

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

8TH JUNE 2014 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit



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.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4</i> Sunday Missal: page 805; Preface: page 813		
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 2.30pm Baptism (SJ) 3pm Civic Sunday Service (Bolton Parish Church)	<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Tony Winstanley, Eunice Brierley, Cecilia Guest, Bernard & 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, Anthony Axford, Anthony John Meagher, Emma Turner, Pauline Bowling, Caroline Garside and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Joan Leather, Bill Smith</p> <p>Anniversaries: Peg Adamson, John Crowley, Patrick O'Donnell, Bill Cleary</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Joan Leather, Peg & George Adamson, Special Intention, John Crowley, Patrick O'Donnell, George Cowley (Father's Day Remembrance), Agnes Shaughnessy (Sick), Bill Smith, In honour of St Anthony, St Jude & the Sacred Heart</p> <p>Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6): We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work</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> <p>Civic Sunday: Today we pray for the new Mayor of Bolton, Councillor Martin Donaghy, as he takes up his new role as Bolton's First Citizen for the year ahead.</p>
Monday <i>St Columba</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30pm Talk by Revd Chris Jamieson, (St Maxentius Church, Bradshaw). 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) – Offered for the Broughton Society 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday <i>St Barnabas</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 7-9pm CAFOD Talk (St Thomas of Canterbury, Lonsdale Road, Bolton BL1 4PN)	
Friday <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday <i>The Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	10.30am-12noon Baptism Preparation Course (SB, Harbour Room) 2pm Baptism (SJ) 2pm Theatre Trip: <i>Brassed Off</i> at Octagon 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 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 First Holy Communion Mass (SB) SJ SVP Outing – St James the Less (Rawtenstall)	

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Congratulations: To Matilda Ivy Jean Mary Elizabeth Anderson who was baptised at St Columba's last Saturday and Lucy Rose Shaw who was baptised at St John's last Saturday. Also to Declan Joshua Gledhill who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation Course: The dates for the next two courses are Saturday 14 June (10.30-12noon in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's) and Saturday 12 July (10.30-12noon, venue to be decided). These are for parents from any of our three parishes who wish to have a child baptised in the coming months. If you wish to attend either date please let one of the priests know or email office@sbsj.org.uk.

Thank You: Father McCauley (and his family) wish to thank everyone for making him welcome when he returned to the parish to celebrate his Golden Jubilee. He is also grateful for all the cards and for people's generosity. The special appeal across the parishes raised £400 for him, along with other personal gifts. He has offered Mass for everyone last weekend.

Theatre Trip: A reminder for those who booked tickets for *Brassed Off* at the Octagon. Please remember to find your tickets for Saturday 14 June for the 2pm performance. See you there! *Madeleine*

Mini Book Sale in July: Please note that a box has been made ready in the Harbour Room for all paperback donations to this sale. Alternatively, books can be brought along to the 11.15am Mass at St. Brendan's, given to members at Book Club or brought along on the day. (Details to follow for the exact day in July). All money raised will go to Church funds. Thank you. *Madeleine*

St John's SVP Spring Outing: The trip for the elderly and the housebound is next Sunday (15 June) to St James the Less, Rawtenstall. There is a list in the Patmos Room for the names of those wishing to go on the outing and for volunteers willing to help with transport. Alternatively, please contact any member of St John's SVP.

Christ Church Walmsley: The next meeting in the Anniversary Talks series is on Monday 9 June with Revd Chris Jamieson (Turton team of clergy), 7.30pm at St Maxentius Church, Bradshaw.

Not Dead Yet: As you may know, there is every likelihood that Lord Falconer will soon be making a further attempt to introduce a Bill into Parliament aimed at legalising assisted suicide. You may wish to sign an online petition which has been set up by the disability rights organisation, "Not Dead Yet", opposing Lord Falconer's proposals. Either go to the website www.notdeadyetuk.org and click on 'News' at the top, or go directly via <http://chn.ge/1myR2TE>. An article at www.Zenit.org, briefly describes the situation.

CAFOD: Two visitors from CAFOD's Connect2 scheme in Sebeya, Ethiopia will be speaking at St Thomas of Canterbury Church (Becket Suite) on Thursday 12 June (7-9pm). This is a chance to find out more about how CAFOD groups work in partnership with communities in other parts of the world. All are welcome to attend – you don't need to be a current member of a CAFOD group.



Spirit - Passion for Pentecost

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

Tickets are available from Fr Cooke, The Albert Halls on 01204 334400 or pay on the night.

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

The Nicola Lamoury Memorial Cycle Ride 2014:

Many Thanks for the kind and generous support from the parishioners of St Brendan's and associated parishes. Myself, and Nicola attended St Brendan's Church as children and young adults and both attended St Brendan's Primary School. We were married at St Brendan's in July 1991. I still therefore have many friends and know people who were good friends to my parents in the parish. I thank you for the support and encouragement in supporting the Nicola Lamoury Memorial Cycle Ride. I, with my team of fellow riders, completed the challenge from Saturday 3 May to Sunday 11 May, from Lands End to John O'Groats covering over 900 miles and a combined ascent of over 40,000 feet. The current fund-raising total, for Cancer Research UK, stands at £30,000 + £5,500 Gift Aid. I am very pleased with that. Thank you again for your very kind and generous support. Kind regards, *Mark Lamoury*.

St John's 200 Club: The June winners are:

£50	D Whyte (123)
£30	F Smith (60)
£20	T O'Rourke (41)



Fire Safety - Votive Candles: Parishioners are reminded that several 'near misses' have occurred which could have resulted in fire damage or injury, when votive candles have not been used safely. Votive candles must not be placed too close to each other and must only be placed on the metal stands provided. All candles must be extinguished when our churches are vacated, the only exception being the sanctuary lamp.

Service of Remembrance & Hope: Our friends at Christ's Church, Harwood have invited us to this annual service for remembering loved ones who have died. It will be held on Saturday 28 June at 3pm. See poster for details.

BRASS: The collection during June will be held at St Brendan's. Thanks for your continued support.

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.

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