

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

1ST MAY 2016 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



As Eastertide unfolds, we feel the power and influence of the Spirit growing. This is the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and the Spirit who brings the Church to birth at Pentecost. As we journey towards Pentecost - the climax of the Easter Season - we should be considering the presence of the Spirit in the Church today: the reconciler of disputes, the solver of problems, true inspiration for the family of God on our journey to the New Jerusalem! From this side, Pentecost is about promise: the Lord at the Last Supper promises that He and the Father will be "at home" with all who keep his words - and it is the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who will remind us of these and all his words. We believe that all Scripture is "inspired" - the word of the Spirit - so as we listen or proclaim this Sunday let us look for the fulfillment of the promise made by the Lord.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: page 772; Readings 778; 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: Sheila Riley</p> <p>Anniversaries: Gerard Murphy</p> <p>Mass Intentions: St Anthony for a special intention, A special birthday intention, A special intention for a speedy recovery, Bert Winstanley, Patricia Brandwood, With most grateful thanks to our Blessed Lady, St Jude & the English Martyrs for favours received, David Gracie (Birthday Remembrance), Guy Ryan (sick young child), Gerard Murphy, In memory of Gladys Hall, In memory of Mary Rawlinson, A special intention</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) <i>Special Collection for the Ukraine</i>	
Monday (2 nd) <i>St Athanasius</i>	9.30am Mass (SB) <i>Early May Bank Holiday</i>	
Tuesday (3 rd) <i>St Philip & St James</i>	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (4 th) <i>The English Martyrs</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday (5 th)	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday (6 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10am Church cleaning (SJ)	
Saturday (7 th)	11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SB) 5pm Mass (SC) <i>A Special Collection for World</i>	
Next Sunday (8 th) <i>The Ascension of The Lord</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy <i>Communications</i> 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy Baptism 2pm (SC) <i>World Communications Day</i>	
<p>Collections & Donations: All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba's or St John's as appropriate.</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Cheques should be made payable to St John's</p> <p>Gift Aid: 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</p>		

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Special collection for the Ukraine: As you will be aware from the announcement at Mass last weekend, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has launched a humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine in the form of a special collection to be taken in all of the Catholic Churches in Europe. This was to have taken place on Sunday 24 April 2016 but we had already arranged the Tanzania appeal for that weekend. The Holy Father has expressed his faith in the Churches of Europe to unite generously to this, his initiative, in response to the humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine.

Headteacher (SJ School): The governors of St John's School are pleased to announce that, following the recent selection process, Mrs Lesley Jackson has been appointed as the new headteacher. Mrs Jackson is the current deputy headteacher and has been the acting headteacher since January 2016. She takes up her new position with immediate effect. We congratulate her on this appointment and look forward to working with her in the school, the parish and the wider community. In due course we will appoint a new deputy headteacher.

 **Congratulations:** To Megan Suggett-Lowe who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all members who attended Book Club. It was lively and informative as usual! The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25 May to discuss *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. Same time (1.15-3pm). 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. Tickets cost £10 for adults (under 19s free) available from www.boltonsymphony.org.uk 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.

Turton Tower Fair & Fun Dog Show: Is on Monday 2 May 2016 (from 11am until 4.30pm). A fun day out for all the family with lots of attractions for the children including a Punch & Judy show, brass band, bouncy castle, music, beer tent, hot food, a great variety of stalls and much, much more. The Dog Show commences at 12.30pm (registration on the day). A free shuttle bus will run from The Barlow (Edgworth) and Turton High School, opposite Bromley Cross Station.

Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Love is the fundamental requirement: Eastertide is a time for us as couples to celebrate the reality of our love as being a reflection of the presence of God, who IS Love. It is a time for us to recognise more readily the risen Lord is alive in us, with us, and present in the many and various ways we try to share our love.

Think Vocation


We are reminded of the Council of Jerusalem in the First Reading today. The last ecumenical Council to take place was the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. Perhaps this week we could take an opportunity to familiarise ourselves with some of the documents that were produced by this Council. May we rejoice that the Holy Spirit is alive in the Church today, guiding us and leading us.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend		
Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	L Seals	F Ginty & T Owen
9.15 (SJ)	A Gracie	M Russell, A Rawlinson, A Cunliffe, M Speed, J Carroll, F Smith
11.15(SB)	F Doloroso	P Brennan, M Durkan, C Owen

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