

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

**19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013 – 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 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.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 3</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 805; Readings 806; Preface 813		<b>Prayers Please</b>	
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 12.15-2pm Pentecost Picnic (Church at Centre, Tonge Moor) 3pm Churches in Harwood Walk of Witness [See overleaf] 3pm Civic Sunday Service for New Mayor (Parish Church) 6.15pm Passion for Pentecost (Victoria Hall, Bolton) <i>A Day of Special Prayer for the Church</i>	<p><b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard &amp; Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O’Grady, Pauline Bowling, Margaret Walsh, Emma Turner, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Emma Jimenez (baby), Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Denise Carolan, Julie Smith, Ernie Little, Mary Coyne, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Joshua Almond and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Harold Whalley, Joseph Gilmartin, Ted Hanley, Bridget Barrett, Terance Concannon, Alan Healey, Peter Lynch, Bernard Cummings</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Andy Murphy, Patrick &amp; Mary Doyle, Jack Shechter, Francis Riley</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Dorrit Stevens (sick), Dorothy Whyte, In honour of St Jude, St Anthony &amp; The Sacred Heart, Harold Whalley, Patrick &amp; Mary Doyle, Andy Murphy, Jack Shechter, For a Private Intention, Francis Riley, Joseph Gilmartin, Gerard Lamoury (Birthday Remembrance), Ted Hanley, Ernest Dawson (Birthday Remembrance), Bernard Cummings, Gerard Dobson (Birthday Remembrance)</p>	
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8.00pm SVP (SJ)		
Tuesday	10am Mass (SJ) 7.30pm SVP (SB)		
Wednesday	9.15am School Mass in Church (SC) 9.30am School Mass in Church (SJ) (7.30pm) Deanery Mission Evening [See overleaf]		
Thursday	9.15am School Mass in Church (SB) 3.30-5.30pm Summer Fair (SB School)		
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)		
Saturday <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)		
Next Sunday <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB & SJ)		
<b>Collections, Donations, Gift Aid</b> <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan’s, St Columba’s or St John’s as appropriate. 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>			<b>Cycle of Prayer Part 5(of 6)</b> 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

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**Congratulations:** To Mafaro & Kuzivakwashe Ngoro and Tyler David Lynch who were baptised at St Columba's last Friday. Also to Amy Louise Courcier and Ruby Isabella Waite who were baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to the children who were confirmed on Tuesday at St Columba's, Wednesday at St John's and Thursday at St Brendan's. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith. Please pray for these children as they now prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time (in June).

**St Brendan's School:** The Summer fair takes place in School on Thurs 23 May 3.30pm-5.30pm.

**SVP (SJ):** The next outing for the elderly and housebound will be to St Joseph's at Wrightington on Sunday 9 June 2013. There are lists in the Patmos Room for names of those wishing to attend and for volunteers willing to help with transport. Alternatively, please contact any member of St John's SVP.

**Bolton Cancer Voices:** Bolton Cancer Voices is a Choir for cancer patients and cancer survivors. There are no membership fees, no auditions and new members are always welcome. Members are also welcome to bring along a relative or a friend to join with them. Rehearsals take place on Mondays (7.30pm-9pm) at The Friend's Meeting House, Silverwell Street, Bolton. For more details contact Karen Elliott (01204 595562/07773164235) or email: [boltoncancervoices@yahoo.com](mailto:boltoncancervoices@yahoo.com)

**St John's 200 Club:** The May winners are:

£50 M Nayland (37)  
£30 E Brooks (145)  
£20 P McArdle (23)



There are numbers available if anyone would like to join the 200 Club. Please see Frances Smith.

**Missio:** Fr Jan Klaver (Mill Hill Missionaries) invites APF-Mill Hill members, and anyone interested, to attend the Deanery Mission Evening which will be held at St Thomas of Canterbury Parish Hall, 132 Lonsdale Road, Bolton, on Wednesday 22 May (7.30pm). There will be a talk on *Understanding Mission* followed by a short mission film focused on missionary work in Pakistan. Here is a chance to find out how your contributions are transformed into deeds and to celebrate your 'Vocation to be a Missionary'.

**HCPT:** Two of our young parishioners, Lucy and Chris Peyton, will be running the Manchester 10km on the 26 May to help raise funds for HCPT. You can offer your support through a Just Giving Page which you can access via [www.justgiving.com/lucy-peyton/](http://www.justgiving.com/lucy-peyton/) or sponsorship forms are available in each of our churches.

**Coalition for Marriage:** Labour MPs are being pressurised to vote in favour of the Same-Sex Marriage Bill when amendments are being considered during its third reading this week. If you have not already done so, please contact our local MP ([crausbyd@parliament.uk](mailto:crausbyd@parliament.uk)) and urge him to vote, in conscience, against this Bill rather than following the Party whip.

### **BRASS: Befriending Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

We are still continuing to collect the following food items at our weekend Masses at St John's this month:

Cartons of orange juice, vegetable oil, tinned fruit, chick peas, kidney beans, tinned tomatoes, coffee, jam, biscuits and sugar.

These will be taken weekly to Sr Barbara at the BRASS base in Bolton. *Thank you.*

**Pentecost Picnic:** Church at the Centre are hosting this picnic (12.15-2pm 19th May) on the adjacent Tonge Moor Community Primary School playing fields (access through the Children's Centre) or, if wet, inside the Centre. Drinks will be provided, and friends are invited to bring their own picnic lunch.

**Pentecost Walk of Witness:** This will begin with a service in Christ's Church, Harwood at 3pm followed by a walk to Harwood Methodists new (old) building for tea.

**Passion for Pentecost**  
FREE EVENT, NO TICKET REQUIRED, COME EARLY!  
Victoria Hall, Bolton, BL1 2AS  
Sunday 19th May 2013 6.15pm  
Broadcast live on 96.5 Bolton FM  
Millennium Chapel Gospel Choir BL3  
Drama Community Singing  
Come and re-light your fire as we celebrate the Holy Spirit  
passion for Bolton  
for more information please visit our website at [www.passionforbolton.org](http://www.passionforbolton.org)  
Or contact us on 01204 546158

### **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. In this Year of Faith 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.

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**Found:** A small gold ring has been found in St Brendan's church. Please see Fr Cooke.

**Vandalism:** One of the stained glass windows at St John's was damaged on Monday evening. The repair is likely to cost at least £1000. The incident was captured on CCTV and the police are pursuing a line of enquiry.