

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

<p style="text-align: center;">7TH AUGUST 2011 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office Week 3</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14TH AUGUST 2011 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>Divine Office Week 4</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21ST AUGUST 2011 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Divine Office Week 1</i></p>
<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p>How does God reveal himself to us? Most of the time, in precisely the way we do not expect! This is what happened to Elijah: we expect God - all-powerful, almighty - to appear in dramatic effects of nature; but no, God is in a gentle breeze. Similarly in the Gospel: the disciples do not expect Jesus to come towards them walking on the lake - but he does. And when God is revealed in the unexpected, he gives courage and strength: Elijah was afraid when he went to Horeb, but was strengthened by his encounter with God to continue his mission; in the same way the disciples are given courage and faith by the Lord who walks to them on the waters.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p>The preface for the Feast of the Ascension tells us: “Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow.” Today we celebrate the first of us to do just that, as we remember Mary following our Lord into heaven. She is the first to follow him - but not the last: this feast should help open our eyes to our final destination, heaven. So this feast pushes us right back to Easter, to thoughts of death and resurrection: the second reading talks of the “gradual” resurrection of the dead: Christ first, then “those who belong to him”. In Mary, today, we see the fulfilment of the vision of the first reading: the end of death and the victory of life in Christ.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p>There is a very simple theme to this Sunday’s readings: it is the principle of authority in the community of the Church: we are introduced to the idea that God gives authority to someone in the first reading, where Shebna is dismissed by God and replaced. This is a prelude to the Gospel story of Peter being given authority: not because he is powerful or wise in the world’s sense, but because he was able to profess his faith in the one sent by the Father. This is the principle of all authority in the Church: it is to spring only from God and our faith in God, professed by our way of life and rooted only in Christ, for ‘to him all authority, in heaven and on earth, has been given.’</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocations</p> <p>Our Saviour revealed himself to the disciples in the fourth watch of the night. We ask the apostles to pray for those later in life who are discerning their vocation in the Church.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocations</p> <p>We pray that through the example and prayers of Our Blessed Lady, those who feel called to serve within the Church may be given the courage to take the next step to respond in trust and love.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocations</p> <p>We pray for the Bishops of the Church, that they will recognise the will of the Father when presented with candidates for the Sacred Priesthood.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mass Intentions</p> <p>Special Intention, Mike Bryan, Hugh Theopold, Deceased members of the Quinn & Nicholson families, Thomas Forshaw, John Pearce, Margaret Grogan. <i>[Further intentions published at end of month]</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Prayers Please</p> <p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Philip Blackburn, Laura Shuttleworth, Bill Kay, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Baby Guy, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Maria de los Angeles, Paul Preston, Elizabeth Patterson, Eunice Brierley, Betty Boyle, Bernard Callaghan, Judith Oldham, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Rowland Coles, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Paul Whittle, Caroline Vickers, Bill Sharples, George Cowley, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Elizabeth Walton, Karen West, Tommy Lenihan, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Marie Rigby, Francis Xavier Price (new-born baby), Alf Isherwood, Kathleen Smith, Bernard & Rita Houlder and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness. Lately Dead: Mike Bryan, Hugh Theopold, Thomas Forshaw Anniversaries: John Pearce, Margaret Grogan</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6)</p> <p>We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers</p>		

Congratulations: To Eliza Grace Bell and Isla Hope Finch who were baptised last Sunday at St John's. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Parish Celebration: Tickets for the concert and buffet meal at Thornleigh Salesian College on Friday 16th September go on sale at the Masses on the weekend of 6th/7th August at £10 each. We have a limited number.

Understanding the Revised Mass Texts: Copies of this useful booklet are now available in each of our churches. If you take one per household, there should be enough to go round.

St Anne's, Turton: The Flower Festival Committee has written to thank St John's Parish for sponsoring one of the arrangements. The Festival this year (as always) was very successful and they appreciate all the support. Monies raised go to local charities and they have asked us to nominate a local Catholic charity. Francis House has been selected by the ladies who did the St John's arrangement.

APF/Mill Hill Missions: A vacancy has arisen in St Brendan's parish for a collector to go round to nine houses, four times a year, and empty the red boxes. If you are interested in this charitable work, please contact Colin Spragg after the 11.15 Mass or telephone Bolton 381354.

St Brendan's: During the next few weeks, new gates will be fitted to the car park entrance, enabling us to exercise greater control over its management. All the groups who regularly use the car park have been consulted on this and have responded in a cooperative manner to our proposals.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi: We are exploring this option for September 2012, costing about £1300 (flying from Manchester). Although this sounds expensive, it does include all meals (except lunches) and the services of a guide throughout the pilgrimage. There are lists in the Patmos Room and in the porch at St Brendan's for those who wish to indicate an interest.

Circus Stars: Bolton Libraries have issued a Summer Reading Challenge, encouraging children aged 4 to 11 to read six books during the summer holiday. There is no charge and there are goodies to collect as you go along. Visit your local library for more information.

Church Cleaning (SJ): G McGowan & P Edgington

Teachers: Whether you teach in Bolton or not, you may be interested to know that the CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) will be delivered at Mount St Joseph, Bolton from November. Further details to follow.

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New Translation of the Roman Missal Summary of the Catechesis Sessions

General Points

- The structure of Mass remains the same
- We will use a more literal translation of the Latin
- "New" responses/prayers to learn
- Considerable changes to what the priest says
- Invitation to sing more of the Mass

Introductory Rites

- These prepare us for this particular celebration
- Some changes of wording/responses
- Revised versions of Confiteor & Gloria
- New Opening Prayers (from Advent)

Liturgy of the Word

- God speaks to us here and now in this celebration
- In due course, a new Lectionary (using the New Revised Standard Version rather than the Jerusalem Bible) but with same selection of readings
- Psalm and Gospel Acclamation should be sung
- Some changes of dialogue
- "The word of the Lord"/"The Gospel of the Lord"
- Significant changes to the wording of Nicene Creed
- Pray for Church, Society, Needy & Local Community

Liturgy of the Eucharist

- We are nourished and sustained by Christ's Body and Blood as we "do this in memory" of Him
- Some changes to the Offertory prayers
- Eucharistic Prayer is centre and summit of the Mass
- Minor changes to Opening Dialogue & Holy, Holy
- Greater changes to "The Mystery of Faith"
- Significant changes in what the priest says
- Minor changes to Communion Rite prayers

Concluding Rite

- We are sent out from this celebration into the world
- New forms of dismissal invite us to go and proclaim the Gospel or go and bear witness by our way of life

What are the challenges?

- Being "out of synch" or lapsing into the familiar
- A considerable period of transition

What are the opportunities?

- Improving our celebrations through a better understanding and a greater participation
- New musical approach

[Further information: www.salfordliturgy.org.uk/romanmissal.htm]

The next newsletter will be issued on the weekend of 27th/28th August

Any "urgent" notices can be announced at the weekend Masses or published on the parish website
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