

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

8TH MAY 2016 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD



When the bishops of England and Wales decided to move the celebration of Ascension to this Sunday, rather than the traditional fortieth day (Ascension Thursday), it was to open up this celebration to a greater number of people as part of the journey of the Easter Season. Ascension is not just a feast that "happens to fall in Eastertide": it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." Jesus does not open the way to us just by rising from the dead: to complete the mystery presumes the Lord's return to the Father. Ascension is therefore a feast of hope: our hope that the Lord will return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits at the Father's right hand.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: page 784; Readings 785; Preface (at priest's choice) For Prayers in Latin: Number 670 in Hymn Book		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SC) <i>A Special Collection for World Communications</i>	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, 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, Eileen Dearden and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness. Lately Dead: Florence Toole Anniversaries: Joseph Gilmartin, Alan Healey Mass Intentions: Bernard Cummings, Michael Ryan, Joseph Gilmartin, Florence Toole, Alan Healey, A special intention for a deceased person Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6) We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work.
Monday (9 th)	9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (10 th)	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (11 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ) 2pm-4pm CAMEO Group (<i>Harbour Room, St Brendan's</i>)	
Thursday (12 th)	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday (13 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday (14 th) <i>St Matthias</i>	11am Baptism (SC) 5pm Mass (SC) 7.30pm Verdi's Requiem (<i>Victoria Hall, Bolton</i>)	
Next Sunday (15 th) <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children's Liturgy	
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. Mass Intentions: Cheques should be made payable to St John's 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		

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World Communications Day: There will be a second collection at Masses this weekend which provides the funding for the Catholic Communications Network (CCN). The CCN provides support for the bishops of England and Wales and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Please help the CCN by your prayers and generosity. It is also possible to donate online at: www.catholicnews.org.uk/donations.

The Patmos Room is Open!

At long last we are pleased to announce that the Patmos Room is now open. We have all waited a long time and we hope that you enjoy using it. Please stay behind for coffee and a chat after Mass (if you can).



Congratulations: To Gracie Ruth Porteous who was baptised at St Columba's last Saturday. And to Martha Sue Collier who was Baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Children's Liturgy (St John's): Will soon be moving back into the new Patmos room and we'd be glad to welcome primary age children and pre-schoolers who can attend unaccompanied, as this is the age range our liturgy session is tailored for. We would also like to take this opportunity to ask for some adult helpers. We currently have four volunteers who lead the liturgy and ideally would welcome four more to assist on a rotational basis. Please see any of the liturgy leaders if you're interested. *Thanks*

March for Life UK (Birmingham 14 May): The UK's biggest annual Pro-Life Rally. A coach will be going from St Kentigern's Church, Fallowfield at 8am and St Margaret's Church, Altrincham at 8.30am. Contact Richard 07710 348860 or email richandju@gmail.com if you would like to go.

St John's SVP Afternoon Tea: Rather than visit another parish in the diocese, this spring the SVP will hold afternoon tea for the housebound in our newly refurbished Patmos Room on Sunday 3 July. Please let anyone in the SVP know if you would like to come.

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!

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

Harbour Room Book Club: 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.

St John's 200 Club

The April winners are:

- £50 M Brooks (21)
- £30 A Scott (5)
- £20 M Mariner (59)



Think Vocation

"May he enlighten the eyes of your mind, so that you can see what hope his call holds for you." Whatever Christ calls us to do with our lives, it is for one purpose: to lead us to our eternal home. Let us pray that those whom the Lord calls to serve the Church as priests or Religious will be enlightened to see clearly where the Lord is leading them. All of us have a responsibility to encourage and pray for vocations within the Church.

Marriage Matters

Open to receive: *'That the love with which you loved me may be in them and so that I may be in them'* – the prayer of Jesus before returning to the Father. God made us to be channels of His love – wife to husband, vice versa, parents to children. Our openness to His love enables it to flow out through us to others.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	T Lees	M Hilton & J Cranshaw
9.15 (SJ)	J Carroll	E Rothwell, T Armstrong, F Smith, D Ramsden, M Cropper, A Gracie
11.15(SB)	F Evans	T Proctor, J Proctor, T Taylor

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