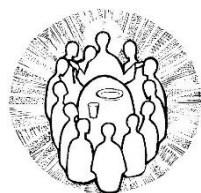


NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS

14TH MAY 2017 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



We continue to explore the meaning of baptism, of membership of the Church, of living a life which has been immersed in the life and death of Jesus Christ: in other words, we continue our ‘Mystagogy’ - our training in the mystery of Baptism and the other Sacraments. We hear more about ‘who Jesus is’, with another ‘I am’ statement: “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”. We are baptised into his way, his truth and his life. We hear about the earliest community struggling with the life they are called to by baptism, and Peter again reminds us that baptism builds us into a ‘spiritual house’ with Jesus as our cornerstone. The mystery of the Church is clearly before us today: the Church is the community of those baptised in Christ, the pilgrim people walking with Christ (who has shown us the Father) to the place he has prepared for us. Today’s reading can perhaps make us think a little about how we form part of this ‘spiritual house’, the Church, as we journey to the Father.

| Liturgy & Activities This Week | | Prayers Please |
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| <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal: page 762; Preface at priest’s choice | | |
| Sunday | 9.15am Mass (SJ) - With Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) - With Children’s Liturgy <i>Day of Special Prayer for New Members of the Church</i> | <p>Sick: Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Holder, Eileen Murphy, Joan Pearce, Peter Cranmer, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside, Sarah Parkinson, Mary Long, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Josephine Knowles, Rita Bell, Mary Cassidy, Tony Wright, Janet Rabbett, Mike Greenhalgh, June Dawson, Greta Barlow, Cassie Wilson, Christine Hasleden, Suzanne Freeman-Hill, Jude McCann Brown, Ann Cunliffe, John Pryor, Maureen Woodward, Rose Adams, Valerie Piddock, Irene Parkinson, Robert Morissey, Edwin Rankin, Father Francis McCauley, Margaret Patterson, Margaret Riley, Zachary Ainscough (aged 7), Mary Bagg, Mary Castle, Bernadette Smith, Peggy Ainscow and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Lewis Anderson, Nina Gilmartin, Jessie Carter, Mark Villa, Catherine Stewart</p> <p>Anniversaries: Alexander Anderson</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Alexander Anderson, Lewis Anderson, Gerard Lamoury (Birthday Remembrance, Graham Taylor (Birthday Remembrance), James Wheeler (Birthday Remembrance)</p> <p>Exam Prayers: At this time of year we pray especially 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.</p> |
| Monday (15 th) | 9.30am Mass (SB) 7.45pm SVP (SJ) | |
| Tuesday (16 th) | 7pm Mass (SJ) 7.15pm SVP (SB) | |
| Wednesday (17 th) | 9.30am Mass (SJ) | |
| Thursday (18 th) | 9.15am Mass (SB) – Reception Class & Yr1 1pm-3pm Colouring Social Group (Patmos Room, SJ) 7pm CAFOD Group - (Patmos Room, SJ) | |
| Friday (19 th) | 9.30am Mass (SJ) | |
| Saturday (20 th) | 10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation Course (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) | |
| Sunday (21 st) | 9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SC) | |
| <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> | | <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> |

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Congratulations: To Lucy Olivia Singleton who was Baptised at St John's last Sunday. Let us pray that she and her family continue to grow in faith.

Ecclesiastical Education Fund: Thank you for your response to the special collection last week towards the training of future priests for the diocese. The collection remains open for a short time for private donations.

SVP Sponsored Walk: The annual sponsored walk, which helps local families in need, takes place on Sunday 11 June and sponsor forms are available after Mass today. Everyone is invited to join in the walk or, alternatively, please sponsor someone who is walking. Please see the poster on the notice board for further details. *Thank you.*

Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (Youth Poll): In 2018, Pope Francis will meet Bishops and others to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering, they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and connection with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us, we have created a Mega Youth Poll which can be accessed using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> or by searching for 'Catholic Mega Youth Poll.' If you are over this age limit but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll.

Salesians of Don Bosco UK - Charity Accountant at Salesian Provincial Office, Thornleigh House, Bolton
Are you a qualified accountant with a wide range of experience and looking for an exciting role with the opportunity to progress? **Please see full details for this position on the notice boards as the closing date is Tuesday 16 May**

Baptism Preparation: Our next preparation session will take place on Saturday 20 May (10.30am-12noon) in the Patmos Room at St John'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

St John's 200 Club: There are still monies owing for the year and there are twenty numbers available. Please contact Frances Smith as soon as possible to either arrange payment, or if you would like to join. *Thank you.*

Can You Help? We are looking to put together a rota of several volunteers who would help to unlock St John's church before Mass on Tuesday evenings. If you can help, please speak to one of the priests.

Rooted: Is a group for Christian young adults in Bolton. The next *Rooted* is Thursday 18 May at 7.30pm (venue to be confirmed). For more information about our group please contact rooted@harwoodmethodist.org.uk or [Facebook.com/rootedbolton](https://www.facebook.com/rootedbolton)

Childrens Liturgy (SJ): We're very happy to say our children's liturgy group is growing in numbers and we would really welcome anyone who feels they would like to help out every few weeks. Please see one of the children's liturgy leaders (Joanne, Amanda, Jen or Louise) or Fr Cooke and Fr Parkinson if you'd like to get involved. Many Thanks

Weekly Offertory Collection: Please note that the old £5 is no longer legal tender and cannot be paid into our bank accounts. *Thank you.*

A Charity Concert in Aid of Parkinson's UK
featuring Tonge with the Haulgh Community Choir
(plus guests)

Saturday 17 June at the Bridge Church & Centre,
Bradford Street, Bolton

Tickets £8 (£4 children) available by contacting 07985
788144 or 07771 548590
or from Peter Carolan after 11.15am Mass at St Brendan's

Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh)

I am in you and you are in me: Jesus says, "To have seen me is to have seen the Father". In our married life, through the visible sign of the way we love each other, when people meet one of us we can be a sign that 'when seeing me, you see the one I love, in me and with me', thus emulating Jesus' relationship with His Father.


Think Vocation

"Do not let your hearts be troubled", said the Lord, "Trust in God still, and trust in me". As Mass is offered today, let us unite in faith the intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend
(20/21 May)

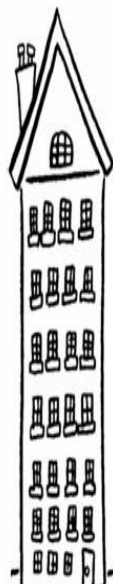
| Mass | Reader | Eucharistic Ministers |
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| 5.00 (SC) | T Lees | M Hilton, J Cranshaw |
| 9.15 (SJ) | E Rothwell | M Cropper, A Rawlinson, M Russell M Fau-Goodwin, A Grundy, M Speed |
| 11.15(SB) | C Bridge | P Brennan, M Durkan, C Owen |

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