

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS
18TH NOVEMBER 2012
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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As always at this time of year, we begin to contemplate the end of the world - a theme that carries us over next Sunday's feast (Christ the King) and so into Advent. Such a contemplation is not gloomy or morbid: throughout the ages (and especially in the early days) Christians have been utterly positive about the coming end of all things, because we know what will happen, and in fact we earnestly desire it to come: the phrase that gives this away is in the Gospel: "Then... he will send his angels to gather his chosen from the four winds." This gathering of God's children together will be a truly wonderful event, when we will all be completely enfolded in that love of God that we talk so much about.

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>Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Families</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>Special Collection for the Bishop's Administration</i>	<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, 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, Maureen Kennedy, Catherine Cooke and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Philip Hall, Karen West, Tom Wilkinson, Rosa Sagliano</p> <p>Anniversary: Marie Rigby, Florence & Louis Hodgkinson, Philip Southern, Maureen Smyth Taylor, Francis-Xavier Price, Graham Taylor, Sheila Mason</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Marie Rigby, Florence & Louis Hodgkinson, Philip Southern, Maureen Smyth Taylor, Tom Wilkinson, William & Anne Davies, Francis-Xavier Price, The Durkin & Kelly families, Rosa Sagliano, Graham Taylor, Sheila Mason, Philip Hall, For the deceased members of the Cambridge & Carter families, A child who is seriously ill</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: ...all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families</p>
Monday	10.30am Requiem Mass for Philip Hall (SJ) 7-8.30pm Baptism Preparation (SB) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday <i>St Cecilia</i>	9.15am School Mass in Church (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions</i>	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>Youth Day</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>Day of Prayer for Young People</i>	
<p>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></p>		
<p>The theme of this year's Prisoners' Sunday is <i>Taking the Path to Life</i> – a hope that is rooted in the Christian belief that the divine spark is in all people, that no-one is beyond redemption and that change can and does take place. Please pray for prisoners, their families, prison staff, chaplains and those who support ex-offenders. Let us also remember and pray for the victims.</p>		

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Bishop's Administration: The collection this weekend helps the Bishop in the running of his office.

St Columba's: You will probably have heard by now that Father McCauley is retiring at Christmas. If the current deanery & diocesan plan is implemented, then Father Cooke and Father Gee will take on responsibility for the parish. We will keep you posted as this develops.

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 know.

CAFOD Cake Bake: Thank you to all who supported this last weekend. It raised £176.13

New Parish E-mail: for all general parish enquiries and correspondence – office@sbsj.org.uk.

Christmas Draw (SJ): Tickets are on sale.

Harbour Room Book Club: 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*

Community Choirs At Christmas: This event will take place at Thornleigh Salesian College on Saturday 15 December at 7.30pm. Adult admission is £4.00, a family ticket £12.00 and under 19yrs free. Contact Bolton Music Service (01204 333533) for more details.

BCMCS: The next production is *Handel's Messiah*, on Saturday 1 December (7.30pm) at Victoria Hall, Bolton. Tickets are £10 (under 19yrs free) and are available from the Albert Halls (01204 334400), BCMCS (01204 856977) or BCU (01204 492301).

Year of Faith – Catholicism: St James' Parish Montserrat is running a series of meetings using the *Word on Fire* material by Fr Robert Barron:

- Monday 19 November – *Amazed & Afraid*: The Revelation of God Become Man.
- Monday 26 November – *Happy are We*: The Teachings of Jesus.
- Monday 3 December – *The Ineffable Mystery of God*: That Than Which Nothing Greater can be Thought.
- Monday 10 December – *Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast*: Mary, the Mother of God.
- Monday 17 December – *The Indispensable Men*: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure.

Each session begins at 7.30pm and lasts about an hour. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

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

- 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

Heart Gives Unto Heart (HGUH): This Catholic Internet Radio station is now broadcasting. Tune in at www.hguh.co.uk.

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 all have a part to play in vocations. We can look for qualities and signs in someone we think would make a good priest. We should tell them about what we see in them and we should pray for them. Such involvement will help those who are discerning what the Lord is asking them to do with their lives.

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