

**Parish Amalgamation Consultation
St Brendan, Harwood and St John the Evangelist, Bromley Cross**

Paper 4: Considering a Parish Name

When our new parish is formed (whether just from SB & SJ or taking in part of SC), the churches will retain their dedication to particular saints but the parish will need a new name. The decision is down to the bishop but he is happy to receive a shortlist of names that we think might be suitable or appropriate. With that in mind, we need to vote on the various suggestions that have been made over these past few weeks. Please think carefully about what the best name might be in trying to say something about the new start and the way forward for our new parish.

Please choose just two of the following names, from either of the tables, marking your preferred names with a 1 or a 2.

<i>Suggested Name (and rationale)</i>	<i>Your Vote</i>
St Aldhelm: This was the original parish in this area of Bolton (founded in 1890) and is of particular significance to the people of Edgworth/Chapelton.	
Our Lady Help of Christians: Suggested because of the Salesian connection with our parishes through the long-standing involvement of Fr Ivor Netto who died recently.	
St Don Bosco: Again suggested because of the Salesian connection with our parishes, both through our local high school (Thornleigh) and Fr Ivor Netto.	
St Francis Xavier: He was the first Jesuit missionary, so this would be in honour of our Pope (a Jesuit) and all he is asking us to do as missionary parishes.	
The Missionary Parish of St Brendan and St John the Evangelist: This again reflects the emphasis from Pope Francis on our need to be missionary disciples for the present age and future generations.	
The Holy Family: This suggests a bond between our churches which will retain their separate names and reflects the close friendly ties that already exist between our churches.	
The Parish of the Ascension: Suggesting a new start and recalling the commission given to the Church at that time.	
Blessed Sacrament Parish: This reflects the centrality of the Eucharist in our personal and parish lives.	
Corpus Christi: This also reflects the centrality of the Eucharist – but the Latin title also reminds us that we, the Church, are the Body of Christ: "And although its parts are many, they all form one body. So it is with Christ." (St Paul)	
Holy Trinity: Although we will no longer have three parishes!	
Good Shepherd: As the Church leads us & cares for parishioners needs.	
St Christopher: Patron saint of travellers and both St John and St Brendan travelled extensively. [Note: not sure John travelled all that much]	
St Benedict: Because of our connection with the Benedictines through Fr O'Brien.	
St Ambrose Barlow: A local Manchester saint	

<i>Suggested Name (no rationale)</i>	<i>Your Vote</i>	<i>Suggested Name (no rationale)</i>	<i>Your Vote</i>
Christ the King		The Immaculate Conception	
Christ the Redeemer		Guardian Angels	
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour		St John the Baptist	
Our Lady's Chapel		Morning Star	
Our Lady of Grace		St Michael the Archangel	
All Saints			

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