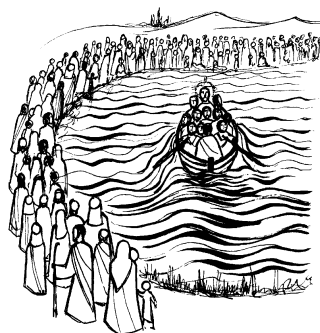


**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS
22ND JULY 2012
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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“Sheep without a shepherd.” This is the simple theme of today's readings. It is interesting that Jesus’ reaction to the crowd is one of pity – as he sees their great thirst for his teachings. This is, in a sense, a clear fulfilment of the prophecy we hear in the first reading, where God promises a true shepherd who will care for the people of Israel. Shepherding is a particularly suitable image of God's love and care. The dependency of the sheep on their shepherd, their wandering and drifting without someone to guide them, is also a suitable image of the people God loves. Our own age also displays sheep without shepherds - a great wandering crowd, seeking something, but not knowing what they are seeking. It is to this flock that the present day followers of Jesus are sent as shepherds.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 4 Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)</i>		
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB)	<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, Judith Oldham, Kathleen Humphreys, Betty Boyle, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Marie Donnelly, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Gerard Walker, Elzie Ball, Karen West, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Margaret Edge, Frank Brazel, Graham Roberts, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O’Grady, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Emma Turner, Vincent Wood, Margaret Wood, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Trevor Gee, Catherine Crowley, Gerard Dobson, John Barrett, Fr Patrick Quinlan, Fr Ivor Netto, John Devine, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Bob Whaley, Fiona Oldham (nee Claippison) and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Monica Byrne (Canon Byrne’s sister & founder of Mancunia Travel), Bernard Walsh, Thomas Lenihan, Mary Costello</p> <p>Anniversary: Frances Cocker, Leonard Dawson</p> <p>Mass Intentions: Karzynski Family, Thomas Lenihan, Special Intention, Frances & Thomas Cocker, Joseph Parker (Birthday Remembrance), Joyce Knight, Dorothy Hodget (100th Birthday Remembrance), Leonard Dawson, Cynthia Winstanley, Mary Costello, The Cocker Family, Fiona Oldham</p> <p>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</p>
	<i>Appeal for SURVIVE-MIVA</i>	
Monday <i>St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday	No Mass today 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday <i>St James</i>	No Mass today	
Thursday <i>Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM</i>	No Mass today	
Friday	No Mass today	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
	<i>Special Collection for</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB) 5.30pm Lourdes Mass (Salford Cathedral)	
	<i>Day for Life</i>	
Collections, Donations, Gift Aid		
<i>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.</i>		
Congratulations to Joe Gee, ordained priest in Salford Cathedral on Saturday. Please pray for him		

SURVIVE-MIVA: This is the only UK-based Catholic Lay Association funding transport in the developing world (hence MIVA - Mission Vehicle Association). This weekend, one of our own parishioners (Kath Denton) who is involved with this charity will make an appeal on its behalf. See www.survive-miva.org

Congratulations: To Maya Sophia Irving-Piper, Tyler John Masters and Jack Noah Titmuss who were baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that they and their families may continue to grow in faith.

Petitions for Lourdes: Please hand any petitions you may wish to make this year to Fr Cooke or any Lourdes group member before the group departs on 31 July. Thanks.

Sponsor Money: Thank you to all who supported the recent SVP sponsored walk and the One Bolton 5k. If you still owe sponsorship money, please pay as soon as possible so that the amounts raised can be announced.

Correction: In last week's newsletter, Bert Hustwit was thanked for walking on behalf of Cath Bridge, who was on crutches at the time of the SVP sponsored walk. It should have said Bert Winstanley. Sorry!

Summer Suspensions: The children's liturgy and the youth group are suspended for the summer holidays.

Fairtrade: Please note that there will not be a fairtrade stall at St John's in July or August, nor at St Brendan's on 29 July.

Donation: Thank you to the Harbour Room Book Club for a donation of £30 towards church funds.

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(Befriending Refugees and Asylum Seekers)

During the month of July, our parish SVP groups have pledged their support for this Bolton-based project (which Sr Barbara CP is very involved with). They are appealing for the following items:

- Potatoes • Onions • Vegetable oil • Long life whole milk Concentrated orange juice • Tea bags • Sugar
- Tins of chopped tomatoes, tuna, sardines and pilchards
- Red kidney beans and chickpeas • Long grain rice

If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to church on the Sundays of July and the SVP will pass them on to BRASS. Thanks.

Parish Forum Meeting

Thank you to the 30 people who attended the meeting last Monday – and those who sent their apologies. A consultation process is being devised to continue discussion of the four main items:

1. Sharing the Load
2. Reverence and Respect
3. Future of the Presbytery (SB)
4. Development of the Patmos Room (SJ)

The consultation will include on-line forums within the parish website, as well as paper copies for those without internet access, to maximise involvement.

Think Vocation

In the Gospel the crowds are longing for the hope and encouragement that comes from the lips of Our Lord. Could we spend more time acquainting ourselves with the Word of God in the Sacred Scriptures? Do we try to take at least one word or phrase from the homily, prayers and readings from the Sunday Mass to nourish us in the week ahead?

Next weekend we celebrate the annual *Day for Life* which this year has the theme "Use your body for the glory of God" (1 Cor 6:20) and we have a collection to assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church. For more information see www.dayforlife.org

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