

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

**7TH APRIL 2013
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**



This week the Gospel is chosen because it relates “what happened today” – eight days after Easter, Jesus comes again to his disciples. The story of Thomas’s doubt and faith leads us to think about our doubts and faith – but always in the context of being part of the family of the Church. Remember last week, and the baptisms you may have witnessed, or the renewal of your own baptismal promises: “this is the faith of the Church, the faith in which we are baptised.”

Liturgy & Activities This Week <i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i> Sunday Missal: page 730; Readings 735; Preface 42		Prayers Please
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 (SJ) <i>A Day of Special prayer for New Members of the Church</i>	<p>Sick: 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, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O’Grady, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Emma Turner, Margaret Wood, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Emma Jiminez (baby), Bernard Cummings, Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Denise Carolan, Julie Smith and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Jack Wakes, David Henderson, Ron Finn, Mary Gibson, Peter Scallan</p> <p>Anniversaries: Jim Smith, Thomas Rabbitt, Evelyn Rabbitt, John Wood, Gertrude Callaghan, George Green, Rose Ann Hopkinson, Eileen Gill, Dominic Owen</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Jim Smith, Joyce Knight, Thomas Rabbitt, Evelyn Rabbitt, John Wood, Gertrude Callaghan, George Green, Agnes & George Beeching and safe delivery of first grandchild, James McGrath (Birthday Remembrance), In thanksgiving, Rose Ann Hopkinson, Eileen & Victor Gill, Ron Finn, Diamond Wedding Anniversary</p>
Monday <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ) <i>[Today’s feast is transferred from 25 March which was in Holy Week]</i>	
Tuesday	7pm (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.15am School Mass in Church (SC) 9.30am-3pm Trip to Imperial War Museum <i>[see overleaf]</i>	
Thursday <i>St Stanislaus</i>	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next 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)	
Collections, Donations, Gift Aid <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>		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.

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Congratulations: To the adults received into the Catholic Church at Easter. Candice McArdle received all three sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil and Frank Vickers, already baptised, received Confirmation and Communion during the 11.15 Mass on Easter Sunday. We welcome these new members of our Church and pray for them as they continue to grow in faith.

Congratulations: To Faith Elizabeth Morris who was baptised at St Brendan's on Easter Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

Eucharistic Ministers: There will be a preparation session and commissioning of ministers on Thursday 25 April (7-9pm) in the Harbour Room at St Brendan's. This is for new and existing Eucharistic Ministers who were unable to attend the session in February. If anyone else is interested in being a Eucharistic Minister, please have a word with Fr Cooke before April 25.

SVP: Many thanks for the Maundy Thursday collection which amounted to £390.60 which has been shared between the SVP groups within the parish. In addition, St John's SVP would like to thank all who organised and supported the gaelic coffee morning after Mass on Easter Sunday and which raised £70.

Shrines of Palestine: Many thanks for the Good Friday collection which raised £297.51 to help support the Christian Community in the Holy Land.

Harbour Room Book Club: The trip to The Imperial War Museum (North) takes place next Wednesday (April 10th) and will leave from St. Brendan's at 9.30am. After a full day at both the Museum and the Lowry Retail Park, we shall return to St. Brendan's at approx 3pm. If there are any difficulties, or further bookings, please ring either Sue on 407826 or Madeleine on 303505. With thanks, *Madeleine*

St John's 200 Club: Annual subscriptions (£12) are now due. Please pay at any Mass, cheques payable to St John's. Thank you for your continued support.

Bolton Prayer Breakfast: This will be held on 19 April at Bolton Town Hall (7.30-9.15am). The Mayor & Mayoress of Bolton are hosting the event and Sir Peter Fahy, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police, will be the guest speaker. The cost is £10 per person. To request tickets, or for more information, contact Susan Edmondson (0161 7908289), susan@edmonsons.org.uk.

Golden Years Roadshow: The Bolton, Wigan & Leigh 50 plus event will take place on Friday 26 April at the Holiday Inn, Bolton Town Centre, 1 Higher Bridge Street, BL1 2EW. For further information please visit the website www.goldenyearsroadshow.co.uk or email daniel@goldenyearsroadshow.co.uk (Tel 01204 398234).

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Think Vocation

Questions and doubts abound in our world today. As committed Catholics we need to keep as up to date as we possibly can about the teachings of the Church. In this Year of Faith, there are more opportunities than usual to learn more about what we believe. May we make a big effort to support such events and activities that are being held in our local area.

Consultation on Saturday Evening Mass Times

At the last Parish Forum meeting, I raised the fact that we have a clash of Mass times on a Saturday evening. With 6pm at St Columba's and 6.30pm at St John's, this will always require two priests. Added to that, the other parish in our district of the deanery is St Osmund's and their Saturday evening Mass is also at 6.30pm. This means that we always need three priests and that we cannot cover for each other (or elsewhere in the deanery as is sometimes required). Having Masses at 6pm and 6.30pm also gives parishioners a very minimum choice.

So the proposal at the Parish Forum was that we move the 6pm Mass at St Columba's to 5pm. Having Masses at 5pm and 6.30pm would allow for one priest to cover if necessary and an earlier Mass gives parishioners more flexibility if planning an evening out. There was general agreement at the Parish Forum that this was a good proposal.

This change will need the bishop's permission and, if granted, would be introduced from a specific date within the next couple of months. Whilst awaiting a response from the bishop, I would be happy to hear any further comments or suggestions from parishioners. *Fr Cooke*

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