



Ascension is not just a feast that happens to fall in Eastertide: it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." This is therefore a feast of hope: our hope in the Lord's return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits on the Father's right.

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Liturgy & Activities This Week

*Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 3
Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)*

Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 12.30-2.30 PTA Summer Fair (St Brendan's School) 3pm Civic Sunday Service (Bolton Parish Church)	World Communications Day Special Collection
Monday	10am Requiem Mass for Pat Williams (SJ) 6.30pm Deanery Service for Congress Bell (SJ) [see overleaf] 8pm SVP (SJ) 8pm Churches in Harwood Meeting (CC Vicarage)	
Tuesday	2pm Requiem Mass for Andy Murphy (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 12.30pm Wedding Service for Steven Janicki and Emily Robinson (SB)	
Friday	9.30am School Mass in Church (SJ) <i>Flower Festival at Tottington Road</i>	
St Bede the Venerable		
Saturday	<i>Flower Festival at Tottington Road</i> 12noon-2.30pm Bolton Interfaith Open Forum [see overleaf] 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
St Philip Neri		
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 3pm Churches in Harwood Walk of Witness [see overleaf]	<i>Flower Festival at Tottington Road</i>
Pentecost Sunday		

Prayers Please

Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Bill Kay, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Judith Oldham, Kathleen Humphreys, Betty Boyle, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, Bill Sharples, George Cowley, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Karen West, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Alf Isherwood, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael (six year old), Baby Rose, Calum Russell (baby), Margaret Edge, Frank Brazel, Graham Roberts, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Tommy Lenihan, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Jane Dent, Emma Turner (12yrs old), Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Patrick O'Donnell (new-born baby), Joan Rankin, Bernard Cummings, Guy (3yrs old), Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Trevor Gee, Catherine Crowley, Gerard Dobson and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

Latently Dead: Pat Williams, Andy Murphy, Austin Rothwell, Peter Worden, Michael Halpine, Nan McInnes, Aiden McCafferty, Lola Anne Cosgrave (2 weeks old)

Anniversary: Frank Kirkham, William Robert Leigh

Mass Intentions: Holy Souls, Frank Kirkham, John Barrett, Peter Worden, Gerard Lamoury (Birthday Remembrance), William Robert Leigh, Austin Rothwell, Lewis Brown (70th Birthday Remembrance), In thanksgiving for help received, Special intention, Michael Halpine, Gerard Dobson, Nan McInnes, Andy Murphy, Lola Anne Cosgrave

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

Collections, Donations, Gift Aid

All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan'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.

"New" Parish Priest!

This week I received my official letter of appointment as parish priest of St Brendan's, in addition to already being parish priest of St John's. Given that I have already been undertaking this role for over four years, I have been dispensed from having to take formal possession of the parish (i.e. an induction) but I am required by Canon Law to notify you of this. I trust that this formal appointment will put an end to any remaining expectation of our parishes having separate parish priests and any continued rivalry between our two communities. I will continue to serve you all, as always, as best I can. *Fr Cooke*

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World Communications Day

This Sunday is World Communications Day, when Catholics are asked to reflect on the necessity of fulfilling the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world.

We are asked to pray for those who work in the media, with its insatiable demands for news on every aspect of the life of the Church and its people.

The Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication. Our special collection today supports that work.

St Brendan's School: The PTA Summer Fair takes place in school on Sunday 20th May 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

Congratulations: To Ethan Damion Brooks and Sienna Ruby Holroyd 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 Wednesday at St John's and Thursday at St Brendan's. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Ecclesiastical Education Fund: Thank you for a further donation of £20 to this fund for training our future priests. The collection remains open for a further week.

CAFOD: A further £352.74 has been sent, bringing our total during the 3-month UK Aid scheme to £4235.28

Christianity in Bolton: If you have not yet visited this exhibition (Bolton Museum) there are just a few days left.

Northern Catholic Conference: in Liverpool on the weekend of 8-10 June. More information next week.

Consultation on Marriage: The consultation runs until 14 June. It is important that as many people as possible respond to say they disagree with the proposal. So please, use this link www.c4m.org.uk/consultation and share it with others. Together we can save the true meaning of marriage.

CAFOD Cook Book: A recipe book entitled *50 Fairtrade Favourites*, produced by CAFOD Salford, is available at either of our churches for £6.

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Think Vocations

“Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation” We all have a responsibility to proclaim the Gospel ~ we are called to be witnesses to the importance of the Lord in our lives. Responding openly to the Lord's will enables us to journey towards our eternal home in Heaven.

Eucharistic Congress Bell

The Eucharistic Congress Bell is visiting each deanery of our diocese on its way to Dublin. Our deanery service will take place at St John's at 6.30pm on Monday 21st May and will consist of: Introductory Rite, Liturgy of the Word, Reflection on the Icons, Venerating the Word, General Intercessions, Concluding Rite

It should last about 45mins. Please come along if you can. For details of services in the other deaneries, please see the diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Churches in Harwood Walk of Witness

Following last year's successful walk, we will again mark the Feast of Pentecost in this way. We will start with an all-age service at 3pm in St Brendan's Church, then walk to Harwood Meadows School for food (5pm), ending with Compline in Christ's Church at 6pm. All welcome!

[Food items should be taken to the school between 12 & 2]

Bolton Interfaith Council

Open Forum Discussion

Could sport lead the way in promoting diversity in our communities?

Friends' Meeting House, Silverwell Street, Bolton

Saturday 26 May – 12noon (snacks) to 2.30pm

All welcome

We congratulate Chan Parmar, Strategic Officer for Bolton Interfaith Council, on being the first recipient of the Lion of Vienna award (in memory of Nat Lofthouse) for his significant contribution to the Bolton community.

Diamond Jubilee Concert

Bolton Catholic Musical & Choral Society, Bolton Choral Union and Bolton Symphony Orchestra

Victoria Hall, Bolton – Saturday 26 May at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 (under 19s free)

Albert Halls (334400), BCMCS (856977), BCU (492301)

Lourdes 2012

Tuesday 31 July to Monday 6 August

We have a group travelling from St Brendan's and St John's, staying at the Hotel Irelande (close to the Domaine). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Terry Smith on 01204 531197



Fostering Open Day

Monday 21 May 10am-7pm

Talks at 11am, 2pm, 4:30pm and 6:30pm

Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford M3 6DP

Jobs: In addition to the vacancies advertised last week, Caritas are also seeking a Fostering Team Manager and social workers for the Schools Social Work Service and the Keeping Families Together project. Further details are on the church noticeboards. For application packs please email recruitment@caritassalford.org.uk or phone Rachel Birks on 0161 817 2250.