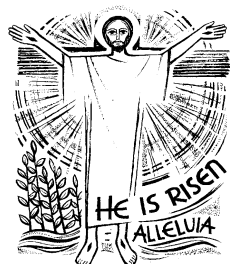





**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

31ST MARCH 2013 – EASTER SUNDAY



When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make – with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!

A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER TO YOU ALL

<p>Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: Easter Vigil page 677; Morning Mass 723; Preface 42</p>		<p>Thank You: to everyone who has helped get our churches ready, or prepared in other ways, for the Easter services.</p> <p>St John's 200 Club: Annual subscriptions (£12) are now due. Please pay at any Mass, cheques payable to St John's. Thank you for your continued support.</p> <p>Harbour Room Book Club: Many thanks to all our members who attended the last meeting despite cold and snow showers. We had our usual lively and informative gathering! The next meeting will be 24 April to discuss <i>The Thread</i> by Victoria Hislop. All welcome. Please note there are some spare places for the trip to the Imperial War Museum on 10 April. This is open to anyone who would like to go in any of the three parishes. You do not have to be a member of Book Club! The cost is £5. Just ring Sue on 407826 or Madeleine on 303505. Happy Easter to all. <i>Madeleine</i></p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers: There will be a preparation session and commissioning of ministers on Thursday 25 April (7-9pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This is for new and existing Eucharistic Ministers who were unable to attend the session in February. If anyone else is interested in being a Eucharistic Minister, please have a word with Fr Cooke before April 25.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocation</p> <p>It is the Risen Lord Jesus who calls men to follow him and prepare for the sacred priesthood. On Maundy Thursday all the priests were invited to renew their priestly promises made on their ordination day. Therefore they are able to celebrate the Easter Sunday Mass today with renewed joy and commitment. As we renew our baptismal promises in this Year of Faith may we all truly celebrate our belief in the new life that comes through the Risen Lord Jesus.</p>	
Easter Sunday	<p>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)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A Day of Special prayer for New Members of the Church</i></p>		
Easter Weekdays	<p>Monday – 9.30am Mass (SJ) – Bank Holiday Tuesday – 7pm Mass (SB); 7.30pm SVP (SB) Wednesday – 9.30am Mass (SJ) Thursday – 9.15am Mass (SB) Friday – 9.30am Mass (SJ)</p>		
Easter Saturday	<p>11am-12noon Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 6pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)</p>		
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<p>Prayers Please</p> <p>Sick: Please pray for Fr Francis Parkinson who has had an operation for a detached retina and is now recuperating. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to him joining us here in due course.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Jack Wakes, David Henderson, Margaret Sharp, Mary Isaac, Pamela Russell, Roy Blades, Vinnie Noblet</p> <p>Anniversaries: John Reddy, Thomas Edward Shackell, Maureen Southworth, Harold Graham</p> <p>Mass Intentions: John Reddy, Joyce Knight, Thomas Edward Shackell, Maureen Southworth, Francis McBride, Bernard Cummings (seriously ill), Jack Wakes, David Henderson, Deceased members of the Cambridge & Carter families, Bernard Burke (Birthday Remembrance), Mary Isaac, Jean (McGarry) Stones, Pamela Russell, Deceased members of the Knowles family, Harold Graham, Vinnie Noblet, Catherine Cooke (Birthday Remembrance)</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>			
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