

# NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD & ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What does it mean to be a follower of the Lord Jesus? Surely to listen and hear his voice, and to go where he leads us. Today, as we enter the "ordinary" season of the year, we begin our story of Jesus's life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfils his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: "Come and see." This echoes the calling of Samuel - a simple call, by name, which Samuel does not understand: discipleship is about trust, which Samuel shows simply by saying "Speak, Lord; your servant is listening. The Psalm also underlines this, as we (the disciples of the Lord) sing together: "Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will." We hear his call, and we freely go to him, to listen again to the words of the Master.

Liturgy & Activities This Week  Sunday Cycle B; Weekday Cycle 2; Divine Office Week 2  Patmos Room - St John's (SJ); Harbour Room - St Brendan's (SB)		Prayers Please Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Philip Blackburn,
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB)  Day of Prayer for Peace in the World	Laura Shuttleworth, Bill Kay, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Baby Guy, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Maria de los Angeles, Paul Preston, Elizabeth Patterson, Eunice Brierley, Betty Boyle, Bernard Callaghan, Judith Oldham, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Paul Whittle, 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, Cynthia Winstanley, Graham Roberts, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Tommy Lenihan, Pauline Bowling, Paul Buckley, Margaret Walsh, Joan Plumbley, Graham Turner, Jim Birch, Jane Dent and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.  Lately Dead: Eileen Brooks, Rosa Gallie, Chania Williams, Eleanor Cropper, Gaynor Smid, Dorothy Mary Kirton, Mary Atkinson, Faustino Cenina, Florence Hurtley, Peter Broughton  Anniversary: Irene & Ben Sanderson, Thomas Brooks, William Hurst, William Quinn, Patrick Kennedy, Irene McVittie, Joseph Parker, Veronica & Doug Sweetland, Anne Cordner, Fr Gerard Duffy, Mary Joan Quinn, Tony Whyte, Marian Kosecki
Monday	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday St Anthony	7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday Start of Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	9.30am Mass (SJ) 7.30-8.30pm Youth Group (Patmos Room)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 7.30pm Unity Service (SJ)	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday St Agnes	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) 11.15am Mass (SB) 2pm Baptism (SB)	Cycle of Prayer Part 2 (of 6): We pray especially for: peace on earth; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; students and teachers; the unemployed

Mass Intentions: Intentions of St John's SVP members, Eileen Brooks, Special Intention, Intentions of Eileen & Jack Wakes, Irene & Ben Sanderson, Rosa Gallie, Chania Williams, Conway Holt, Thomas Brooks, Eleanor Cropper, The McGarry-Norris family, The Leach-Garlick family, A sick friend, William Hurst, William Quinn, Gaynor Smid, For a speedy recovery, Patrick Kennedy, Irene McVittie, Frank Kirkham, Dorothy Mary Kirton, Joseph Parker, Veronica & Doug Sweetland, Anne Cordner, Mary Atkinson, Faustino Cenina, Florence Hurtley, Fr Gerard Duffy, Mary Joan Quinn, Tony Whyte, Special Intention, Marian Kosecki

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**Peace Sunday:** Pope Benedict has chosen the theme *Educating young people in justice and peace*. Bishop Malcolm McMahon, who is National President of Pax Christi and Chair of the Catholic Education Service, writes: "I hope that the theme will allow both parishes and schools to reflect on how we offer our young people opportunities to learn about the Gospel call to peace-making and also how we learn from young people themselves, through the many activities and projects for peace and justice that are involved with already.

Christian Unity: The annual Octave of Prayer begins on Wednesday. St John's will host a special service on Thursday evening (7.30) for the various churches in the Bromley Cross/Egerton/Edgworth area. The service for Harwood is not until Monday 30 January and will be hosted by Harwood Methodists (Longsight). Please support these special services and pray for Christian unity.

**Ordination:** Congratulations to Joe Gee on his ordination as a deacon last Saturday in Salford Cathedral. I know that the parishes were well represented and I sent him a card and a small gift on behalf of us all. Please continue to pray for Joe as he exercises his ministry as deacon and makes his final preparations for ordination as a priest. *Fr Cooke* 

**Congratulations:** To Ella Nicole Howard and Cole Taylor Howard who were baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that they and their family may continue to grow in faith.

Youth Group: Thank you for the generous response to the recent appeal by the youth group for UHT Whole Milk for the Winter Watch project. This will continue for a few weeks. Our youth group resumes its meetings this Wednesday and is open to young people of secondary school age from either of the parishes.

Cake Bake: The SVP at both St John's and St Brendan's are supporting the work of Winter Watch which as you probably know is a charity which helps homeless people in Bolton. Following discussion with the team at Winter Watch we have agreed to have a cake bake across both church communities in support of their work. We would be extremely grateful if any parishioners feel that they could help us by providing a cake, preferably a fruit cake or one that could be frozen and would be pleased to receive these at any of the Masses at both churches on the weekend of Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 January 2012.

**Thank You:** Cynthia has asked me to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to the Book Club members, the Friday morning Harbour Room members and the many parishioners who have sent cards and offered prayers and best wishes during this difficult period. *Bert Winstanley* 

### St John's 200 Club

The January winners are:

£50 Kath Martin (42)

£30 Agnes Winstanley (253)

£20 Kath Grimes (67)



Church Cleaning (SJ): E Baker & M Russell

**Social Committee (SJ):** A reminder that the next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24 January.



### SAFEGUARDING CO-ORDINATOR

Location: Cathedral Centre, Salford. M3 6DP. Salary: Commensurate with skills and experience (pro-rata for part-time)

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> Closing date for applications: Monday, 6th February, 2012

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# Think Vocations

"Speak Lord, your servant is listening". In order to discern what the Lord is calling us to do with our lives, we need to listen. Today there are so many other voices calling out with conflicting messages. Let us ensure we create time of stillness for prayer each day to hear Christ's voice clearly directing us.

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