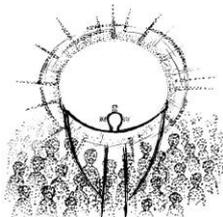


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR  
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

**25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**I shall ask the Father, and he shall give you another Advocate**



By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that ‘Spirit of truth’ which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to ‘proclaim the Christ’ and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world’s slander and accusations.

<b>Liturgy &amp; Activities This Week</b> <i>Sunday Cycle A; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2</i> <b>Sunday Missal:</b> page 772; Preface at priest’s choice		<b>Prayers Please</b>
Sunday	9.15am (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)	<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, Anthony Axford, Anthony John Meagher and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p><b>Lately Dead:</b> Bridie Winstanley, Patrick Plunkett, Daniel Adams</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Bill Owen</p> <p><b>Mass Intentions:</b> Eleanor &amp; Bill Owen, Bridie Winstanley, Cynthia Winstanley, Antony John Meagher (very sick), James Walton, Patrick Plunkett, Jack Jordan (Birthday Remembrance), Fr McCauley (for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination)</p> <p><b>Cycle of Prayer Part 4 (of 6):</b> We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work</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 <i>St Philip Neri</i> <b>Bank Holiday</b>	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>St Augustine</i>	No Mass today 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	11.15am Requiem Mass for Bridie Winstanley (SB) 1.30-3pm Harbour Room Book Club (SB) 2pm Funeral Service for Daniel Adams (SC)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	11am Baptism (SJ) 2pm Baptism (SC) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30pm-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy SVP Sponsored Walk <i>World Communications Day</i> 2pm Baptism (SB) <i>Special Collection for CCN</i>	

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**Congratulations:** To Amy Marie Clarke who was baptised at St John's last Saturday. Also to Clara Jane Stanton who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

**World Communications Day:** Next Sunday is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and on this day, Catholics are invited to reflect on the command of Jesus to his followers that we should preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. On World Communications Day we are encouraged to pray for communications professionals and there will be a second collection which provides the 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. The office is the central point for media enquiries and plays a key role in developing the public profile of the Church. Please help the CCN to promote the Good News through the media, by your prayers and generosity. It is also possible to donate online at: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/donations](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/donations).

**Harbour Room Book Club:** The next meeting of the Harbour Room Book Club will be on Wednesday 28 May (1.30pm-3pm). The book for discussion is *The Lady and the Unicorn* by Tracy Chevalier. All welcome.

Also, early notice of a Mini Book Sale in July (*strictly paperbacks only*). Books for the sale can be left in the Harbour Room for storage or brought to either Book Club or St Brendan's nearer the time. All proceeds to Church Funds, details to follow. Thanks. *Madeleine*

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

**Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage:** There will be a Pilgrimage to Fatima, Salamanca & Santiago Compostela from 6-13 October 2014. For further information please contact Sharon Beech (0161 761 0536) or email [sharon.beech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:sharon.beech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Christ Church Walmsley:** To celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, there will be a series of evening meetings in June when the topics of "Love, Live and Learn", the theme for this celebration, will be explored:

- Tuesday 3 June – Dave Bagley (Head of Urban Outreach & Winter Watch, Bolton), 7.30pm at St Anne's Church, High Street, Chapeltown.
- Monday 9 June – Revd Chris Jamieson (Turton team of clergy), 7.30pm at St Maxentius Church, Bradshaw.
- Tuesday 17 June - Revd Keith Thomas (Turton team of clergy), 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, Belmont.
- Tuesday 24 June – Revd Steve Parsons (Team Rector), to bring the whole series together, 7.30pm at Christ Church, Walmsley.

Please contact Chris Foster (01204 305056) with any queries about these events. We do hope you will be able to join us!

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

**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 to join us for refreshments please come to Chapel House, High St, Chapeltown (opposite St Anne's Church) for 3pm. All welcome. Enquiries to Maureen Iddon (Tel 852371). Donations will be in aid of Church Funds



### *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.**

#### **Think Vocation**

The Lord said, "If you love me you will keep my commandments". In the love of the Risen Christ we are all called to follow his commandments, expressed through the Church.

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