



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

<p>24th MAY 2015 - PENTECOST SUNDAY <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4</i> Sunday Missal: page 805; Readings page 806; Preface page 813</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.</p> </div> </div>	<p>31st MAY 2015 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY <i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 816; Readings page 819; Preface page 824</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>When the Church celebrates the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, it is an attempt to summarise the whole mystery of our God into one day. This is not just a "theological feast" but a feast which should speak to us of this simple fact of faith: the Father loves us, has revealed that love in his Son, and has called us into a relationship sustained by the Spirit. It is our joy that, as baptised members of the Church, we can somehow share in that divine life and love which is the Trinity~ becoming children of God. God has chosen us, and we are his own people, just as he chose the people of Israel long ago. The mystery of the Trinity is not meant to make this more difficult - on the contrary it is to clarify and summarise all that our faith is about: that we are children - with the Son, in the power of the Spirit - of the one Father.</p> </div> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Masses, Feasts & Activities</p> <p>Sunday Masses 9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB) 2pm Baptism (SC)</p> <p>Monday 9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>St Bede</i></p> <p>Tuesday 10.30am Funeral Service for David Jones (East Lancs Crematorium) 7pm Mass (SB); 7.30pm SVP (SB) - <i>St Philip Neri</i></p> <p>Wednesday 10am Requiem Mass for Ronald Kelly (SJ) - <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i> 1.30-3pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB)</p> <p>Thursday 9.15am Mass (SB)</p> <p>Friday 9.30am Mass (SJ); 7.30pm Parish Ceilidh</p> <p>Saturday 11am Baptism (SJ) 1pm Nuptial Mass for Thomas Lucas & Jennifer Cuming (SB) Reconciliation 5.30pm-6pm (SJ) Masses 5pm (SC); 6.30pm (SJ)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Masses, Feasts & Activities</p> <p>Sunday Masses 9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB) 2pm Baptism (SJ)</p> <p>Monday 9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>St Justin</i> 7.45pm SVP (SJ)</p> <p>Tuesday 7pm Mass (SB); 7.30pm SVP (SB)</p> <p>Wednesday 9.30am Mass (SJ); - <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i></p> <p>Thursday 9.15am Mass (SB)</p> <p>Friday 9.30am Mass (SJ) - <i>St Boniface</i></p> <p>Saturday 11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 2pm Baptism (SJ) Masses 5pm (SC); 6.30pm (SJ)</p> <p>Next Sunday: 9.15am (SJ); 10.15am (SC); 11.15am (SB) <i>The Body & Blood of Christ</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocation</p> <p>Today is the Birthday of the Church. We cannot help but wonder in awe at the work of the Holy Spirit who has allowed the Church to survive, flourish and grow for 2000 years. May we continue to trust that the Lord will provide vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life for the Church in the years to come.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Think Vocation</p> <p>"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.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)</p> <p>Differences add richness: Paul saw the Church as being a corporate body: various people, each with unique identities, talents, different skills and abilities, all contributing to bringing the Good News to others. Our differences became evident early in our marriage; these differences can be problematic or add richness to our relationship. The outcome depends on whether our choices are selfish or 'us' focused.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)</p> <p>Living God's plan for marriage: Sometimes we can get drawn into the world's plan for marriages - doing things and behaving as others think we should; in other words - conforming. But we are a unique couple, a sacramental couple, there isn't anyone like us. So today, let's break the mould so that who we are, a special couple, shines out for all to see.</p>

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Prayers Please

Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, 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.

Lately Dead: Packie McSharry, Reg Worthington, Clare Attwood, Eunice Brierley, Marie Donnelly, Ron Kelly, Alfred Siddle

Anniversaries: Bill Smith, Frank Kirkham, John Fitzgerald, Bill Owen, Cyril Hall

Mass Intentions: Packie McSherry, Reg Worthington, Bill Smith, Clare Attwood, Eunice Brierley, Mary & Philip Marshall (Birthday Remembrance), Holy Souls, Marie Donnelly, Ron Kelly, Frank Kirkman, For successful treatment, Nell Schechter (90th Birthday), Joyce Knight, Alfred Siddle, John Fitzgerald (21st anniversary), Eleanor & Bill Owen, Cyril Hall

Congratulations: To Hannah Louise Minshall who was baptised at St John's last Saturday. And to Thomas Gerard Crawford who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith

Fairtrade Stall: Fairtrade goods will be available after the Masses at St Columba's this weekend. Do support the stall and help to make a difference to overseas producers. *Thankyou!*

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting of Book Club will be on Wednesday 27 May at 1.30pm-3pm. The book for discussion is *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. All welcome.

Thank you to all who supported the recent trip to Hoghton Tower. Despite the cold and wet of the day, members were cheerful and told me how much they enjoyed the whole experience. It was a great day out and fun for all. Thank you! *Madeleine*

Northern Catholic Conference: This will be held on 12-14 June at Liverpool Hope University. There will be numerous guest speakers and Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate Mass on Saturday 13 June. For more information, contact Denise on 07543 800 812 (www.northerncatholicuk).

Parish Healing Mission: At St James', Montserrat on Thursday 28 May to Sunday 31 May (also at Sunday Mass at St Joseph's' on 31 May). Please see the poster on the notice boards. (Please note. The side door notice boards will be used at St John's). All are welcome.

CAFOD Group: The Ceilidh with *Francis Roe and the Riot Act* is fast approaching! Have you got your ticket yet? Come and join us for what promises to be a fun filled social evening and help us raise funds for Myanmar. Our target is £1300 which will cover the cost of a barrier to save a community's farmland from flooding during a storm. Tickets are £10.00 and are available after Mass at all our churches.



St John's 200 Club

The February winners are:

£50 J Farisy (197)
£30 M Speed (09)
£20 P Barnes (119)



Readers: We are appealing for more readers at both the Saturday 6.30pm Mass (SJ) and Sunday 11.15 Mass (SB). If anyone would be interested in volunteering, please contact either Alison Howarth or the Parish Office.

CAMEO Group: Are holding a *Fun Auction* to support the SVP on Wednesday 17 June (2-4pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. Please bring along one item for the auction. Refreshments will be available.

Garden Party: We, at the Caritas Diocese of Salford charity shop in Bolton, will be holding a fund raising event in the garden of one of our volunteers on Sunday 2 August 2015 (2-4pm). There will be a bottle and chocolate tombola, cake stand and a designer clothes rail. We hope you can come along and support us. The full address of the venue is: 37 Glenmore Avenue, Farnworth. BL4 0JB.

SVP

Annual Mass for the Sick, Housebound and Disabled: This will be celebrated on Saturday 4 July (11am) at St Brendan's. Everybody is welcome and refreshments will be available after the Mass. If you require transport to attend this Mass, please contact any member of the SVP.

Annual Family Sponsored Walk: This year, the sponsored walk will take place on Sunday 14 June (11am-4pm). The route is around the reservoirs of Turton and Bromley Cross and there are different routes from 3 miles up to 10 miles (maps will be provided). The event starts and finishes at St John's Primary School and refreshments will be available. If you would like to take part to raise money for local families and people in need then please take a sponsor form and come and join in. It is a great chance for families to help families!

The Destitution Project: Our next joint parish collection will be in June. All help, goods, food and clothes are much appreciated. Thank you.

Exam Prayers: At this time of year we pray for all our young parishioners who are taking exams. We ask that they may be given guidance and support at this important time in their lives.

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

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