

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

5TH MAY 2013

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



As Eastertide unfolds, we feel the power and influence of the Spirit growing. This is the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and the Spirit who brings the Church to birth at Pentecost. As we journey towards Pentecost - the climax of the Easter Season - we should be considering the presence of the Spirit in the Church today: the reconciler of disputes, the solver of problems, true inspiration for the family of God on our journey to the New Jerusalem! From this side, Pentecost is about promise: the Lord at the Last Supper promises that He and the Father will be "at home" with all who keep his words - and it is the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who will remind us of these and all his words. We believe that all Scripture is "inspired" - the word of the Spirit - so as we listen or proclaim this Sunday let us look for the fulfillment of the promise made by the Lord.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: page 772; Readings 778; Preface (at priest's choice)		Prayers Please
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 11am-4pm Step Back in Time (Walmsley Unitarian Chapel) 2pm Baptism (SB & SJ) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for New Members of the Church</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, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Pauline Bowling, Margaret Walsh, Emma Turner, 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), Emma Jiminez (baby), Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Denise Carolan, Julie Smith, Ernie Little, Mary Coyne, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Paul Buckley, Glen Houston, Nigel Cribb, Joan Marie Plumbley, Arthur Roberts, Bernard Marshall, Brendan Nestor, Helen Robinson, Michael Shields, Edward O'Callaghan, Alice Coyne, Michael Cavanan</p> <p>Anniversaries: Harold Edge, Maria Dolores Debono, Winifred Livesey, Ron Higson</p> <p>Mass Intentions: In honour of St Jude, St Anthony & The Sacred Heart, Joyce Knight, Glen Houston, Dorothy Whyte (for a successful operation), Dorothy Whyte, In honour of St Anthony, A Special Intention, Nigel Cribb, Walter Norris (sick), Harold Edge, Matthew & family (in sickness), Michael Cavanan, Norman Graham (Birthday Remembrance), Maria Dolores Debono, Winifred Livesey, Ron Higson</p>
Monday <i>Early May Bank Holiday</i>	No Mass today	
Tuesday	7pm Sacramental Programme Meeting (SC School) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 6.15pm Sacramental Programme meeting (SJ School)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 7.30pm CAFOD Meeting (Patmos Room)	
Friday	9.30am Requiem Mass for Alice Coyne (SJ)	
Saturday	11am-4pm Bromley Cross Summer Fayre (Last Drop) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>The Ascension of The Lord</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for the Right Use of the Media</i> <i>Special Collection for World Communications</i>	
Collections, Donations, Gift Aid <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba'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>		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.

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Congratulations: To Yasmin Mae & Madison May Hallows and Madeleine Jayne Hughes who were baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. Also to Sophia Hannah-May Ainscough and Phoebe Ann Clinch who were baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Congratulations: To Robert Nix & Phillippa Shorrocks who were married at St Brendan's last Saturday. We pray that they will have a long, happy and fulfilling married life.

Sacramental Programme: There is a meeting this Tuesday evening (7 May at 7pm in school) for those involved in the Sacramental Programme at St Columba's and this Wednesday evening (8 May at 6.15pm in school) for those involved at St John's.

Step Back in Time: As part of their celebrations of their 300th birthday, Walmsley Unitarian Chapel is winding back the clock and celebrating the everyday life of local farmers in 1713. All are welcome for a fun-filled weekend in the chapel and the adjacent church hall. Open 11.00am-4.00pm on weekend of 4 & 5 May. Entrance is £1 for adults, 50p for children.

Bromley Cross Summer Fayre: This will be held at The Last Drop Village on Saturday 11 May (11am to 4pm). This event is now in its third year and last year it was attended by 10,000 people raising £30,000 for good causes. There will be lots of attractions and performances, including the choirs from the 4 local primary schools, as well as performances from Turton School and Canon Slade. There will also be 60+ stalls from local organisations, community groups and charities, so it promises to be a fun day out for all the family!

HCPT: Two of our young parishioners, Lucy and Chris Peyton, will be running the Manchester 10km on the 26 May to help raise funds for HCPT. They have just returned from another fantastic week at Lourdes, with a group of amazing children and would like to raise funds so that more children can go next year. You can offer your support through a Just Giving Page which you can access via www.justgiving.com/lucy-peyton/ or sponsorship forms are available in each of our churches for the next few weekends.

**BRASS
(Befriending Refugees and Asylum Seekers)**

Sister Barbara's Destitution Appeal

During the month of May at St John's, we will be collecting the following food items at our weekend Masses:

Cartons of orange juice, vegetable oil, tinned fruit, chick peas, kidney beans, tinned tomatoes, coffee, jam, biscuits and sugar.

These will be taken weekly to Sr Barbara at the BRASS base in Bolton. *Thank you.*

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This is going to be a fantastic event. We want to ensure that we "Raise the Roof" at Victoria Hall as we did in the Easter Sing last year. Please ensure that anyone wishing to attend arrives early as Bolton FM are to carry out a live broadcast and we need people in their seats before this can start. *Passion for Bolton*
For more information please visit the website at www.passionforbolton.org or contact 01204 546138

Other Pentecost Events: On the afternoon of Pentecost Sunday there will be the usual Walk of Witness in Harwood and there is also a Pentecost Picnic at The Church at the Centre in Tonge Moor. Details to follow.

BCMS: Bolton Catholic Musical and Choral Society will present Mozart's Requiem, Ave Verum and other classics with the New Century Strings Orchestra from Bolton Music Service. The concert takes place on Saturday 18 May (7.30pm) at the Victoria Hall, Bolton. Tickets cost £10 (under 19's free) and are available from the Albert Hall Ticket Office (01204 334400) or BCMS (01204 402267).

School Caretaker: St John's School is seeking to appoint a new caretaker from September 2013. This is a permanent post, Grade 3 SCP13: £11,479 for 27.5 hours per week. Working pattern: Mon-Fri 7.00am-9.30am / 3.00pm-6.00pm (Term Time); Mon-Fri 8.00am-1.30pm (School Holidays). Some flexibility needed for school functions in the evenings and weekends. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. For an application pack please contact Mrs Jenny Atkinson (01204) 333440 or e-mail office@st-johns-bromley-cross.bolton.sch.uk Closing Date: 12 noon Thursday 16th May 2013. Shortlisting: Friday 17th May 2013. Interviews: Thursday 23rd May 2013

Think Vocation

We are reminded of the Council of Jerusalem in the First Reading today. The last ecumenical Council to take place was the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. Perhaps this week we could take an opportunity to familiarise ourselves with some of the documents that were produced by this Council. May we rejoice that the Holy Spirit is alive in the Church today, guiding us and leading us.