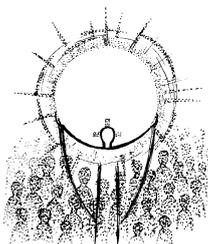


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

13TH MAY 2012

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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There are two obvious themes to today's readings: Saint Peter summarises many of the ideas of Easter - baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God's love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the great discourse at the Last Supper, and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus's life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2 Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SJ)	<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bill Kay, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Judith Oldham, Kathleen Humphreys, Betty Boyle, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, Bill Sharples, George Cowley, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Karen West, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Alf Isherwood, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael (six year old), Baby Rose, Calum Russell (baby), Margaret Edge, Frank Brazel, Graham Roberts, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Tommy Lenihan, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Jane Dent, Emma Turner (12yrs old), Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Patrick O'Donnell (new-born baby), Joan Rankin, Bernard Cummings, Guy (3yrs old), Fr Francis McCauley, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Fabrice Muamba, Trevor Gee, Catherine Crowley, Gerard Dobson and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Fr Graham Turner, Patricia Williams</p> <p>Anniversary: Ron Higson, Jack Shechter, Francis Riley</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Ginette Monbel, Ron Higson, Jack Shechter, Joyce Knight, In honour of St Anthony, St Jude & the Sacred Heart for a prayer answered, Patricia Williams, Graham Taylor (Birthday Remembrance), Francis Riley, Allan Guest (80th Birthday Remembrance)</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6): We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9am Mass (SJ) – <i>Please note earlier time again this week</i> 2-4pm CAMEO Group (Harbour Room) 7pm Confirmation (SJ) 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 6pm Confirmation (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 12.30-2.30 PTA Summer Fair (St Brendan's School) 3pm Civic Sunday Service (Bolton Parish Church)	
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>Until Thursday, any money given to CAFOD will be matched by the Government (UK Aid)</p> <p>For two more weeks, you can make private donations to the Ecclesiastical Education Fund</p>		

Prayer for Vocations: This Sunday is the date assigned to St Brendan's parish on the diocesan calendar of days of prayer for vocations. We will fulfil that by having a special focus on vocation at our Masses this weekend.

Confirmation: On Wednesday at St John's and Thursday at St Brendan's we have our annual celebration of Confirmation for the children involved in the Sacramental Programme. Please pray for these children as they celebrate this important step in their initiation into the Church. Please pray also for their families and for those who have worked to prepare them for this day.

Congratulations: To Matthew John Hough, Lexi Grace McGuinness and Mason Michael McGuinness who were baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

St Brendan's School: The PTA Summer Fair takes place in school on Sunday 20th May 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

CAMEO Group: Next meeting is on Wednesday 16 May (2-4pm) in the Harbour Room. Fun quiz and afternoon tea. All are welcome.

SVP (SJ): The next outing for the elderly and housebound will be to English Martyrs, Whalley on Sunday 20 May 2012. There are lists in the Patmos Room for names of those wishing to attend and for volunteers willing to help with transport.. Alternatively please inform any member of St John's SVP.

Ecclesiastical Education Fund: Thank you for further donations totalling £100 to this fund that is used to train our future priests. The collection remains open for a further two weeks.

Consultation on Marriage: The consultation runs until 14 June. It is important that as many people as possible respond to say they disagree with the proposal. So please, use this link www.c4m.org.uk/consultation and share it with others. Together we can save the true meaning of marriage.

CAFOD Cook Book: A recipe book entitled *50 Fairtrade Favourites*, produced by CAFOD Salford, is available at either of our churches for £6.

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Think Vocations
 St John tells us that the Lord does the choosing. He sometimes chooses quite unlikely people to serve him in the Church. Let us always be alert when we are speaking of the faith that the Lord may be using us to draw others towards him.



Caritas Fostering conducted a survey this year and found that **only 9% of people** have even researched what it takes to be a Foster Carer. In response to this, we are hosting a **FREE** Open Day to help people find out more about how they can support local children. Ask questions, listen to speakers and chat with existing carers. There will be short talks about our research results and what Fostering is like today, snacks and refreshments, and a children's area for parents!

Fostering Open Day
 Monday 21 May 10am-7pm
 Talks at 11am, 2pm, 4:30pm and 6:30pm
 Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford M3 6DP

Jobs: Caritas currently have vacancies for support workers in Bolton and Blackburn and for sessional social workers across Greater Manchester. Further details are on the church noticeboards. For application packs please email Rachel Birks at recruitment@caritassalford.org.uk or phone 0161 817 2250.

Eucharistic Congress Bell

As part of the preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in June, the Congress Bell is visiting each deanery of our diocese on its way to Dublin. The Bell is accompanied by various other icons associated with the Congress.

Our deanery service will take place at St John's at 6.30pm on Monday 21st May. More details next weekend.

Lourdes 2012

Tuesday 31 July to Monday 6 August

We have a group travelling from St Brendan's and St John's, staying at the Hotel Irelande (close to the Domaine). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Terry Smith on 01204 531197

Sick Pilgrims

A kind benefactor has given me some money to support a sick person from our parishes joining in this pilgrimage. If you would like to avail of this help, please contact me in the strictest confidence. *Fr Cooke*

Further Information

For further details about all aspects of the pilgrimage and for booking forms please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office (0161 817 2209) or our local contact Terry Smith on 01204 531197

See also www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lourdes or www.salfordlourdes.co.uk

<p>St Brendan's 100 Club February 2012 £25 – F Brazel (30) £15 – D & G Cambridge (12) £10 – V Hodgkinson (87)</p>	<p>St Brendan's 100 Club March 2012 £25 – J Grady (13) £15 – E Hallows (61) £10 – A-M Kay (113)</p>	<p>St Brendan's 100 Club April 2012 £25 – E Patel (128) £15 – T Taylor (23) £10 – M Grundy (104)</p>	<p>St John's 200 Club May 2012 £50 – C Jordan (263) £30 – D Owen (148) £20 – M Cropper (270)</p>
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Congratulations to St John's School Choir for a great performance at the Bromley Cross Fayre