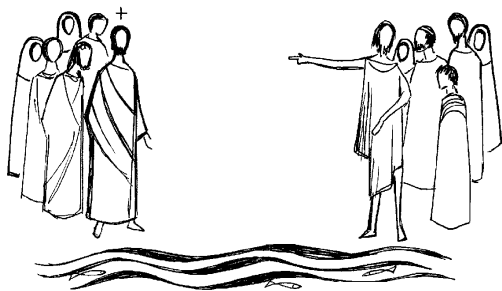


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS
24TH JUNE 2012
THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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Most of the time, this Feast will go unnoticed by the majority of Catholics. It is only those who attend daily Mass who normally encounter it! But the fact that it displaces a Sunday this year tells us of its importance. We only celebrate three birthdays in the Liturgical Year: Jesus (Christmas Day), Mary (September 8) and John the Baptist. This should tell us something! John is known in the Eastern Church as the “*Prodromos*”, the “One who runs in front”. All his life – even his time in the womb – is making the path clear for Christ. He runs before the Lord, clearing his way, so that the Promised One may come to his people. Today we celebrate that, even at his birth, John the Baptist opened human hearts to the mysteries of God, and the promise of God’s presence with his people.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4 Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) <i>CAFOD Box Collection</i> 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm First Communion (SJ) 6.30pm Queen's Diamond Jubilee Service (Walmsley)	<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, Judith Oldham, Kathleen Humphreys, Betty Boyle, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Karen West, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, 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, Joan Rankin, Guy (3yrs old), Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Trevor Gee, Catherine Crowley, Gerard Dobson, John Barrett, Fr Patrick Quinlan, Fr Ivor Netto, John Devine, Vincent Hopkinson and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Patrick O'Donnell (16 weeks), Bill Sharples, Alain Dapvril</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Alain Dapvril, Joyce Knight, A sick lady, Birthday blessings, Gerard Murphy (Birthday Remembrance), Patrick, Helen & David O'Donnell</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>
Monday <i>Ordinary Time Week 12</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7-8.30pm Baptism Preparation (Harbour Room) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7.30pm Deanery Mass at Heaton Cemetery 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 1.30-3pm Harbour Room Book Club 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday <i>St Irenaeus</i>	7pm First Mass for Ss Peter & Paul (SJ)	
Friday <i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) – school attending 11.15am Mass (SB) – school attending 7pm Mass (SB) Holiday of Obligation	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Collection for Peter's Pence</i>	
Next Sunday <i>13th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) <i>Collection for Peter's Pence</i>	
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>		Baptism or Marriage <i>By appointment and with preparation You must give six months notice for Marriage See Fr Cooke to arrange</i>

Please pray for the children making their First Holy Communion at this time

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Queen's Diamond Jubilee: There is a special service at Christ Church, Walmsley at 6.30pm on Sunday. This is primarily a celebration for the Walmsley Deanery but they have extended an invitation to all the churches in the area (which covers both St Brendan's and St John's parishes).

Baptism Preparation: The preparation session will take place on Monday 25 June (7-8.30pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This is for parents from either parish who are looking to have their children baptised. Please let Fr Cooke know if you will be attending.

Heaton Cemetery: Our annual deanery Mass for all the deceased takes place on Tuesday 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.

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 27 June (1.30pm to 3pm). The designated read is *The Secret Scripture* by Sebastian Barry. As this will be the last meeting until September, may I give a gentle reminder to all members to start returning all borrowed books! New schedule will be available. Refreshments and a raffle included. All welcome. *Madeleine*

Congratulations: To Annabelle Lily Wood who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

APF Red Box Appeal: Fr Jan Klaver MHM has written to thank everyone for their response to the appeal he made at St John's last weekend. This resulted in 11 new Red Box holders, 1 new annual membership, 7 new gift-aid agreements and 5 new promoters.

Coffee Morning: Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning on 15 June, raising £95 for St John's School. The next coffee morning will be in September.

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

Holyday: On Friday we celebrate the feast of Ss Peter and Paul. This is a holyday of obligation so, given that the schools are in session, we will have four Masses, starting on Thursday evening.

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 next weekend.

Ordinations: Any parishioner planning to attend Joe Gee's ordination to priesthood at the Cathedral on 21 July is invited to sign the sheets in the church porches. This is simply to give the cathedral some indication of numbers attending. Please remember to pray for Joe as he prepares for ordination, especially with his dad being ill. Please pray also for Nathan Horne and Frank Mulgrew who are to be ordained to the Diaconate at St. Mary's College, Oscott on Saturday 30 June. Thanks.

Congratulations: Canon Anthony Kay, our Vicar General has been appointed a Prelate of Honour by the Holy Father. This means he now has the title Monsignor.

Diocesan Celebration for Married Couples: On Saturday 27 October at 12 noon, Bishop Brain will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral for couples celebrating wedding anniversaries of fifty years or more. This would include those who have celebrated such anniversaries since the last diocesan event in October 2009. If you would like an invitation to this Mass, please inform Fr Cooke as soon as possible so that your names can be put forward.

CAFOD Boxes: If you have not brought the contents of your box to church this weekend, please bring it in as soon as possible – and please remember the request to change the content of your box into notes (or higher denomination coins) either at your own bank or via the machines in various supermarkets. Thanks.

Think Vocation

At the birth of John the Baptist, people wondered "What will this child turn out to be?" That is a question that lies at the heart of discerning a vocation. It is not just the individual but the community that has the task of helping each of our young people to discover what special calling God has for them.

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One Bolton Events

"One Bolton" is a title (brand) assigned to a whole range of events throughout the year that seek to emphasise and build up the fact that, in the midst of our diversity, Bolton is one community. Fr Cooke is involved in a lot of this work through the Faith Leaders' Forum, Bolton Interfaith Council and Bolton Christian Community Cohesion Project. There are two significant events coming up:

Sunday 8 July – One Bolton 5k Run and 2012m Fun Run

This is a great family day out to raise money for local charities. It is open to participants of all ages and fitness levels. You can run, jog or walk in support of your chosen charity. Starting at 1.30pm from Bolton Arena, the 5k course goes through Middlebrook and into the nature reserve. The shorter Fun Run begins at 12.15pm and misses out the nature reserve. You can register at www.bwct.org.uk/one-bolton-5k1 or on 01204 673790. **Fr Cooke will be taking part (walking???) with an Interfaith Group raising money for Bolton Hospice so if you would like to sponsor him forms are available in church. If you would like to take part with the Interfaith Group please have a word with Fr Cooke.**

Saturday 14 July – Spirit of Bolton Event

This event takes place in Victoria Square (10.30am to 3.30pm) and is a flagship event for showcasing the diversity of the Bolton community. There will be a variety of stalls, activities and entertainment provided by a range of faith, community and voluntary groups. It is organised primarily by Bolton Interfaith Council (of which Fr Cooke is the Vice-Chair).