


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

28TH JUNE 2015 – SAINT PETER AND 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		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 903; Readings: page 904; Preface: page 907		<p>Sick: 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, Linda Southern, Mary Joan Tornai, Rosemary Davies, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Sheila Darbishire and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Sheila Holland, Richard Brotherton</p> <p>Anniversaries: Maureen (Pat) Kelly, Thomas Baker, Mary Kelly</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Maureen (Pat) Kelly, Thomas Baker, Richard Brotherton, Mary Kelly (10th Anniversary), In thanksgiving for Fr Haugh's Golden Jubilee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>This Newsletter is sponsored by</p> <p>HOWARTH'S FUNERAL SERVICE</p> <p>Peel House 638 Blackburn Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton. BL1 7AL 01204 309609</p> <div style="float: right; text-align: center;">  <small>www.lhfs.co.uk</small> </div> </div>
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 First Communion Mass (SJ) <i>Special Collection for Peter's Pence</i>	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.15am Yr 5 Class Mass in School (SC) 7pm Deanery Mass for Deceased (Heaton Cemetery) If raining, the Mass will be celebrated at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Lonsdale Road, BL1 4PN.	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
<i>St Thomas</i>		
Saturday	11am SVP Mass for the Sick and Housebound (SB) 2pm-4pm Eucharistic Minister/Readers Reflection (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Forward in Faith Mass (SJ) No Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) - with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SC)	
<p>Collections & Donations: <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John's</i></p> <p>Gift Aid: <i>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></p>		

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Congratulations: To Isla Elizabeth & Freya Jane Howard who were baptized at St Brendan's last Saturday. And to Jack William & Oliver Craig Howcroft who were baptized at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their family may continue to grow in faith.

Preparing the Way Consultation 2015: As promised, in the recent Pastoral Letter from Bishop John, the diocesan consultation is now ready and will remain open for several weeks at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Salford2015> where responses can be entered directly onto the electronic form. This is the best way to complete the questionnaire, since the system will also do the analysis of responses. For those who do not have access to a computer, paper copies of the questionnaire can be obtained from any of the priests or from the parish office. As well as your individual responses, we have been asked to provide a collective response from the parish and so we will have a parish meeting for this purpose sometime in the next few weeks [Details to follow]. Please submit all responses by the deadline of Friday 7 August 2015.

2015 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Fifteen of our parishioners, together with Fr Parkinson (the group's spiritual leader) will be leaving on 31 July, to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Canon Cooke will also attend in his role as Diocesan Vicar General. In previous years parishioners have asked that we present their petitions to Our Lady. If you have any petitions you wish us to take please hand them, preferably enveloped, to one of our priests. It is not necessary to include money with your petition.

This year David Cummings will be coming with us. Those of you who know him will be aware that David is a regular attendee and 'lead' singer at the St Brendan's Sunday Mass (he loves to sing). Sadly, as he is quite severely handicapped, he will be attending as a true pilgrim under the supervision of a dedicated medical team. The cost for David to come has been substantial, but a very kind (anonymous) donation plus some financial help from a parish fund set up for this purpose, has considerably eased the cost to the family. David's mother, Mary, was extremely touched by this gesture and would like me to convey her appreciation to all parishioners for their generosity. She will remember all in her prayers. We are also delighted to have two young helpers with us this year. Johnny McGowan and Tom Hill, both from St John's will assist the infirm and wheelchair bound as required. *Terry Smith*

Harbour Room Book Club: Many thanks to all who supported our last meeting and special congratulations to all our raffle winners! Thank you especially to all those members who donated prizes, hosted the meeting, saw to the refreshments, tidied up and generally helped with their contributions. The Club is distinguished by the generosity of its members and I would like to say a big "thank you" to everyone. The three most popular novels of this year were voted as follows; 1. *When will there be Good News?* by Kate Atkinson. 2. *Winter in Madrid* by C.J. Sansom and 3. *The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 30 September (1pm-3pm). Have a lovely summer break and happy reading! *Madeleine*

The Destitution Project: Thank you for all your support during June. The next general collection will be in September.

Afternoon of Reflection for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: Fr Parkinson will run this session, for all three of our churches, on Saturday 4 July (2pm-4pm) in the Harbour Room (SB). This is an invitation for current or new volunteers of both Ministries to come along for any updates and reflection. Please let one of the priests know if you will be attending or contact the Parish Office.

CAMEO Group: The recent auction raised £191 for the SVP. Thank you for your very generous support and thank you to Kathleen Denton for making it such a fun filled and productive afternoon.

Christie Friend's Summer Fayre: Saturday 11 July 2015 at the Ukrainian Club (Castle Street, Bolton). The Phoenix Knights of Harmony will be supporting us and there will be a variety of stalls. Join Christie Bear from 12noon-4pm. Any support from local businesses would be appreciated. All monies raised go to supporting patients and their families. *Kath Brown*

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 11 July (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.

SVP Sponsored Walk: Thank you to all who took part in the Sponsored Walk. Everyone had a great time! As well as many others, Julie, Sheila and Cath (from St Brendan's) plus two dogs, completed the whole 10 miles.

Proclaim'15: The second resource sheet is attached to the newsletter this weekend, to help us explore some of the themes that will be raised through the Proclaim'15 initiative. As well as the resource sheet, you will see below the Proclaim'15 Prayer that we could use during our time of reflection before Mass.

Loving Father, You so loved the world that you sent us your only Son, that we might believe in him and have eternal life. May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to "go out to the whole world and proclaim" our faith with confidence. Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel by our words and actions. Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that you may be known and loved by all people. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Strong in faith and love: We hear of wars, disputes and arguments throughout the world. Today we are reminded that in spite of all that is happening, the Lord stands beside us to protect, encourage and guide. Can we in our marriages mirror the Lord in all His faithful actions, so that we too become a 'sign' of His love for the entire world?

Think Vocation: The Lord saw qualities in both Peter and 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.