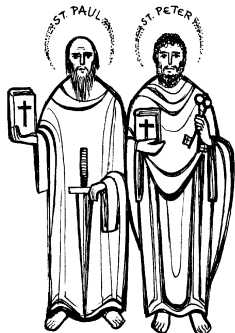


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

29TH JUNE 2014 – SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.



Peter and Paul are the two great heroes of the Apostolic Age - Peter for leading the first Christian communities and binding them in unity, a role that springs from his profession of faith in Caesarea Philippi, and Paul for travelling throughout the Roman Empire as the Apostle to the Gentiles, ensuring that the Gospel could be heard by all. They both ended up in Rome, the heart of the Empire, where they crowned their lives of witness by shedding their blood for Christ. As the ancient hymn for this feast day (“Decora Lux aeternitatis”) says: “Rejoice, O Rome, this day; thy walls they once did sign with princely blood, who now their glory share with thee. What city’s vesture glows with crimson deep as thine? What beauty else has earth that may compare with thee?” In celebrating the death of these apostles and martyrs, we celebrate the triumph of life and death offered fully to God.

| Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 903; Preface: page 907 | | Prayers Please |
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| 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>Special Collection for Peter’s Pence</i> | <p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Eunice Brierley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard & Rita Holder, Eileen Murphy, Kathleen Hopwood, Maureen Kennedy, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, David Walton, Dr Bernard Higgins, Marie Corner, Walter Norris, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Anthony John Meagher, Emma Turner, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Duncan Webster, Tom Wardle, Bridie Lyons, John Caldwell, Francis Warner, Alphonsus Surpluss</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Joyce Knight, Duncan Webster</p> <p>Bereavement: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Gee’s uncle, Alphonsus Surpluss, who died last Friday. The Funeral took place in Ireland last Sunday. Please keep Father Gee and his family in your prayers. Thank you.</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers</p> |
| Monday <i>Week 13 of Ordinary Time</i> | 9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.15pm Launch for Passion for Bolton 2015 (Victoria Hall) <i>[see overleaf]</i> 8pm SVP (SJ) | |
| Tuesday | 7.30pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Deanery Mass in Heaton Cemetery | |
| Wednesday | 9.30am Mass (SJ) | |
| Thursday <i>St Thomas</i> | 9.15am School Mass in church (SB)-Yr 2 Celebration of KS1 1.30–3pm Teapot Time/CAMEO (Harbour Room, SB) | |
| Friday | 9.30am Mass (SJ) | |
| Saturday | 10.30am-3.30pm Spirit of Bolton (Victoria Square) 11am-12noon Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) | |
| Next Sunday | 9.15am Forward in Faith Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy, followed by Mini Book Sale 2pm Baptism (SB) | |

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Peter's Pence: This annual collection, taken throughout the world, provides money for the Pope's charitable giving. We will have the collection at the Masses this weekend.

Congratulations: To Freddie Thomas Taylor and Cayleb John Seals who were baptised at St Columba's last Saturday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Congratulations: To the children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion over the past two Sundays. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith. We also thank all those in our schools and parishes who have helped the children and their parents during the Sacramental Programme this year.

Heaton Cemetery Mass: Our annual deanery Mass for all the deceased will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1 July. Please come along to the Mass, if you can, to pray for all those who have died. If wet, Mass will be at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Lonsdale Road

Open Door Retreat: St Antony's Spirituality Project are holding a weekly meeting every Tuesday (commencing on 15 July) for 9 weeks (2-4pm) at St Antony's Centre, Trafford Park, Manchester. This retreat is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola and invites us to evaluate our mission in life. Places are limited, so booking is essential. For more details please contact: St Antony's Centre for Church & Industry, Eleventh Street, Trafford Park, Manchester, M17 1JF. Tel: (0161 848 9173). Email: diane.williams@stantoneyscentre.org.uk or Sr Winnie: (winnicenacle@mail.com)

Unused Rosaries: Since 2009 the Catenian Rosary Group have been sending Rosaries to Africa and to Aboriginals in Australia. The work has also spread to islands in the Pacific. To date, it is estimated that 100,000 Rosaries have been dispatched but many more are needed. If you have any unused Rosaries tucked away in a drawer or cupboard and you wish to help, then please send them to: John Riley, 112 Lonsdale Road, Bolton, BL1 4PN. For further information please ring 01204 845094 or email: dor.jonriley@yahoo.co.uk. Thank you.

7th Spirit of Bolton: This will be celebrated on Saturday 5 July in Victoria Square (10.30am-3.30pm). The event is all about promoting positive partnerships which enhances community cohesion and portrays the unity in our town through activities, entertainment, community group displays and more. Come along and enjoy!

Baptism Preparation Course: The date for the next course is Saturday 12 July (10.30am-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. If you wish to attend please let one of the priests know or email office@sbsj.org.uk.

A Note of Thanks: Ursula and Maureen would like to thank all those who came to the walk/tea party on the 17 June. Your kind donations to church funds came to £140.

Passion for Bolton 2015 Official Launch

We will be having a formal launch of "Passion for Bolton 2015" on the 30 June 2014 at the Victoria Hall, Bolton (7.15pm). We would love for you to come along to see what will be happening on "the day" and how you can become involved, if you wish, in either a large or small way. There will be a power point demonstration and a presentation from the core team. There will also be a chance to ask questions over a cup of tea and a biscuit. Without you our members of the public we would of course not have a performance at all so your involvement from the beginning is very important in all that we do. Please come along. Thank you.

Rosa Mystica: There will be a Mass on Saturday 12 July at St Mary's, Standishgate, Wigan (12 noon). This will be followed by Devotions Procession & Benediction at 3pm.

Teapot Time & CAMEO: There will be a one-off joint meeting on Thursday 3 July in St Brendan's Harbour Room (1.30pm-3pm). There will be a short talk by Philippa about her Indian adventure followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Harbour Room Book Club: Many thanks to all who came and supported our last meeting. Congratulations to all raffle winners and a special thank you to all the committee members and helpers who work away preparing for the meeting. Also, a special thank you to Maureen Iddon who did such a great job of chairing. The three books voted the "best reads" of the year were *Dissolution* by C.J. Sansom, *The White Pearl* by Kate Furnivall and *Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. Many thanks to all of you who support the club. After the summer break, our next meeting will be on 24 September to discuss *Empress Orchid* by Amchee Min.

Our next summer event is the Mini-Book Sale on Sunday 6 July after Mass at St Brendan's. All proceeds to Church funds. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and a restful break. *Madeleine*

BRASS: Thank you for all donations throughout June. The collection for July will take place at St Columba's. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Think Vocation

The Lord saw qualities in both Peter & Paul which he transformed in order to establish these two great saints as the foundations of his Church. May we try to see the potential in the people we encounter each day, and encourage them to put their gifts and talents at the service of the Church.

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