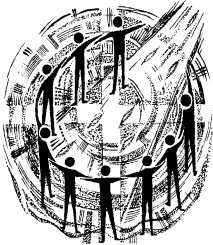


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**28TH APRIL 2013
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



We are now closer to Ascension and Pentecost than Easter, but we are still in the Easter Season. The readings this Sunday begin to move us along too, as once more we hear the Lord at the Last Supper preparing his disciples for his departure: he does this by giving them a rule to live by, a new commandment. This commandment, “love one another”, is to be the guiding light of the community of believers after Pentecost (check the first reading for the Second Sunday of Easter) – it is the risen Lord’s parting gift to his Church.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 762; Readings 768; 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 & SJ) <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, 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, Ernie Little, Mary Coyne, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Joan Marie Plumbley, Arthur Roberts, Bernard Marshall, Bernard Cummings, Leo Toole, Josephine Siney, Eileen Pace, Brendan Nestor, Helen Robinson, Michael Shields</p> <p>Anniversaries: Gerard Murphy</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Bernard Cummings, In honour of St Jude, St Anthony & The Sacred Heart, Joyce Knight, Gerard Murphy, Joan Marie Plumbley, Jacqueline Hibbert (Birthday Remembrance), Arthur Roberts, Bernard Marshall, Jean (McGarry) Stones (sick), Robert Grundy (sick), Brendan Nestor, Helen Robinson, Samuel Cooke (Birthday Remembrance), Special Intention for a lady in hospital undergoing a serious operation, In thanksgiving for 59 years of Marriage (John & Mary Marshall), In thanksgiving for prayers answered, David Gracie (Birthday Remembrance)</p>
Monday <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Human Work</i>	
Thursday <i>St Athanasius</i>	9.15am Mass (SB) 6pm Sacramental Programme Meeting (SB School)	
Friday <i>St Philip & St James</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday <i>The English Martyrs</i>	11am-12noon Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 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 & SJ) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for New Members of the Church</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>		

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Congratulations: To Niamh Anna Macleod who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. Also to Harry Mark Dyson & Amber Jai Murphy who were baptised at St Columba's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Sacramental Programme: There is a meeting this Thursday evening for those involved in the Sacramental Programme at St Brendan's. There is a meeting next Wednesday (8th May) for St John's and a date is being sorted for an equivalent meeting for St Columba's.

Coffee Morning: Thank you to those who supported the coffee morning last Friday raising £120 for St John's SVP.

Harbour Room Book Club: Many thanks to all who attended our April Book Club meeting. It was, as usual, fun and informative. We would like to give all parishioners early notice of a joint Book Club and Cameo event comprising of an "open" afternoon in July with refreshments and a book sale. All books in good condition are welcome. Further details to follow. With thanks.

Madeleine

HCPT: We have received a postcard from members of the Manchester Region HCPT, sending their prayers and thanks from their recent trip to Lourdes.

Step Back in Time: Walmsley Unitarian Chapel invites you to step back in time to experience the life of a Bolton farming family in 1713. As part of their celebrations of their 300th birthday, Walmsley Unitarian Chapel is winding back the clock. The Chapel was built by local farmers, and the week end celebrates the everyday life of local farmers in 1713, the period before the Industrial Revolution changed everyone's life. We will be dressed in clothes of the time! All are welcome for a fun-filled weekend in the chapel and the adjacent church hall. Open 11.00am -4.00pm on weekend of 4 & 5 May. Entrance is £1 for adults, 50p for children.

Bromley Cross Summer Fayre: Last Drop Village on Saturday 11 May. Details next weekend.

Church Cleaners (SJ): M O'Kane & G Bamping

Tomatoes: Please see Peter Carolan if you are interested in any tomato plants donated by a parishioner.

BRASS

(Befriending Refugees and Asylum Seekers)

Sister Barbara's Destitution Appeal

During the month of May at St John's, we will be collecting the following food items at our weekend Masses:

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

These will be taken weekly to Sr Barbara at the BRASS base in Bolton. *Thank you.*

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FREE EVENT, NO TICKET REQUIRED, COME EARLY!
Victoria Hall, Bolton, BL1 2AS
Sunday 19th May 2013 6.15pm
Broadcast live on 96.5 Bolton FM
Millennium Chapel
Gospel Choir BL3
Drama Community Singing
Come and re-light
your fire as we celebrate
the Holy Spirit
passion for Bolton
for more information
please visit our website at
www.passionforbolton.org
Or contact us on 01204 546138

This is going to be a fantastic event. We want to ensure that we "Raise the Roof" at Victoria Hall as we did in the Easter Sing last year. Please ensure that anyone wishing to attend arrives early as Bolton FM are to carry out a live broadcast and we need people in their seats before this can start. *Passion for Bolton*

For more information please visit the website at www.passionforbolton.org or contact 01204 546138

Other Pentecost Events: On the afternoon of Pentecost Sunday there will be the usual Walk of Witness in Harwood and there is also a Pentecost Picnic at The Church at the Centre in Tonge Moor. Details to follow.

BCMCS: Bolton Catholic Musical and Choral Society will present Mozart's Requiem, Ave Verum and other classics with the New Century Strings Orchestra from Bolton Music Service. The concert takes place on Saturday 18 May (7.30pm) at the Victoria Hall, Bolton. Tickets cost £10 (under 19's free) and are available from the Albert Hall Ticket Office (01204 334400) or BCMCS (01204 402267).

Eve's Space Project: Urban Outreach are looking to recruit female volunteers to join them at the Eve's Space Project, working alongside women with an offending history or at risk of offending. Tasks will include attending appointments with clients, enabling them in everyday tasks, befriending and building confidence. Volunteers will be given full training and support. Further information is available on our church notice boards. If you are interested, please email: info@urbanoutreach.co.uk or telephone 01204 385848 for an application pack. The closing date is Monday 13 May 2013.

Think Vocation

"I give you a new commandment: love one another." Living in a family or as a Religious in community is not always easy. There is sometimes conflict and misunderstanding but these have to be lived out in Christian love. However there are many opportunities to grow in our appreciation and understanding of God. Through such experiences, we can become stronger in faith, as well as able to learn about ourselves and other people.