

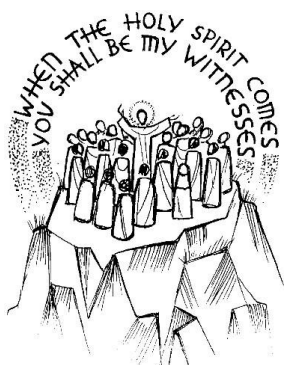
**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

28TH MAY 2017

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3

Sunday Missal: *page 784; Preface Page 45 or 46*



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." The resurrection presumes the Lord's return to the Father. This is therefore a feast of hope: our hope in the Lord's 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 on the Father's right.

Masses, Feasts & Activities

Sunday Masses 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB)
1pm Nuptial Mass for Noel Croke & Louise Reddy (SJ)
Monday (29th) 9.30am Mass (SB) **Bank Holiday**
Tuesday (30th) 10am Requiem Mass for Rita Bell (SJ)
7.15pm SVP (SB)
Wednesday (31st) 10.30am Requiem Mass for Mary Long (SB)
1.15pm-3pm Harbour Room Book Club
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday (1st) 9.15am Mass (SB) – *St Justin*
Friday (2nd) 9.30am Mass (SJ)
Saturday (3rd) 11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ)
2pm Baptism (SC) – *St Charles Lwanga & Companions*
5pm Mass (SC)

Think Vocation

In his authority as Lord of heaven and earth, Christ commands us to preach the Good News. How do I follow my vocation to act as a disciple of Christ? Do I proclaim the Gospel in words, in addition to my good example?

Marriage Matters

Filled with hope: Today's readings tell us of the end and the beginning of something new and exciting in the life of the young Church. When we married, we were filled with both excitement and trepidation for our future together. But like the disciples, the Spirit of the risen Lord has been with us since we became "Little Church" on our wedding day.

Contact Details

We are compiling a group of email contacts, to use within our churches, that we could use to send out information, generally at short notice (like the Mass held for the Manchester bomb victims). Please email the Parish Office if you would like to be added to the list: office@sbsj.org.uk. All details will be kept confidential.

4TH JUNE 2017

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 4

Sunday Missal: *page 805; Preface: page 813*



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 fulfilment 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

Masses, Feasts & Activities


Sunday Masses: 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB) – *Day of Special Prayer for the Church*
Monday (5th) 9.30am Mass (SB)
7.45pm SVP (SJ) – *St Boniface*
Tuesday (6th) 7pm Mass (SJ)
7.15pm SVP (SB)
Wednesday (7th) 9.30am Mass (SJ);
Thursday (8th) 9.15am Mass (SB)
Friday (9th) 9.30am Mass (SJ)
Saturday (10th) 11am Baptism (SC);
5pm Mass (SC)
Next Sunday (11th) 9.15am (SJ); 11.15am (SB) – *The Most Holy Trinity*

Think Vocation

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love." Today is the birthday of the Church. May we be proud of our Catholic faith that comes to us from the Apostles.

Marriage Matters

The Spirit works in all sorts of different ways: Years ago, on a Marriage Encounter weekend, we had a real experience of the Spirit working "in all sorts of different ways in different people", not in Church documents, but in real life. We were like the disciples at Pentecost, "filled with joy when they saw the Lord", and we heard our own native language, deep inside each of us.

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Prayers Please

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, Linda Southern, Callum Fazackerley, Elaine Jansen, Josephine Knowles, 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.

Lately Dead: Rita Bell, Mary Long, Dennis Shevelan, Breda Manning, Victims of the Manchester bombing

Anniversaries: Audrey Taylor, Delia Durkan, William Grimes, Cyril Vernon Hall, Theresa Durkin

Mass Intentions: Audrey Taylor, Mary Joan Quinn (Birthday Remembrance), Delia Durkan, William Grimes (50th Anniversary), Dennis Shevelan, Cyril Vernon Hall, Mary & Philip Marshall (Birthday Remembrance), Theresa Durkin, Breda Manning

Congratulations: To Archie John Wareing who was baptised at St Columba's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family continue to grow in faith.

World Communications Day: The second collection at Masses this weekend provides 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. Donations can also be made through the following website: www.catholicnews.org.uk/donations.

St John's School - 40th Anniversary Celebrations

This September is the 40th anniversary of the opening of the school in 1977. To mark this milestone, the first Mass of the new academic year (September 2017) will be dedicated to this special occasion. As well as the Mass, the school will be hosting an evening celebration "*St John's Through the Decades*" and there will of course be a celebration in school for the children (dates for the above are to be advised). All will be welcome.

In the meantime, we are asking for your help; if past staff, children, parents, grandparents, governors and friends could have a look for any photographs, newspaper cuttings, extracts of information, or any special memories you have in connection with our school, and would be willing to allow us to use them for display purposes and to create a *Memories Book*, these would be gratefully received. The items loaned to us, should include the sender's name so that they can be returned. *Many thanks.*

Thy Kingdom Come: *Thy Kingdom Come* is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. The Bishops of England and Wales are supporting this initiative with their Pentecost Novena, Prayer of the Faithful and an encouragement for Catholics to pray, as they normally do, with the particular intention for our loved ones to come to faith in Jesus Christ. To find out more and pledge to pray please visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk/pentecost-novena

After Mass Refreshments (SB) - Volunteers Needed. Thank you to those parishioners who regularly serve refreshments. Your parish now needs new volunteers to take responsibility to help ensure we continue to deliver this popular service. If you could help, please contact the Parish Office or Marie Meagher on 07720 256276 or by email marie.meagher@btinternet.com. Thank you in anticipation.

Safeguarding: An information leaflet, from the Diocese of Salford Safeguarding Team, is available to all church volunteers who currently hold a DBS Clearance Certificate. These can be collected at the back of each church. *Thank you.*

Harbour Room Book Club: The next meeting of the Harbour Room Book Club will be on Wednesday 31 May (1.15pm-3pm). The book under discussion is *Affinity* by Sarah Waters. All welcome.

Rooted: Is an ecumenical young adults group in Bolton. We meet on the first and third Thursday of the month (7.30pm) in various places. The next *Rooted* is on Thursday 1 June - if you're interested go to [Facebook.com/RootedBolton](https://www.facebook.com/RootedBolton) or email rooted@harwoodmethodist.org.uk

SVP News

Sponsored Walk: The annual sponsored walk, which helps local families in need, takes place on Sunday 11 June and sponsor forms are available at the back of our churches. 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*

Destitution Project: We will be collecting the usual items throughout June at our three churches. There has been a special request for the usual food items at this collection, details of which, can be found on the church notice boards. Thank you, as always for your generosity.

Coffee Morning at St Johns: The recent Coffee Morning (held on 5 May) raised £175 for the SVP. Thank you to everyone for your support.

A Charity Concert in Aid of Parkinson's UK

**featuring Tonge with the Haulgh Community Choir
(plus guests)**

Saturday 17 June

Bridge Church, Bradford Street, Bolton

Tickets £8 (£4 children) available by contacting
07985 788144 or 07771 548590 or

Peter Carolan/John Murphy at 11.15am Mass at St Brendan's

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 3/4 June

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	J O'Connor	F Ginty, C Molyneux, J O'Connor
9.15 (SJ)	T Njokanma	M Russell, M Speed, A Rawlinson, M Fau-Goodwin, J Carroll, M Cropper
11.15(SB)	J Proctor	T Smith, J Proctor, T Proctor

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for 10/11 June

Mass	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
5pm (SC)	N Villa	M Hilton, J Cranshaw
9.15 (SJ)	M Roe	E Rothwell, D Ramsden, A Grundy, P McArdle, M Cropper, T Armstrong
11.15(SB)	K Wilkinson	J Proctor, T Proctor, T Smith