

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

**26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2103 – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**



This Sunday is all about the “Divine Community” - in other words, the way in which our God is in himself a communion of love: Father, Son and Spirit, distinct yet perfectly united - three persons, one God. We hear of the perfect union between Father and Son, revealed in the mysterious poem of the First Reading, where the Son is “Wisdom” joining the Father in the act of creation. This union bears fruit in the Spirit, who pours this perfect love into our hearts, so that we may imitate the “Communion of Love” by living together and hoping for our place within the Divine Community.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 816; Readings 821; Preface 824		<b>Prayers Please</b>
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)	<p><b>Sick:</b> 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, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard &amp; Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O’Grady, Pauline Bowling, Margaret Walsh, Emma Turner, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Emma Jimenez (baby), Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Denise Carolan, Julie Smith, Ernie Little, Mary Coyne, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Joshua Almond and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> William McManus, Jessie Ferretti, Harold Whalley, Joseph Gilmartin, Ted Hanley, Margaret Rose Bates</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> John Fitzgerald, Frank Kirkham, Cyril Vernon Hall</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Cynthia Winstanley, Joyce Knight, John Donahue, Patrick Kelly, John Fitzgerald, A Special Intention, Jessie Ferretti, Frank Kirkham, Brian Jerstice (sick), William McManus (from the staff &amp; children of St John’s school), Mary Marshall (Birthday Blessings), Margaret Rose Bates, Cyril Vernon Hall</p> <p><b>Exam Prayers:</b> At this time of year we pray especially for our young parishioners who are taking exams. We ask that they may be given guidance and support at this important time in their lives.</p>
Monday <i>Spring Bank Holiday. St Augustine</i>	No Mass today	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 1.30-3.30pm Harbour Room Book Club	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday <i>St Justin</i>	11am-12noon Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>The Body &amp; Blood of Christ</i>	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 (SC & SJ)	
<b>Collections, Donations, Gift Aid</b> <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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**Pentecost:** Thank you to all who supported the various Pentecost events last Sunday.

**Baptism Preparation:** The next preparation session will take place on Wednesday 5 June (7-8.30pm) at St John's. This is for parents from any of our three parishes who are looking to have a child baptised over the coming months. Please let Fr Cooke or Fr Gee know if you will be attending.

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29 May (1.30-3pm). The novel to be discussed is *East of the Sun* by Julia Gregson. All welcome. *Madeleine*

**CAMEO Group:** The next meeting is Wednesday 5 June and will be held at St Brendan's in the Harbour Room (2-4pm). Everyone is welcome.

**SVP (SJ):** The next outing for the elderly and housebound will be to St Joseph's at Wrightington on Sunday 9 June 2013. There are lists in the Patmos Room for names of those wishing to attend and for volunteers willing to help with transport. Alternatively, please contact any member of St John's SVP.

**SVP Sponsored Walk:** The annual sponsored walk in aid of holiday/activities and any other forms of help for families in need, takes place on Sunday 16 June. Anyone interested is invited to walk or, alternatively, please sponsor someone who is walking. Sponsor forms are available after Mass for the next 3 weekends.

**Fairtrade & Malawi Rice:** Goods are on sale this weekend at St Brendan's. In particular we are aiming to sell a substantial amount of Malawi Rice. This sells at £3 a packet (white or brown) and selling 90 packets will pay for one child's high school education for a whole year in Malawi. Please support this initiative if you can. Thanks.

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

*As we approach the feast of Corpus Christi, I thought I would share with you the following reflection which will be broadcast on Bolton FM's It's The Thought That Counts this Thursday:*

Today is the feast of Corpus Christi – though the Catholic Church in England and Wales keeps this feast on Sunday. Corpus Christi are two Latin words meaning “The Body of Christ” and this feast is about the special gift that Christ gave to the Church at the Last Supper with his disciples, the night before he died on the Cross.

The Scriptures tell us that, on that occasion, whilst he was celebrating that special meal with his friends, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them to eat. As he did so, he said: “This is my body which will be given up for you.”

The fuller title of today's feast is “The Body and Blood of Christ” because we recall that, at that same supper, Christ also took a cup of wine and shared it with his friends, telling them “This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant”.

Whenever Christians celebrate the Eucharist they are doing again what Christ did at the Last Supper; they are taking the bread and the wine, saying a prayer of blessing over them, and then receiving them as the Body and Blood of Christ. This special food and drink is given, by Christ, through the Church, to nourish and sustain the followers of Jesus in their day-to-day living out of the Christian way of life.

So I end this short reflection with a prayer given in the Liturgy of the Church for today's feast: “O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to receive the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.”

This is Father Michael Cooke, from Bromley Cross, the Catholic Dean of Bolton.

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*I have also recorded a reflection for Friday on Transubstantiation and will print that on next week's newsletter.*

*It's The Thought That Counts is broadcast on Bolton FM (96.5 FM) usually about 7.35am and 1.20pm.*

### Think Vocation

“In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” The Sign of the Cross is a very simple prayer as well as a way into and out of prayer. However it is also a reminder of our belief in the Blessed Trinity. Vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life usually come from Catholic families. May each parent take great joy in teaching the Sign of the Cross to their child.

### Ecclesiastical Education Fund

This is the fund for the training of our future priests. Our collection on the Fourth Sunday of Easter raised £617.46 across our three parishes. We have received a number of private donations amounting to £272, bringing our total to £889.46. If anyone else would like to make a donation before this is sent off, please do so within the next week. Cheques should be made payable to one of our three parishes. Thanks.

Please pray for our current students for the priesthood: Callum Brown, Michael Deas, Laurence Gambella, Nathan Horne, Richard Howard, Gavin Landers, Frank Mulgrew, Kevin Murphy and Alfred Rebello, as well as praying for more vocations for priests to serve our diocese.

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