

NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS 3RD JUNE 2012 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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When the Church celebrates the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, it is an attempt to summarise the whole mystery of our God into one day. This is not just a "theological feast" but a feast which should speak to us of this simple fact of faith: the Father loves us, has revealed that love in his Son, and has called us into a relationship sustained by the Spirit. It is our joy that, as baptised members of the Church, we can somehow share in that divine life and love which is the Trinity - becoming children of God. God has chosen us, and we are his own people, just as he chose the people of Israel long ago. The mystery of the Trinity is not meant to make this more difficult - on the contrary it is to clarify and summarise all that our faith is about: that we are children - with the Son, in the power of the Spirit - of the one Father.

	Liturgy & Activities This Week Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 1 Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) Queen's Diamond Jubilee 11.15am Mass (SB) 12noon-3pm Bolton Jubilee Party (Queen's Park) [see overleaf]
Monday to Friday Ordinary Time Week 9	No Masses this week CAFOD Meeting – postponed to next week (14th) Coffee Morning – postponed to next week (15th)
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)
Next	9.15am Mass (SJ)
Sunday	11.15am Mass (SB)
Corpus Christi	2pm Baptism (SJ)
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Prayer for Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee

- V. O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.
- R. And hear us on the day we call upon you.
- V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
- R. And let my cry come before you.
- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with your spirit.

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with her consort and the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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, John Barrett and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.

Lately Dead: Pat Williams, Andy Murphy, Aiden McCafferty, Lola Anne Cosgrave (2 weeks old), Michael Challen

Anniversary: Walter Mariner

Mass Intentions: Ralph Gubbins (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance), Michael Challen, Pat Williams, Agnes & Frank Brazel (Diamond Wedding), Aiden McCafferty, Walter Mariner

Cycle of Prayer Part 5 (of 6): We pray especially for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers

Consultation on Marriage

The consultation runs until 14 June, so there are about ten days to make a response if you haven't done so already. The easiest way to do this is via the link www.c4m.org.uk/consultation. The petitions signed in church are being sent off this week. It is also still worth writing to your local MP to express your views on this issue. Together we can save the true meaning of marriage.

Congratulations: To Agnes and Frank Brazel who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday.

Ecclesiastical Education Fund: Thank you for a final donation of £50 to this year's collection for the fund for training our future priests. This means we are sending in a total of £757.90 across the two parishes. Many thanks.

Joe Gee: Please remember to keep Joe in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination to priesthood on 21 July. His father, Trevor, has now been admitted to a hospice, so this is obviously a very anxious time for the family.

Walk of Witness: Thank you to all who supported this walk last Sunday either by taking part in the services or the walk, by coming out on the street to wave to us, or by providing refreshments. It was good to see more parishioners from St Brendan's taking part this year – though we were still well outnumbered by those from each of the other churches. And the weather was glorious!

Lost Property 1: A pair of Armani glasses was left in St Brendan's after the service last Sunday afternoon, so if you know who they belong to or hear of anyone looking for them, please get in touch.

Lost Property 2: We still have no claimant for the gold ring found in St John's several weeks ago.

Olympic Torch in Bolton: It was good to see a number of parishioners taking part in the events to celebrate the arrival and departure of the Olympic Torch, including a group of Thornleigh students on the Town Hall steps at 5.30 on Friday morning!

SVP Sponsored Walk: The annual sponsored walk in aid of holidays/activities for families in need takes place on Sunday 17 June. Anyone interested is invited to walk or alternatively please sponsor someone who is walking. Sponsor forms are available at church today.

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all the members who attended the meeting last Wednesday. As usual, it was a lively and informative gathering. The next designated read is *The Secret Scripture* by Sebastian Barry on Wednesday 27 June. Details to follow. *Madeleine*

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

"Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". Water is life giving and life taking. Baptism is also a matter of life and death. By dying to ourselves we rise to the promise of eternal life offered in Christ. Through this life-giving water we receive the Holy Spirit and became children of God the Father through faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The Bishops' Conference have asked that we replace today's First Reading with the following:

A Reading from the First Book of Kings (3:11-14)

I give you a heart, wise and shrewd

The Lord said to Solomon, 'Since you have not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you. What you have not asked I shall give you too: such riches and glory as no other king ever had. And I will give you a long life, if you follow my ways, keeping my laws and commandments, as your father David followed them.'

The word of the Lord.

Bolton's Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee Party will take place in Queens Park (Park Road entrance) in Bolton on Sunday 3 June. Near the QE2 Pavilion crowds will gather from midday to 3pm to be entertained by Song Smith Solar (a solar powered band) and the Bourbon Street Roof Raisers (a strolling jazz band). There will be plenty of children's games and activities and kids' fairground rides. Everyone attending the party should bring their own food or packed lunch, but the popular QE2 Pavilion café will be open.

Jubilee beacons will glow at five locations across the borough on the evening of Monday 4 June at 10pm at the height of the four day bank holiday celebrations to mark the Queen's 60 year reign.

- 1) Bolton Arena
- 2) Horrocks Woods, Scout Road
- 3) The Wellsprings building, Civic Centre
- 4) Swan Business Centre, Higher Swan Lane, Bolton
- 5) Mercure Last Drop Village, Bromley Cross

Northern Catholic Conference

Liverpool, 8-10 June

Corpus Christi – The Eucharist – The Real Presence of Jesus More information on church noticeboards or telephone 07543 800812 or visit www.northerncatholic.co.uk

Advance Notice

Some dates for your diary, with details to follow

- Tuesday 12 June Falklands Memorial (Dunscar)
- Sat 16/Sun 17 June APF Red Box Appeal (SJ)
- Sunday 17 June First Communions (SB)
- Thursday 21 June Genocide Memorial (Vic Sq)
- Sunday 24 June First Communions (SJ)
- Tuesday 26 June Mass in Heaton Cemetery
- Tuesday 26 June Relay of Prayer Concert (Horwich)
- Thur 28/Fri 29 Feast of Ss Peter & Paul (Holyday)
- Sunday 8 July One Bolton 5k Run
- Saturday 14 July Spirit of Bolton Event (Vic Sq)
- Saturday 21 July Joe Gee's Ordination (Cathedral)