

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

24TH APRIL 2016 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



We are now closer to Ascension and Pentecost than Easter, but we are still in the Easter Season. The readings this Sunday begin to move us along too, as once more we hear the Lord at the Last Supper preparing his disciples for his departure: he does this by giving them a rule to live by, a new commandment. This Commandment, “love one another”, is to be the guiding light of the community of believers after Pentecost (check the first reading for the Second Sunday of Easter) – it is the risen Lord’s parting gift to his Church.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i>		Prayers Please
Sunday Missal: page 762; Readings 768; Preface (at priest’s choice) <i>For Prayers in Latin: Number 670 in Hymn Book</i>		<p>Sick: 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, Rita Brooks, Callum Fazackerley, Lucy Hesford, Elaine Jansen, Bernard Corri, Winifred Coyle, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, Derek Crompton, Florence Toole, Roy Shepherd, Margaret Hatchman, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, Barbara Stoppard, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Jim Carney, John James McLaughlin, Carrie Roscoe, Christine Hasleden and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: John (Jack) McArdle, Bernard Ramsden Vincent Mullarkey, Bert Winstanley, Veronica Evans, Patricia Brandwood, Sheila Riley</p> <p>Anniversaries: Jack Jordan</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Monica Shuker, St Anthony, Francis Finn (90th Birthday Celebration), Jack Jordan (Birthday Remembrance), In thanksgiving for favours received, John (Jack) McArdle</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6)</p> <p>We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work.</p>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) - with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	
Monday (25 th) <i>St Mark</i>	No Mass today 7.45pm SVP (SJ) <i>Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Emeritus Terence Brain</i>	
Tuesday (26 th)	No Mass today 6.30pm Sacramental Programme Meeting (SC School) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (27 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ) 1.15pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB) 6.15pm Sacramental Programme Meeting (SJ School)	
Thursday (28 th)	9.15am Mass (SB) 6pm Sacramental Programme Meeting (SB School)	
Friday (29 th) <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday (30 th)	11am Baptism (SC) 5pm Mass (SC)	
Next Sunday (1 st May)	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children’s Liturgy Baptism 2pm (SB)	
<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 James and Alice Gerrard who were baptised at St Brendan's last Saturday and to Sydney Jae Purdie who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Tanzania Project: Two of our young parishioners who are going to Tanzania with Thornleigh in the summer will speak to us at the Masses this weekend. We will have a special collection to support this project.

Harbour Room Book Club: Will meet on Wednesday 27 April at 1.15pm to discuss *The Girl You Left Behind* by Jojo Moyes. There are some spare places for the trip to Salmesbury Hall on May 18th if anyone is interested. Please ring 303505 to book a place. All welcome.

CAMEO: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 May (2-4pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. We will have *A Very Clever Dog Story* featuring Eileen & Sian. Refreshments are available and as always, everyone is welcome!

Cleaning St John's Church: Would you consider giving up an hour a fortnight to help clean the church & Patmos Room, yes? Come along and join us at **10am on Fridays**. You don't need to have been involved in church cleaning before or commit to every fortnight. Just come and join the team when you can. The next date will be Friday 6 May.

Verdi's Requiem: On Saturday 14 May the Bolton Symphony Orchestra and the Bolton Catholic Choral Society are staging a performance of Verdi's *Requiem*, conducted by Carolyn Baxendale, at the Victoria Hall, Bolton, 7.30pm. Your support for events like this help to keep the local musical traditions in Bolton very strong and helps us to keep musical opportunities alive in our town. Tickets (Adults £10, under 19s free) from www.boltonsymphony.org.uk or www.boltonmethodistmission.co.uk

Northern Catholic Conference: Friday 17th, to Sunday 19th June at Liverpool Hope University. All bookings to Northern Catholic Conference, "Regina Coeli", 6 Warner Drive, Liverpool, L4 8US and any enquiries to 07543 800812.

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Patmos Room Update

We were hoping that the Patmos Room would have been ready to open this weekend. We have had another setback with regard to the unevenness of the floor and the quality of some of the finishes. The contractors have been working hard to rectify these problems and we now hope that we can open next weekend or, most definitely, the weekend after. This week should see the installation of the new internal doors (giving us access from Church to the Patmos Room) and the arrival of new furniture. We must apologise for all the delays and any frustration caused but we were not prepared to take possession of the new room until these problems had been resolved. Thank you again for all your patience and positive comments so far regarding the extension. *Fr Cooke*

Marriage Matters (www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)

Today is all we have: We as a couple are unique - a one off! No other couple is quite like us. We can share the load, lighten the burden, and double the joys! Jesus said 'Love one another as I have loved you'. Just as I care for myself, I must care for you too in the same way. Let us celebrate our coupleness.

Think Vocation

"I give you a new commandment: love one another." Living in a family or as a Religious in community is not always easy. There is sometimes conflict and misunderstanding but these have to be lived out in Christian love. However there are many opportunities to grow in our appreciation and understanding of God. Through such experiences, we can become stronger in faith, as well as able to learn about ourselves and other people.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	V Cryer	P & F McDowell
9.15 (SJ)	A Grundy	F Smith T Armstrong, D Ramsden, A Cunliffe, A Rawlinson, M Cropper
11.15(SB)	K Denton	C Owen, P Brennan, M Durkan

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