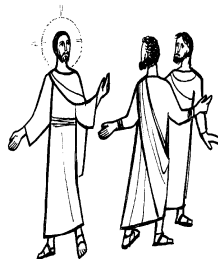


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**30TH JUNE 2013
SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL**



Peter and Paul are the two great heroes of the Apostolic Age - Peter for leading the first Christian communities and binding them in unity, a role that springs from his profession of faith in Caesarea Philippi, and Paul for travelling throughout the Roman Empire as the Apostle to the Gentiles, ensuring that the Gospel could be heard by all. They both ended up in Rome, the heart of the Empire, where they crowned their lives of witness by shedding their blood for Christ. As the ancient hymn for this feast day (“Decora Lux aeternitatis”) says: “Rejoice, O Rome, this day; thy walls they once did sign with princely blood, who now their glory share with thee. What city's vesture glows with crimson deep as thine? What beauty else has earth that may compare with thee?” In celebrating the death of these apostles and martyrs, we celebrate the triumph of life and death offered fully to God.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 903; Readings 904; Preface 907		
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 (SB) <i>Special Collection for Peter’s Pence</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, Emma Turner, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Emma Jimanez (baby), Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Julie Smith, Ernie Little, Mary Coyne, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Joshua Almond, Jacqueline Kay, Wynn Elliot, Tom Wardle, Cyril Connaughton, Joan Peake (nee Hooton) and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Winifred Hopkinson, Megan Kitching, David Price, Felipe Malinis, Margaret Walsh, Denise Carolan, Veronica Booker, Anne Crawford</p> <p>Anniversaries: Jim Hargreaves, Josephine Westley</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Margaret Walsh, Megan Kitching, David Price, Felipe Malinis, Alfeo Doloroso (Birthday Remembrance), Jim Hargreaves, Winifred Hopkinson, Josephine Westley, Denise Carolan, Veronica Booker, Vera & Fred Boatfield, Margaret Barrett, For a Special Intention, Anne Crawford</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Community Makes Music Concert (St Thomas Canterbury Church) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7.30pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Heaton Cemetery Mass [See overleaf for details]	
Wednesday <i>St Thomas</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 12noon-4pm CAMEO & Book Sale (Harbour Room) 7pm Thornleigh Celebration of Achievement Evening (Victoria Hall)	
Thursday	9.15am School Mass in church (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	10.30am-3.30pm Spirit of Bolton (Victoria Square) 11am-12noon Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Forward in Faith Mass (SJ) 10.15am (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy	
<p>Collections & Donations: All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan’s, St Columba’s or St John’s as appropriate. Mass Intentions: Cheques should be made payable to St John’s Gift Aid: 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</p>		<p>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): 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>

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Welcome: Now that the refurbishment of St Brendan's Presbytery is complete, we can properly welcome Father Francis Parkinson, whose appointment to our parishes was announced in January. As mentioned then, his work in our parishes will be part-time so that he can continue to serve the Deaf community as their priest chaplain and continue his editing of the diocesan *Almanac*. We hope he will have a long and happy time with us.

Peter's Pence: This annual collection, taken throughout the world, provides money for the Pope's charitable giving. We will have this collection at the Masses this weekend.

Congratulations: To the children who have celebrated First Holy Communion over the past two Sundays. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith. And we thank all those, in our schools and in our parishes, who have helped the children and their parents during the Sacramental Programme this year.

Community Makes Music: Bolton Music Service is holding a concert at St Thomas Canterbury Church on Monday 1 July (7.30pm). This promises to be a really enjoyable evening and features performances from St Thomas School Choirs, Thornleigh String Ensemble, Cantamus Community Choir and soloist – Ryan Hunt. Tickets cost £4 (Adult) and £2 (Children).

Heaton Cemetery: Our Annual deanery Mass for all the deceased takes place on Tuesday 2 July at 7.30pm. If it is wet, we will transfer to St Thomas of Canterbury, Lonsdale Road, Heaton (BL1 4PN). Please come along to the Mass, if you can, to pray for all those who have died.

CAMEO and Book Sale: A reminder that the parish social afternoon will take place on Wednesday 3 July between 12 noon and 4pm (Harbour Room). There will be homemade refreshments and a raffle. All very welcome.

Spirit of Bolton: This event takes place in Victoria Square on Saturday 6 July (10.30am to 3.30pm). There will be a variety of stalls, activities and entertainment provided by a range of faith, community and voluntary groups.

Caritas Summer Fair: This will be held on Saturday 6 July (11am-3pm) at 94 Radcliffe Road, Bolton, BL2 1NY. There will be lots of stalls and activities. Funds raised will help homeless families in Bolton.

Baptism Preparation: The next baptism preparation meeting will take place on Saturday 20 July from 10.30am to 12noon at St John's. This is for parents from all three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please let one of the priests know if you will be attending.

Church Cleaners (SJ): The Whittlestone family

Helen Reddy

Dear Parishioners

Mrs Helen Reddy is retiring at the end of this school year after 28 years at St Columba's School. She started work at St Columba's as a temporary, part time teacher in September 1985. She became Deputy Headteacher in September 1994.

Mrs Reddy has organised the school choir along with her many, many other duties and has played guitar at all celebrations in church. She is well liked and respected by children, staff and parents. Helen and her late husband John have been active parishioners of St Columba's.

We have a special Mass planned for 2.15 pm on Wednesday 10 July followed by a celebration buffet in school. Please join us if you can. Please contact the school if you are able to come to her buffet.

BRASS: The last collection of food items for St Brendan's takes place this weekend. The collections, throughout July, will take place at the weekend Masses at St Columba's. *Thank you for your continued support.*

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all members who attended our last meeting of the season. It was both lively and informative! Congratulations to all raffle winners! The three books voted the most popular this year are; *The Mesmerist* by Barbara Ewing, *East of the Sun* by Julia Gregson and *The Thread* by Victoria Hislop. Have a lovely Summer and keep reading! *Madeleine*

Research: If anyone has any information or photographs relating to the history of Egerton Park (and in particular the barn and cottages) please contact Belinda John on belindajohn@btinternet.com or 07967 752497. Thanks.

Howarth's Funeral Service: Funeral staff required; for full details see *Bolton News* job vacancies.

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Think Vocation

The Lord saw qualities in both Peter and Paul which he transformed in order to establish these two great saints as the foundations of his Church. May we try to see the potential in the people we encounter each day, and encourage them to put their gifts and talents at the service of the Church.

St Brendan's Church Car Park

The parish makes available its car park for school and nursery related parking on a free of charge and good will basis. Use of the car park relies on mutual respect, common-sense and goodwill being displayed by all. Apart from the continued abuse of disabled parking spaces by some users, thereby denying disabled driver's access, a new problem has arisen. The driveway to the presbytery has recently been resurfaced as part of the modernisation of the church premises. Within days of the new surface being laid and despite *KEEP CLEAR* signs some drivers have chosen to park on the driveway, causing some damage to the new surface and denying vehicular access to the presbytery. The presbytery is a private home and as such the driveway must be kept clear at all times. **Car park users are asked to leave the disabled parking spaces for those who genuinely need them and not to park in the presbytery driveway.** *Thank you.*