

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS
25TH NOVEMBER 2012
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING**

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Every time we complete the cycle of the liturgical year, there is a seamless blending into the new year: so, just as this week we hear of the King who is to come, next week, we begin a New Year and the Season of Advent by more meditation on the end of time, and the One who is to come again, as he once came among us. This feast affirms that Christ is King, that he is Judge, that he is Ruler of the kings of the earth. By his own words we know that this is true, as he stands before Pilate and says, "Yes, I am a king." But his kingship is different: it is not of the same kind as earthly kings, whose empires fade and pass away. His kingship is eternal, and holy until the end of time. Through his love for us, we share in this sovereignty - this holiness - as priests and kings who "serve his God and Father". We end our year in simple, awe-filled praise of the One who is, who was, and who is to come - the Almighty. Alleluia! Amen!

Liturgy & Activities This Week <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>		Prayers Please
Sunday <i>Feast of Christ the King</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>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: Peter Tawse, Gladys Wilson, Philip Hall, Winifred Bentham</p> <p>Anniversary: Len Wallwork, Kevin Canning, John Lynch, Edward Brandwood</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Philip Hall, Gladys Wilson, Len Wallwork, Kevin Canning, Peter Tawse, For a speedy recovery, James & Mary Mathen (family & friends), John & Mary Carter (family & friends), Joyce Knight, In thanksgiving for a special intention, Carole Reilly, John Lynch, Edward Brandwood (100th Birthday Remembrance).</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: ...all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families</p>
Monday <i>Week 34</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 1.30-3pm Harbour Room Book Club	
Thursday	No Mass today	
Friday <i>St Andrew Patron of Scotland</i>	11.45 Requiem Mass for Winifred Bentham (SJ)	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Handel's Messiah (Victoria Hall, Bolton)	
Next Sunday <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ)	
<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>		

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National Youth Sunday: Today is a special day of prayer for young people. The theme is *Fanning the Flame of Faith* and we are reminded that “Young people need to encounter genuine and tangible faith that makes a difference in the lives of believers around them” (Pope Benedict). So as well as praying for our young people, we also have the responsibility of leading by example.

Congratulations: To Harry Reuben Holstead and Sofia Kathryn Taylor who were baptised at St John’s last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Prayers Please: Fr Gee is having an operation on his knee on Tuesday and will be out of action for a short while after that. Please keep him in your prayers.

Holy Land: Fr Cooke is going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Thursday (for a week). Given the current situation there, prayers for a safe and peaceful journey would be much appreciated.

Almanacs: The new Diocesan Yearbook for 2013 is now on sale at £3.

BCMCS: *Handel’s Messiah*, Saturday 1 December (7.30pm) at Victoria Hall, Bolton. Tickets available from the Albert Halls (334400), BCMS (856977) or BCU (492301).

Church Cleaners (SJ): K Lucas & J Jeary

Coffee Morning (SJ): Please note that the next coffee morning has been brought forward to Friday 7 December.

Year of Faith – Catholicism: St James’ Parish Montserrat continue their series of meetings using the *Word on Fire* material by Fr Robert Barron:

- 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.

Immaculate Conception: Mancunia Travel is running a one-day pilgrimage to Lourdes for this feast on Saturday 8 December, departing Manchester at 8am and returning at 9.30pm at a cost of £285. Tel: 0161 790 6838

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Think Vocation

We are aware that the Church has a presence in virtually every country in the World. Let us take some time today to reflect on a particular country of our choice. Perhaps we can do a little research into what the Church is like in that country. Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life in that part of the world. We rejoice that Christ is our Universal King regardless of our nationality or country of residence.

Advent & Christmas

Walk With Me: The booklets and calendars for Advent are now available – free of charge. Do please take one for your household and use it to help your prayer during this season of preparation for Christmas.

Advent Service: The Churches in Harwood Advent Service will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 3 December at Tottington Road Methodist Church. All welcome.

Cameo Group: *Christmas Decoration Workshop*. The next event will be on Wednesday 5 December (2 to 4pm) in the Harbour Room. Bring along your own dish, pot or tray and greenery if possible. This will be a fun afternoon and all are welcome.

Passion for Christmas (1): Carol Service with drama and massed choir. Monday 10 December at 7.30pm in the Premier Suite at the Reebok Stadium. Free parking. Tickets are free and are now available. Please call 0844 871 2932, collect in person from Bolton Central at the Reebok, or go online at www.bwfc.co.uk. This service will be recorded for Tower FM’s Christmas morning show.

Bridgewater Hall: St Brendan’s School Choir will be performing there on Tuesday 11 December at 7.30pm as part of the CLIC Sargent Hospital Choirs concert. CLIC Sargent is a charity which supports children with cancer and gives help to their families.

Bolton Hospice: The *Light Up A Life* service takes place at Bolton Parish Church at 7pm on Wednesday 12 December. Fr Cooke is preaching at this service.

Passion for Christmas (2): Come and see an inspiring new interpretation, in drama and song, of the age old nativity story of love, adversity and faith. Saturday 15 December in the Market Place Shopping Centre, Bolton. Performances at 11am, 2pm & 4pm.

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.

Carol Singing: Churches in Harwood will again be singing carols in various community locations on the evening of Thursday 20 December. We start at 6pm at Longsight Lodge and move on to Bramdean before having refreshments (sherry & mince pies) at St Brendan’s (about 7.30pm) and then going on to the White Horse (9pm) and the Grey Mare (10pm). Please come and join us.

Carol Service: Bolton FM are recording a carol service at Tottington Road Methodist Church on Sunday 23 December at 6pm. All are welcome.

Christmas Draw (SJ): Tickets are on sale in both churches.

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.