an opportunity but it can so easily be taken away by those who, with the best of intentions, are "having a word" with this one and that one in the main body of the churches.

## Year of Faith

### Eucharistic Prayer Group for 16-35s

**When:** Every Thursday 7.30pm – 8.30pm

**Where:** Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich

### 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](mailto: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)

### 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'

*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*