

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

**14TH APRIL 2013
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



The rest of the world has settled “back to normal” after Easter holidays now, but we continue to dwell on the resurrection of Jesus and the growth of the Church. Today’s Gospel, which many people consider the most beautiful of the resurrection stories, has many themes: the failed fishing trip, the inability of Peter to recognise the risen Jesus, the miracle of the 153 fish and the simple, powerful reassuring words of Jesus to his confused disciples: “Come and have breakfast.” We can all find ourselves a place in this Gospel story, as we continue to wonder at the resurrection.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: page 739; Readings 746; Preface (at priest's choice)		Prayers Please
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>A Day of Special prayer for New Members of the Church</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, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O’Grady, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Emma Turner, Margaret Wood, 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 and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Bernard Cummings, Marian Noon, Ron Finn, Mary Gibson, Peter Scallan, John Wakes, Monica Ramsden</p> <p>Anniversaries: Francis Carter, Marie Lamoury, Tom Sheridan (Senior & Junior), Mark Shepherd, Dennis O’Hara, Harry Mason</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Francis Carter, Marian Noon, Special Intentions, Marie Lamoury, Tom Sheridan (Senior & Junior), Mark Shepherd, Dennis O’Hara, Harry Mason, Bernard Cummings, John Wakes, Monica Ramsden</p>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) <i>Please note that the St Brendan’s site will be very busy today with major work on the drains (as well as work on the presbytery)</i>	
Thursday	No Mass today <i>Please note that the St Brendan’s site will be very busy today with major work on the drains (as well as work on the presbytery)</i> 7.30pm CAFOD Meeting (Harbour Room)	
Friday	7.30am Prayer Breakfast (Bolton Town Hall) 10am Coffee Morning for SVP (Patmos Room) 12.30pm Requiem Mass for Bernard Cummings (SB)	
Saturday	11am-3pm Bromley Cross Bake Off [details overleaf] 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next 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 & SC) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Vocations</i> <i>Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund</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>		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.

Congratulations: To Hollie Rose Rule who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

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.

BRASS
(Befriending Refugees and Asylum Seekers)

Sister Barbara's Destitution Appeal

Without the support and generosity of our Parish Community, Sr Barbara would have experienced a far greater struggle in undertaking her work. With this in mind, the SVP are hoping to develop a more co-ordinated and consistent approach across the community of our churches. From the beginning of May, we will, with your support, be having collections of food items on a rota basis from each of our three churches.

St John's – May, August & November
St Brendan's – June, September & December
St Columba's – July, October & January

The items will be taken weekly to the BRASS base at Victoria Hall, and any of the following items will be welcome:

Cartons of orange juice, vegetable oil, tinned fruit, chick peas, kidney beans, tinned tomatoes, coffee, jam, biscuits and sugar.

St John's 200 Club

The April winners are:

£50 L White (264)
£30 E Sloane (108)
£20 C Brooks (250)



Church Cleaners (SJ): D Peyton & A Vinden

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CAFOD Group: The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18 April (7.30pm) in the Harbour Room.

Coffee Morning (SJ): The next coffee morning is on Friday 19 April in the Patmos Room. All are welcome and the proceeds will go to the SVP.

"Sharing the Load" – Sacristans (SB): Thank you to those parishioners who have volunteered to undertake the Sacristan role at SB. Induction sessions will be held at SB at 9-15 am on Thursday 19th and 6-15 pm on Tuesday 23rd April. If anyone else is interested in being a Sacristan, please have a word with Father Cooke or Tony Proctor.

Premises Update (SB): The works to modernise the presbytery are progressing well. On Wednesday 17th April extensive work will commence to install a new land drainage scheme. We hope that this work will help to resolve the flooding of the church grounds that we have experienced in recent years.

Bromley Cross Village Hall – Saturday 20 April (11 till 3): Bromley Cross Bake Off will be a community event to help some local organisations raise their profile and much needed funds. Home bakers are invited to bake a cake or a series of cupcakes to enter in the competition. For more information on entering a cake visit www.bcvillagehall.org or call Phil on 07793 551000. Entries can be brought on the day before 11am, the entry fee is £2.

Local community groups will be represented during the fair to sell produce to raise their own funds: Eagley Junior school cookery club, the local Rangers group, 'Ladies that craft', Bromley Cross Incredible Edible, along with stalls from the Village Hall. Lorenzo, a Thornleigh student, will be balloon modelling and entertaining with his magic.

There will be something for everyone, a cafe, bouncy castle, face painting, animals, balloon modelling, magic and music provided by a local bagpipe player. Come along for a fun family afternoon.

Think Vocation

At an Ordination Mass the candidate is asked to make a promise of obedience to his Bishop or Ordinary. This reminds us of the apostolic tradition of the Church. Just as Christ questioned Peter over his love for him, the Church today requires those who are called to the priesthood to be obedient. May others be called to courageously imitate St Peter in saying "Yes" to Christ.

Consultation on Saturday Evening Mass Times

At the last Parish Forum meeting, I raised the fact that we have a clash of Mass times on a Saturday evening. With 6pm at St Columba's and 6.30pm at St John's, this will always require two priests. Added to that, the other parish in our district of the deanery is St Osmund's and their Saturday evening Mass is also at 6.30pm. This means that we always need three priests and that we cannot cover for each other (or elsewhere in the deanery as is sometimes required). Having Masses at 6pm and 6.30pm also gives parishioners a very minimum choice.

So the proposal at the Parish Forum was that we move the 6pm Mass at St Columba's to 5pm. Having Masses at 5pm and 6.30pm would allow for one priest to cover if necessary and an earlier Mass gives parishioners more flexibility if planning an evening out. There was general agreement at the Parish Forum that this was a good proposal.

This change will need the bishop's permission and, if granted, would be introduced from a specific date within the next couple of months. Whilst awaiting a response from the bishop, I would be happy to hear any further comments or suggestions from parishioners. *Fr Cooke*