

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

12TH MAY 2013 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



When the bishops of England and Wales decided to move the celebration of Ascension to this Sunday, rather than the traditional fortieth day (Ascension Thursday), it was to open up this celebration to a greater number of people as part of the journey of the Easter Season. Ascension is not just a feast that "happens to fall in Eastertide": it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." Jesus does not open the way to us just by rising from the dead: to complete the mystery presumes the Lord's return to the Father. Ascension is therefore a feast of hope: our hope that the Lord will return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits at the Father's right hand.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i>		Prayers Please
Sunday Missal: page 784; Readings 785; Preface (at priest's choice)		<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, 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: Bridget Barrett, Terance Concannon, Alan Healey, Alice Coyne, Bernard Cummings, Glen Houston, Nigel Cribb, Peter Lynch</p> <p>Anniversaries: Theresa Durkin, Ron Higson, Leonard Mason, Sinclair Griffiths, Andy Murphy</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Graham Taylor (Birthday Remembrance), Bridget Barrett, Terance Concannon, Theresa Durkin, In honour of St Jude, St Anthony & The Sacred Heart, Bernard Cummings, Len Wallwork (BR), Ron Higson, Alan Healey, Dorothy Whyte, Mary Coyne (for a speedy recovery), Leonard Mason, Peter Lynch, Sinclair Griffiths, Andy Murphy</p>
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 2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for the Right Use of the Media Special Collection for World Communications</i>	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>St Matthias</i>	No Mass today 6.30pm Confirmation (SC) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7pm Confirmation (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 6pm Confirmation (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) 7.30pm – BCMS concert (Victoria Hall, Bolton)	
Next Sunday Pentecost 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 12.15-2pm Pentecost Picnic (Church at Centre, Tonge Moor) 3pm Churches in Harwood Walk of Witness [See overleaf] 3pm Civic Sunday Service for New Mayor (Parish Church) 6.15pm Passion for Pentecost (Victoria Hall, Bolton) <i>A Special Day of Prayer for the Church</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>		

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World Communications Day

This Sunday is World Communications Day, when Catholics are asked to reflect on the necessity of fulfilling the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world.

We are asked to pray for those who work in the media, with its insatiable demands for news on every aspect of the life of the Church and its people.

The Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication. Our special collection today supports that work.

Congratulations: To Max Anthony Rayson who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. Also to Jessie Jade Barrett who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Missio: Fr Jan Klaver (Mill Hill Missionaries) invites APF-Mill Hill members, and anyone interested, to attend the Deanery Mission Evening which will be held at St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Hall, 132 Lonsdale Road, Bolton, on Wednesday 22 May (7.30pm). There will be a talk on *Understanding Mission* followed by a short mission film focused on missionary work in Pakistan. Here is a chance to find out how your contributions are transformed into deeds and to celebrate your 'Vocation to be a Missionary'.

Found: A small gold ring has been found in St Brendan's church. Please see Fr Cooke.

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

Pentecost Picnic: Church at the Centre are hosting this picnic (12.15-2pm 19th May) on the adjacent Tonge Moor Community Primary School playing fields (access through the Children's Centre) or, if wet, inside the Centre. Drinks will be provided, and friends are invited to bring their own picnic lunch.

Pentecost Walk of Witness: This will begin with a service in Christ's Church, Harwood at 3pm followed by a walk to Harwood Methodists new (old) building for tea.

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

Church Cleaning (SJ): G McGowan & P Edgington

Think Vocation

"May he enlighten the eyes of your mind, so that you can see what hope his call holds for you." Whatever Christ calls us to do with our lives, it is for one purpose: to lead us to our eternal home. Let us pray that those whom the Lord calls to serve the Church as priests or Religious will be enlightened to see clearly where the Lord is leading them. All of us have a responsibility to encourage and pray for vocations within the Church.