

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

10TH FEBRUARY 2013 – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



We hear the call of another prophet this week - Isaiah. This introduces the Gospel, where we see Jesus calling his first disciples to follow him. Notice that the initiative is Jesus'; there is no application process or interview procedure! Notice also the way that Jesus calls his disciples in this account - not with words, but with a miracle that is also a parable. It is, in a way, a miraculous "job description": if the disciple trusts completely in the one who calls, then the result will be truly amazing - a huge catch of men and women hungry for God. Simon's simple words "if you say so" give us an example of Christian discipleship: we should leave our own concerns behind, and simply follow the Lord with great trust.

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 1</i> Sunday Missal page 217; <i>Readings 222; Preface (at priest's choice)</i>		<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, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Alice Coyne, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Margaret Edge, 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, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Tara Vinden, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Emma Jiminez (baby), Bernard Cummings, Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Denise Carolan, Leila Parker, Julie Smith and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Francis Brazel, Catherine Cooke, Michael Axford, Teresa Reid, Jane Holmes, John Welch, Fred Johonnett, David Smith, Eric Hindley, Jeanette Marjot, Mary Wilford, Father Frederick Watson</p> <p>Anniversary: Thomas Baker, James Garrett Latham</p> <p>Mass Intentions: David Smith, Eric Hindley, Francis Brazel, Eileen Wood (sick in hospital), Jeanette Marjot, Thanksgiving for favours granted in honour of St Pio & St Jude, Michael Axford & the Axford Family, In honour of St Anthony, Thomas Baker, James Garrett Latham, Jane Holmes, Marie Lamoury (Birthday Remembrance), A Mass of Thanksgiving, Catherine Cooke</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 3 (of 6):</p> <p>We pray especially for: candidates for the sacraments; women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents and wanderers</p>
Sunday	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SJ) <i>Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed</i>	
Monday <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 8pm SVP (SJ) <i>Day of Special Prayer for the Sick and those who care for them</i>	
Tuesday	9.30am Requiem Mass for Francis Brazel (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB)	
Wednesday <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) <i>Day of fasting and abstinence</i> 12noon Mass (SB) 7pm Mass (SC)	
Thursday <i>St Cyril</i>	9.15am Mass (SB) <i>Day of Special Prayer for Europe</i>	
Friday	9.30am Mass (SJ)	
Saturday	5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6pm Mass (SC) 6.30pm Mass (SJ)	
Next Sunday <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	9.15am Mass (SJ) – with Children's Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children's Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children's Liturgy <i>A Day of Special Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments</i>	
Collections, Donations, Gift Aid <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan's, St Columba'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 Isabella Clare Firth who was baptised at St John's last Sunday. We pray that she and her family may continue to grow in faith.

Sacramental Programme: Congratulations to the children from St John's and St Brendan's who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they go on now to prepare for Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Many thanks to those who attended the preparation/reflection session last Saturday morning and the commissioning Mass. We will have a further session in mid-March for those who were unable to attend last week. Thanks to Fr Gee for organising and leading this.

Year of Faith

Diocesan talks – Winter/Spring 2013

A second series of talks, organised by the Office for Evangelisation, are taking place at St Gabriel's High School, Bury (7.30pm-9.30pm).

- Wednesday 20 February - Mgr Peter Fleetwood 'Restoring unity among Christians Have we been faithful to Vatican II's promise?'
- Wednesday 6 March – Dr Edward Kessler MBE 'Jewish-Christian relations in the light of Vatican II'
- Monday 22 April – Archbishop Bernard Longley 'The Synod on The New Evangelisation-where do we go from here?'

Prior registration is not essential, but helps with organisation. There is a suggested donation of £5.00 per person, per evening to help cover costs. Booking forms and further information are available from the diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk, e-mail sbaron.beech@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or from the Department for Evangelisation, Guardian Angels Parish House, Harvey Street, Bury, BL8 2RD.

St John's 200 Club

The February winners are:

- £50 A Callaghan (202)
- £30 E Latham (68)
- £20 C Madden (124)



CAFOD Education Volunteers: Do you enjoy working with children and want to bring about God's Kingdom and compassion? CAFOD is seeking Education Volunteers for a range of ages (4 to 18 years) to work in schools across the diocese. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Ged Edwards or Mary Clark at CAFOD (0161 7050605) or salford@cafod.org.uk

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Lent 2013

Walk with Me

Please take the special booklets and calendars to help you through the Lenten season

Ash Wednesday

Please note that we will have one Mass in each of our churches and Ashes will be distributed at those Masses.

This is a day of fasting and abstinence marking the beginning of the season of Lent

Stations of the Cross

We will have a number of celebrations of Stations of the Cross throughout Lent (Details to follow)

Churches in Harwood Lent Course

Journeys of Faith

Monday Evenings 7.30-9pm

18 February – Christ's Church

25 February – Harwood Methodists (Longsight)

4 March – St Brendan's

11 March – Christ's Church

18 March – Harwood Methodists (Longsight)

25 March – St Brendan's

Materials for these sessions can be downloaded from www.ctbi.org.uk/lent

Deanery Station Masses

Wednesday Evenings 7.30pm (Confessions from 7pm) commencing 20 February (Details of venues next week)

Friday Morning Mass

In St John's School at 8.15am from 22 February

All are welcome to attend any of these activities

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all members who attended the last meeting. A special thanks is due because of the pouring rain and cold conditions which could have kept many away. However, our members are made of sturdy stuff and contributed to a lively and informative discussion. *Madeleine*

Sing A Song: An evening of popular music with Affetside Choir in aid of the Royal Bolton Hospital. Friday 15 March (7.30pm) at Tottington Road Methodist Church, Harwood. Tickets (£5 including refreshments) are available from Michael (01204 301469), Jackie (852410) or Pam (884807).

Think Vocation

"From now on, it is men you will catch." Perhaps Jesus chose a number of fishermen as his disciples because fishermen need to be strong, trusting and courageous. Despite their weaknesses they all proved themselves to be up to the task eventually. The Lord continues to call men to be his priests today: they also need to be tough and resilient. In this Year of Faith let us pray that the priests of our Diocese have the courage and strength they need to lead the Church and preach the Gospel.