

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

**18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014 - 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.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 762; Preface at priest’s choice		<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 2pm Baptism (SB)	<p><b>Sick:</b> Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Eunice Brierley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard &amp; Rita Holder, Eileen Murphy, Kathleen Hopwood, Maureen Kennedy, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Tom Wardle, David Walton, Dr Bernard Higgins, Marie Corner, Walter Norris, Peter Cranmer and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><i>Our list of sick people has again grown very big and so it has now been reduced. If you would like a name adding to the list, please write it down for us or e-mail it in.</i></p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Clive Willis, Christopher Dixon, Louisa Bentley, Bill Jerstice, Bill Whittle, Anne Graham, Kathleen Heyes, Catherine James</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Fred Williams, Leonard Mason, Frank Kirkham, John Fitzgerald, Andrew Murphy, Theresa Durkin, Ron Higson</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Bob Bowes (91<sup>st</sup> Birthday Remembrance), Fred Williams (31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), Leonard Mason (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Thanksgiving for a successful event &amp; for those whose support made it possible, Gerard Lamoury (Birthday Remembrance) Ernest Dawson (Birthday Remembrance), A Special Intention, Clive Willis, Sr Anne Hammersey (Silver Jubilee), John Fitzgerald (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Bill Jerstice, Christopher Dixon, Frank Kirkham, Louisa Bentley, Gerard Dobson (Birthday Remembrance), Gordon Hollinshead (80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance), Theresa Durkin, Ron Higson</p> <p><b>Exam Prayers:</b> 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	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.15am Year 4 Class Mass in School (SC) 9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am School Mass in Church (SB) – Y1/Reception 11am School Mass in Church for Father McCauley (SC)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 10am Coffee Morning for the SVP (Patmos Room, SJ)	
Saturday	5pm Mass (SC) 5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass(SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am Mass(SC) – <b>Celebrated by Fr McCauley to mark his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood</b> 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	

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**Congratulations:** To Evie Grace Stokes who was baptised at St Brendan's last Saturday. Also to both Patrick John and Eliza Johnston 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 – 77 in total. 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).

**Golden Jubilee:** Fr McCauley will celebrate the 10.15am Mass next Sunday to mark his 50 years of priesthood. There will also be a special School Mass this Thursday (22 May) in St Columba's Church at 11am. All are welcome to attend these special celebrations. We congratulate Fr McCauley on celebrating his Golden Jubilee.

**Golden Jubilee:** A reminder that Fr Bernard Charnock, originally from St Columba's parish, is celebrating his Golden Jubilee with a Mass at 6pm on Friday at St Monica's Flixton. All are welcome to attend.

**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 further three weeks for private donations

**SVP Sponsored Walk:** The annual sponsored walk in aid of holiday/activities and any other forms of help for families in need, takes place on Sunday 1 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. *Thank you.*

**Would you like a walk in our lovely countryside?** If so join us at Turton Tower 1.30pm 17 June. The walk is approx 2 miles and will be followed by refreshments. If you would just like join us for refreshments please come to Chapel House, High St, Chapelton (opposite St Anne's Church) for 3pm. All welcome. Enquiries to Maureen Iddon (Tel 852371). Donations will be in aid of Church Funds

**Tony Turner's Tribute Orchestra:** The story of Frank Sinatra is coming to Bolton on Saturday 24 May at the Victoria Hall. Directed by ex-Thornleigh pupil Tony Turner, it features Richard Adams performing the songs made popular by the music legend. Tickets cost £13, with concessions of £12 and can be purchased from the information desk at the Albert Hall (01204 334400).

**CAFOD:** The local Salford office needs volunteers! Are you interested in CAFOD's work and in making a difference to the lives of our poorest brothers and sisters overseas? We are looking for people to give talks at churches in the Diocese to encourage others to become involved in CAFOD's work. Full training, materials and support available. Please contact: Ged Edwards 0161 705 0605 [salford@cafod.org.uk](mailto:salford@cafod.org.uk)

**BRASS:** The collection of food items during May will be held at St John's. Thanks for your continued support.



## *Spirit - Passion for Pentecost*

**An exciting portrayal of the disciples after Jesus, in music and drama.**

**7pm on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 June 2014 at the Victoria Hall, Bolton.**

This promises to be a really wonderful production with some fantastic solo singers, actors and a wonderful choir. Our lead male singer is Sam Cain who played the lead male singer in Carousel at the Albert Hall quite recently.

All of the proceeds of this production will go towards "Passion for Bolton 2015" which is to take place on the Town Hall Steps on the 4 April 2015. If you saw the Passion for Bolton 2011 you will remember what a fantastic event that was. We have had many requests to repeat that performance but in order to do so we have to raise the funds. Last time the production cost about £37K, so you can see why your support in buying tickets for "Spirit" Passion for Pentecost is so important.

As well as supporting our fundraising for Passion for Bolton 2015 you will also reap the benefit of seeing a wonderful performance, meet lots of people, chat and have a cup of tea or coffee.

Tickets are available from The Albert Halls, Victoria Square, Bolton, BL1 1RU. Telephone 01204 334400 or email [www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk](http://www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk).

Ticket prices: £8.50 each. Concessions: £7 for O.A.P, children and group bookings of 10 or more.

**We now have tickets available at each of our churches. Please do support this venture.**

### A Call To Action (ACTA) Study Day *Speaking and Listening in the Church: Paths to Dialogue*

Saturday 24 May (11am-3.30pm)  
Holy Name Church, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PG  
All Welcome  
Bring packed lunch – tea & coffee available

### 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.

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