

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

15TH MAY 2016 – PENTECOST SUNDAY



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 fulfillment 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.

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> Sunday Missal: page 805; Readings 806; Preface 813 <i>For Prayers in Latin: Number 670 in Hymn Book</i>		Prayers Please
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy	<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, 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.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Elizabeth Kenna, Robert Grundy, Steven Bradshaw</p> <p>Anniversaries: Patrick Doyle, Ron Higson, Patrick Kelly</p> <p>Mass Intentions: A Special Intention, Graham Taylor (80th Birthday Remembrance), Patrick Doyle, Ron Higson, Gerard Lamoury (Birthday Remembrance), In thanksgiving for favours received, Patrick Kelly, Ernest Dawson (Birthday Remembrance), Robert Grundy, Steven Bradshaw, In honour of St Rita for a successful operation, Bob Bowes (Birthday Remembrance)</p>
Monday (16 th)	9.15am Whole School Mass (SC) 7.45pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday (17 th)	7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday (18 th)	10am Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Kenna (SC)	
Thursday (19 th)	9.15am Yr1 Mass in Church (SB)	
Friday (20 th)	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10am Church Cleaning (St John’s)	
Saturday (21 st)	5pm Mass (SC)	
Next Sunday (22 nd) <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) - Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – Children’s Liturgy	
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		
<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 Logan Oliver Henry Wall, Isabella Nichola Eliza Cooper & James-Sullivan Vincent Clifford who were baptised at St Columba's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Tanzania Appeal: Following your generosity in helping our young people raise money for their trip to Tanzania, they wanted to let parishioners know how grateful they were for the donation of £1,262! As well as this, money raised for the trip from the recent concert held at St Brendan's was around £540! Once again, thank you for your generous help.

SVP

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 from each of our three churches. This will be held in the Patmos Room on Sunday 3 July. Please let anyone in the SVP know if you would like to come.

Annual Family Sponsored Walk: This year, the sponsored walk will take place on Sunday 12 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 Church and refreshments will be available. If you would like to take part to raise money for local families and people in need in our parishes then please take a sponsor form from any of our three churches 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.

Fostering Fortnight – 16 to 29 May 2016 - There is a desperate need for new foster carers nationally – there is a need to recruit 7,600 fostering families in England alone. In particular, foster families are needed to provide homes for teenagers, disabled children, unaccompanied asylum seeking children and sibling groups. If you have room in your heart, and in your home, then 2016 could be the year that you start to make a positive difference to a child – a positive difference that can last a lifetime. Caritas Fostering would like to hear from anyone who has an interest in finding out more and please pass on this message to friends and family. Call us on 0161 817 2250, or email info@caritasfostering.org.uk or come and meet us at our open afternoons which take place every Friday 1.30-3.30pm at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP.

Trip to Salmesbury Hall on Wednesday 18 May. The outing to this historic house departs from St Brendan's car park at 10.15am. We have two 16-seater mini-buses. Please be prompt. We should arrive back at St Brendan's at about 3pm. Best wishes for sunshine and a lovely day!

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.

Marriage Matters

The Holy Spirit is always there to help us: On our wedding day we were full of life and joy and visibly reflected the presence of the Holy Spirit in us. But He has also been present at other times in our lives: difficult times such as rejection by others, financial difficulties, mental and physical illness. By asking for His strength, He has kept us strong and close.

Think Vocation

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.

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.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5.00 (SC)	F McDowell	M Hilton & J O'Connor
9.15 (SJ)	A Hayes	M Russell, F Smith, M Speed, A Cunliffe, J Carroll, M Cropper
11.15(SB)	E Rankin	T Taylor, T Proctor, J Proctor,

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