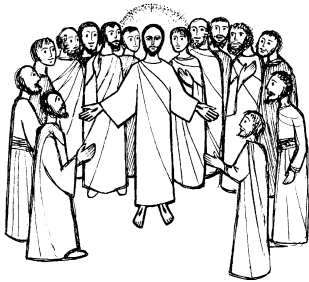


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



We continue to think about the Resurrection this week, from three different perspectives: the Gospel gives us another story of Jesus appearing to his disciples - this time the beautiful story of the meeting in Jerusalem, when Jesus proves he is alive and no ghost by eating some grilled fish: he reminds the disciples that he suffered and rose so the repentance for the forgiveness of sins could be preached to the whole world. The first reading shows us Saint Peter doing just that, as he addresses the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost: he takes them through recent events (fifty days earlier), highlighting the important point, that he and the disciples can witness to the raising of Jesus from the dead, and calling them to repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out. The second reading brings this into our lives: the resurrection is not just a

historical event, which we remember. By baptism (which we renewed at Easter) we become part of Jesus in his dying and his rising, as he becomes the sacrifice that takes our sins away. So all that Saint John tells us about the commandments and avoiding sin, is our way of living the Resurrection.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b>		<b>Prayers Please</b>
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 739; Readings page 743; Preface at priest's choice		
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 2.30pm SVP Party (SB School) <i>A Day of Prayer for New Members of the Church</i>	<b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Eunice Brierley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Maureen Kennedy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Anthony Axford, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Pat Hall, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, Rosemary Davies, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Andrew Hustwit and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	<b>Lately Dead:</b> Margaret Hajda, Lynne Cryer, Mr P Delaney, Bill Sumner, John Featherstone,
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	<b>Anniversaries:</b> Eileen Gill, Marie Lamoury, Tom Sheridan Snr, Tom Sheridan Jnr, Mark Shepherd, Dennis O'Hara, Ian Fazackerley
Wednesday	9.15am Yr4 Class Mass in School (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ)	<b>Mass Intentions:</b> Eileen & Victor Gill, Kath Gillett, Marie Lamoury, Tom Sheridan Snr, Tom Sheridan Jnr, Mark Shepherd, Dennis O'Hara, Ian Fazackerley, Margaret Hajda, For successful treatment, Joyce Knight, Lynne Cryer.
Thursday <i>St George Patron of England</i>	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	<b>Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6):</b> We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work
Saturday <i>St Mark</i>	5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Special Collection for the Diocesan Ecclesiastical Education Fund</i>	<b>Collections &amp; Donations:</b> All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.
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 <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	<b>Mass Intentions:</b> Cheques should be made payable to St John's. Please give the first name of the person for whom you want the Mass saying (not just their surname or initial). <b>Gift Aid:</b> 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.

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**Father Joseph Gee:** Next weekend will be Father Joe's last weekend with us. He will celebrate the 5pm Mass at St Columba's, the 9.15am Mass at St John's and the 11.15am Mass at St Brendan's. So these are the opportunities to say goodbye to him and wish him well as he moves on to his new appointment.

**Congratulations:** To Giovanna Vittoria Riu who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

**Birth Announcement:** The McArdle family are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Beatrice Esther McArdle. Thank you to all for your prayers and support.

**Schoenstatt Shrine:** There will be a pilgrimage to the Shrine on May Day (Sunday 3 May) starting at 1pm and finishing at 4.30pm. There will be a talk by Fr Duncan about the Mission and how it is reflected in the Mosaic, Holy Mass with pilgrimage to the Shrine and refreshments will be available before and after the event. All welcome!

**CAFOD Group:** The CAFOD Group invite you to a Ceilidh, with *Francis Roe and the Riot Act* at Walmsley Parish Hall on Friday, 29 May 2015 (7.30pm - 11.00pm). Tickets are £10.00 each, including supper and are now available.



**Reignite:** An opportunity for young adults to come together for the celebration of Mass and a time of socialising. This Sunday (19 April) 5.30pm at Salford Cathedral. Everyone welcome!

**Thanksgiving Mass:** Sr Monica is organising the annual visit to the Church of St Anne and Blessed Dominic, Sutton, St Helens, WA9 3ZD on Saturday 9 May 2015 for Mass in honour of Elizabeth Prout CP. The guest speaker will be Belfast born Sister Marie McNeice CP, one of the Leadership Team of the International Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. In 1991, in the spirit of Elizabeth Prout, she founded an organisation then known as WAVE (Widows Against Violence Empower), which emerged out of the rampant sectarian murders of Catholic men in Northern Ireland. She was the first director of WAVE and it grew from being a body that cared for Catholic widows into an organisation that embraces victims and survivors of all backgrounds. Although she is no longer actively involved in WAVE, Sister Marie still keeps in close touch with victims and survivors. If you would like to attend this event, please give your name to Sr Monica (01204 655714) as soon as possible. The coach will leave at 1pm from Wigan Road/Melbourne Road, Bolton and return at 6pm approx. The charge will be £11. See poster for further details.

**World Youth Day 2016:** This will take place in Krakow, Poland (24 July to 2 August) for young people between 16 and 35 years old. Total cost is £750 which includes travel, insurance, WYD registration fee, meals and accommodation. There are limited places available. See poster for further details or look at the "Youth" section of the diocesan website.

### The 200 Club

The April winners are:

£50 A Hayes (19)  
£30 S Copley (103)  
£20 A Winstanley (113)



**Baptism Preparation:** Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 9 May (10.30am-12noon) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan'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](mailto:office@sbsj.org.uk).

**Denuvo Dental:** The new dental practice in Harwood is owned by parishioners (Jonathan and Janet Hill). They are holding an open evening on Thursday 23 April (5-9pm). The practice is opposite Morrisons, next door to the Post Office. See [www.denuvodental.co.uk](http://www.denuvodental.co.uk) for more details.

### SVP

**SVP Party (SB):** The SVP party for parishioners will be held in the school hall at 2.30pm this Sunday (19 April).

**SVP Outing (SJ):** The Spring outing for the elderly, disabled and housebound will be held on Sunday 26 April to our Lady of the Valley, Clitheroe. There are two lists in the Patmos Room for those wishing to go on the trip and for any volunteers who would be willing to provide transport. Alternatively, please contact any member of the SVP.

**The Destitution Project (BRASS):** Have sent us the following message:

*The Destitution Project (based at Victoria Hall) would like to say a very big thank you to you all for your very generous gifts of clothing and groceries. Our guests are always grateful to you for your gifts. You may think your clothes have come to the end of their lives but our folk can always get more wear out of them. We're always in need of men's shoes! Naturally the food also finds a good home too. We are particularly grateful to Mrs Cropper who is your delivery agent and thanks again!  
Best wishes Kath Webster.*

Please note our next joint parish collection will be in June. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### Marriage Matters

[www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

**Let peace reign in our hearts:** There are times in life, as couples, when the demands of work, concerns about money and care of the children can seem overwhelming. In times like these let's acknowledge each other, take time out to clarify the issues and remind ourselves of the words of Jesus to the Apostles when they thought it was all over, "Peace be with you!"

### Think Vocation

Today we hear that St Peter the first Pope bravely preaches the Easter message that Christ is Risen. The present Holy Father is the successor to St Peter and is the leader of the universal Church. As we receive the Eucharist today let us become aware of our place in the universal Church and let us always have a "world" dimension to our understanding of what it is to be Roman Catholic

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