

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS
4TH NOVEMBER 2012
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Every priest, and indeed every Catholic, can sometimes find themselves in the position of someone asking “This religion of yours – what’s it all about, really, when you come down to it? What’s the bottom line?” Our temptation might be to start going on at length, which is when we should remember this Gospel. Jesus, asked a very similar question, pins our faith down to two very simple things – love of God and love of neighbour – which together make up the foundation for everything else in our religion. The very simplicity of these two commandments is a gift, so that we can try to live them out each day of our lives. The first commandment, which is also that given by Moses in the first reading, is actually a prayer that our Jewish brothers and sisters still recite every single day. Jesus, our perfect High Priest, gives us these two commandments to be written in our heads and our hearts, to remember each day, so that we may conduct ourselves in the paths of the Kingdom of God.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</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 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, 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>Lately Dead: Trevor Gee, Jack Daley Anniversary: Arthur McSherry, Mgr Joseph Mallon</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Special Intention, Joyce Knight (Birthday Remembrance), Philip Hall, Arthur McSherry, Trevor Gee, Jack Daley</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	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7pm Bromley Cross Forum (Library)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 7.30pm CAFOD Meeting (Patmos Room)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10am Coffee Morning (Patmos) – for Depaul UK <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) – CAFOD Cake Bake <i>St Leo the Great</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 11am Remembrance Services (Victoria Square & Dunsicar) 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy & Cake Bake	
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>		Baptism or Marriage <i>By appointment and with preparation</i> <i>You must give six months notice for Marriage</i> <i>See Fr Cooke or Fr Gee to arrange</i>

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Trevor Gee RIP: On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank all the people in both parishes for their prayers, good wishes and Mass cards at this time. I will offer Mass this weekend for all your intentions. God bless.
Fr Joe

Clergy PA: As part of sharing the load, Catherine Grundy is now working two days a week (term-time) to assist with the administration of the parishes and other work that Fr Cooke is responsible for beyond the parish boundaries. She will be working from the office at St John's Presbytery on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (9am to 3pm).

New Parish E-mail: We now have a new e-mail address for all general parish enquiries and correspondence – office@sbsj.org.uk.

Congratulations: To Thomas Jack Botterill who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation: The next preparation session will take place on Monday 19 November (7 to 8.30pm) at St Brendan's. This is for parents from either parish wishing to have a child baptised in the coming months. If you will be attending this session, please let Fr Cooke or Fr Gee know.

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.

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 are on sale this weekend.

Church Cleaners (SJ): The Whittleston Family.

Harbour Room Book Club: Many thanks to all the members who attended the last meeting. It prompted a lively and interesting discussion, as usual! The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28 November and the designated read is *We Need to Talk about Kevin* by Lionel Shriver. All welcome. *Madeleine*

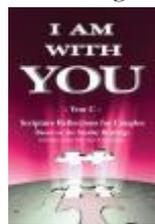
CAFOD World Gifts: Catalogues for these are now available at the back of each of our churches. You may wish to make use of these gifts as an alternative to traditional Christmas presents.

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Think Vocation

We can all think of priests or Religious who have made a deep impression on us but have now died. November is the month the Church remembers the faithful departed. In remembering them we need to be grateful for the way we have been brought closer to Our Lord Jesus by the example and inspiration of those who have now died.

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: "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 this weekend so they can be ordered in time for Advent.

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

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). 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 or telephone the pilgrimage office on 0161-817 2209.

Heart Gives Unto Heart (HGUH): This Catholic Internet Radio station will start broadcasting on 4 November @ www.hguh.co.uk. The Radio aims to appeal to a wide Catholic audience and will broadcast a magazine mix of programmes including:

- Masses and Daily prayer
- Celebrity interviews
- Highlights of the work of Catholic Charities
- Music – showcasing Catholic talent from Gregorian Chant to Catholic Rap
- Seventh Heaven – HGUH's own take on Desert Island Discs
- Island of Saints – an insight into English Saints
- Poetry Corner
- Did you hear a calling? People tell their own faith stories
- Lots of other exciting topics



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