

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS
15TH APRIL 2012
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)**

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After the joys and exuberance of Easter Sunday and Easter Week, we settle down into the longest Season in the Church's Year - Eastertide. This period of fifty days is a time of sustained gladness, which comes through reading and reflecting on the Scriptures which describe the risen life of Jesus - not just his appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection, but the teachings from his ministry which reveal the risen life he now possesses. We also spend time hearing about how the Resurrection made a difference: how the timid and frightened disciples were able to leave Jerusalem and proclaim a message of life over death to the whole world, as we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles. We also linger over the first letter of Saint John, which ties together so many of the themes of Easter: life, faith, baptism, the Spirit - all brought together in the person of the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead. On this second Sunday, we continue to track through "real time", by hearing what happened in Jerusalem on the Sunday after the Resurrection with the Lord appearing to Thomas - strengthening his faith, and strengthening ours as we listen to the account.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i> <i>Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		Prayers Please
Sunday <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB)	<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, Fr Graham Turner and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Frank Carter (101 years old), Eileen Berry, Leo Cavanagh, Donald Thomas</p> <p>Anniversary: Marie Lamoury, Harry Mason, Eileen Gill, Winifred Dignan</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Marie Lamoury, Frank Carter, Deceased members of the Cambridge & Carter families, Special Intention, Harry Mason, Eileen & Victor Gill, In thanksgiving (Special Wedding Anniversary), Eileen Berry, Winifred Dignan, Fr Graham Turner, Leo Cavanagh, Donald Thomas</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	No Mass today 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	No Mass today 9.30am-2.15pm Harbour Room Book Club Outing 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	12noon-2pm Cake Bake Competition (BC Village Hall) 3pm One Bolton Match Day (Reebok) No Reconciliation this week 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SJ)	
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>		

CAFOD

Coffee Morning

Thank you to all those who supported this event on Friday morning, raising £160 for CAFOD. This will be doubled under the Government's current UK Aid scheme, so that's a great achievement.

"Give it Up" Collection Boxes

If you have been using one of these special boxes during Lent, we would be grateful if you could bring its contents to church next weekend. Thanks.

Campaign

Thirst for Change cards are still available if you have not yet had chance to join in with this campaign.

UK Aid

We have about a month to go on this special scheme where the Government will match £ for £ all donations to CAFOD. So, if you are thinking of making any further contributions, please do so in the next few weeks so that CAFOD gets the benefit of the extra funding. Thanks.

Second-hand Books

Please note that we are no longer selling these books at St John's.

Congratulations: To Patrick O'Donnell who was baptised at St John's on Easter Sunday. We pray that he and his family may continue to grow in faith.

Congratulations: To Steven Roberts & Carmel O'Mahony (parishioners of St Brendan's) who were married at St Paul's Pillar Church, Paphos, Cyprus last Thursday. We pray they will have a long, happy and fulfilling married life.

Harbour Room Book Club: The outing to Cheetham's Library and Manchester Cathedral will take place on Wednesday April 18th. Transport will leave promptly at 9.30am outside St Brendan's Church and will return approx. 2.15pm (depending on traffic, could be 2.30pm). Looking forward to a lovely day. Please contact me if there are problems or any cancellations. Thank you, *Madeleine*

Cake Bake: To mark the official opening of the Bromley Cross Village Hall (next to Birtenshaw Church), the 1st Annual Cake Baking Competition will take place there next Saturday (21st April) from 12noon to 2pm. Details are on the church noticeboards, or at www.bcvillagehall.org or call 07793 551000

Coalition for Marriage: Please sign the petition at www.C4M.org.uk or in paper form at the back of church.

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Sunday Coffee (SJ)

Served after the 9.15 Mass, with all proceeds going to CAFOD. Anyone willing to take a turn making the coffee (approx once every 12 weeks), to fill vacancies which have arisen, please see Margaret Callaghan.

Passion for Song Bolton's Big Easter Sing

This Easter Sunday celebration went extremely well, with over 100 people in the choir and over 1000 in the congregation. There was opportunity to reflect on the legacy of Passion for Bolton (one year on), the way that faith and sport can bring communities together (with the forthcoming One Bolton Match Day, the visit of the Olympic Torch and Bolton's Year of Sport 2012) and, of course, on the story of Easter and the call to be witnesses to the Resurrection. Thank you to those who supported this event in any way.

Ordination of Father Graham Turner

Easter Monday afternoon saw a very special celebration taking place in Salford Royal Hospital, as Graham Turner was ordained priest by Cardinal Keith O'Brien, the Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, in the hospital chapel.

It was a great privilege to be part of this very special service and I was able to pass on to Graham the best wishes of so many parishioners.

Graham remains extremely poorly, so please continue to pray for him and his family at this difficult time.

Think Vocations

St Luke tells us that the apostles were given great respect. They were respected because they had been personally chosen by Our Lord Jesus. Let us reflect upon the respect we give to our bishop, a successor to the apostles, also chosen by Christ. Let us be aware of the responsibility he has in his pastoral care for the diocese. Let us ensure we find time to pray for our bishop and the work he has to do.

Car Parking

St Brendan's: Parishioners are requested to show consideration for our neighbours on Longsight when parking. Please take care not to obstruct neighbours' property and refrain from parking where signage, indicating a 'private' parking space is displayed. If the church car park is full, Pennine Vets has agreed to make available its forecourt on Sunday mornings and this space should be fully utilised, before parking elsewhere.

St John's: From time to time, we receive complaints from local residents about cars parked in such a way as to obstruct vision at the junctions or blocking the pavement. We have also had complaints about buses being unable to pull up safely outside. A few weeks ago on a Saturday evening a bus parked across the car park gates and refused to move because there was nowhere else to pull in! Please use the car park rather than parking on the road and, if that is full, please be considerate about where you park.

On both car parks, please make sure you park within the marked bays to maximise the available places.

Thank you for your co-operation