

4TH MAY 2014 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They recognised him at the breaking of bread



During the Season of Easter we walk with the Risen Lord, enjoying his appearing to his disciples. Today's gospel is one of the loveliest accounts of his appearing - and one especially important for the reader. Jesus appears and teaches the two disciples, by reference to the Scriptures, the meaning of his death. This is very close to the way in which the neophytes (newly baptised) would continue to be taught, through hearing the scriptures, during Easter. The reader should take to herself or himself the words of the Gospel Acclamation: "Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us."

.Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: page 739; Preface at priest's choice		
Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy	<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Pauline Bowling, Emma Turner, Guy Ryan, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, John Barrett, Roy Smith, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Julie Smith, Ernie Little, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Joshua Almond, Jacqueline Kay, Wynn Elliot, Tom Wardle, Bob Taylor, Noel Gannon, Sheila Derbyshire, David Walton, Dr Bernard Higgins, Winston Shanley, Vera Casey Shaw, Heather Goil, Joni Horton, Mary Long, Teresa Hastings, Damien Rabbitt, Paul Angus. Marie Corner, Walter Norris and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Bill Jerstice, Gerard Maguire, Richard Puccini, David Bramley, Holly Skeer</p> <p>Anniversaries: Joseph Gilmartin, Alan Healey, Gerard Murphy</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Gerard Maguire, Joseph Gilmartin (1st Anniversary), In thanksgiving to St Luke for recovery from illness, Thanksgiving to St Luke, St Martin & St Jude, Richard Puccini, Alan Healey, David Bramley, Mary & John Marshall on their Diamond Wedding, David Gracie (Birthday Remembrance), Gerard Murphy (25th Anniversary), Leila Parker, Norman Graham (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>
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
<i>Bank Holiday</i>		
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.15am Yr 5 Class Mass in School (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	10.30am-4pm – Bromley Cross Fayre (Last Drop Village) 2pm Baptism (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy <i>Education Fund</i> 10.15am (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	

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Congratulations: To Dylan Anthony Lovedale, Ethan Thomas Lovedale and Millie Grace Gerrard who were baptised at St Columba's last Saturday. Also to Owen Jack Devereux who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 17 May (10.30-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John's. This is for parents from any of our three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. Please let one of the priests know if you will be attending or email office@sbsj.org.uk.

Ecclesiastical Education Fund: At our Masses next weekend, we will have a special collection for the fund that is used to train future priests.

Special Collections

Thank you for your generosity in giving:

- £316.15 for Pax Christi in January.
- £337.43 for the Catholic Education Service in February.
- £2173.50 to CAFOD for the Lent Fast Day (with approximately £187 of additional Gift Aid reclaim).
- £248.97 to the SVP groups in our parishes on Maundy Thursday.
- £346.60 for Shrines of Palestine on Good Friday.

Readers (St Columba's): We are looking for volunteers to join the readers' rota at both Masses. If anyone is interested please see Kevin Egan. Thank you

Mass Intentions: To help us gather correct information for the inclusion of Mass Intentions on the newsletter, we have designed a Mass Intention Request slip (which can be found at the back of our churches). If you could use these slips (whenever possible) along with the envelope provided, it would really help us to ensure that all details are correct. Thank you.

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all members who attended the last meeting of the Harbour Room Book Club. We had a lively and informative discussion as usual! The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28 May at the usual time and place to discuss *The Lady and the Unicorn* by Tracy Chevalier.

Trip to Ordsall Hall: This takes place on Wednesday 14 May, leaving St Brendan's at 9.45am and returning approximately 3pm. We have some spare places if anyone is interested. You do not have to be a member of the Book Club to go on one of our trips! All welcome! The cost is £5 and to book a place please ring Madeleine on 303505. *Thank you*

Tony Turner's Tribute Orchestra: The story of Frank Sinatra is coming to Bolton on Saturday 24 May at the Victoria Hall. Directed by ex-Thornleigh pupil Tony Turner, it features Richard Adams performing the songs made popular by the music legend. Tickets cost £13, with concessions of £12 and can be purchased from the information desk at the Albert Hall (01204 334400).

Public Pilgrimage: On Saturday 17 May, there will be a special pilgrimage to celebrate 150 years of the death of Elizabeth Prout CP (Founder of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion) in the Church of St Anne & Blessed Dominic, Monastery Road (off Robin's Lane), Sutton, St Helens WA9 3ZD. All are welcome to attend.

Bromley Cross Summer Fayre: This will be held on Saturday 10 May (10.30am-4pm) at the Last Drop Village. It is free to enter and promises to be a great day out for all the family.

Piety Stalls: There is now a selection of cards and gifts on sale for both Confirmation & First Holy Communion in each church.



Spirit - Passion for Pentecost

An exciting portrayal of the disciples after Jesus, in music and drama.

7pm on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 June 2014 at the Victoria Hall, Bolton.

Tickets are available from The Albert Halls, Victoria Square, Bolton, BL1 1RU. Telephone 01204 334400 or email www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk.

Ticket prices: £8.50 each. Concessions: £7 for O.A.P, children and group bookings of 10 or more.

Church Cleaning (SJ): M Cropper & R Davies

Nicola Lamoury Memorial Cycle Ride: Thank you so much to all those people who have sponsored Mark Lamoury and his team on their charity bike ride from Lands End to John O'Groats in aid of Cancer Research UK. The team has almost reached its target of raising £20,000 for the charity so your support has been invaluable and is much appreciated. The team's endeavour begins this weekend on 3rd May with overnight stops in Okehampton, Bristol, Shrewsbury, Preston, Carlisle, Glasgow, Glencoe and Brora. May they have a safe and successful trip. *Thank you.*

BRASS: The collection of food items during May will be held at St John's. Thanks for your continued support.

Think Vocation

"The hearts of the disciples burned within them as the Lord explained the Sacred Scriptures to them." Let us pray for parents and teachers whose vocations lie in the formation and education of the young in the faith.

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