



St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



The First Sunday of Lent

18th February 2024.

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February – Month of the Passion of The Lord



We begin our Lenten journey at the decisive moment of the flood, when God establishes his first Covenant with man, in the person of Noah. Noah was saved from the waters, while we (*as Saint Peter points out*) are saved by the waters of Baptism. This is the Covenant we live in, thanks to Christ, who came to establish this “new and eternal Covenant in his blood”. He is the only one who can do this, because he is without sin, despite “having been tempted in every way that we are”.

To mark the year of prayer, commencing on **Thursday 22nd February at 7pm** we will be having 4 evenings on different forms of prayer. *See newsletter for details.*

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Clare, Blackley, for Fr. Jeremiah Budau and for Fr. Colin Mary Edwards, of the Conventual Franciscans. We pray for the Good Shepherd Sisters, for the Romanian language chaplaincy, for Our Lady's High School and St. Clare's Primary School.

Pope Francis Tweet: “Lent, is an occasion for conversion and internal renewal through listening to the Word of God, caring for brothers and sisters who need our help, and prayer, especially to obtain the grace of peace in the world.”

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for February: For the Terminally ill. Let us pray that thie sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

For the Sick and Housebound: God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick and elderly sisters and brothers. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We remember especially those receiving Holy Communion today. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's timetable

First Sunday of Lent	18th February	Morning Mass <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Evening	10am <i>After Mass</i> 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	19th February	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	20th February	Lent Weekday	6pm 7pm	Exposition & Confessions* Mass
Wednesday (St Peter Damien)	21st February	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	22nd February	Feast: Chair of St Peter	9-30am	Mass
Friday (St Polycarp)	23rd February	Lent Weekday Exposition for Peace	6-30am+++ 9-30am 10-12 Noon	Mass Mass
Saturday	24th February	Lent Weekday	11am 12noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Second Sunday of Lent	25th February	Morning Mass <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Evening	10am <i>After Mass</i> 6pm	Mass Mass

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

February 18th 10am Michael Amphia & Tony Kirstein

6pm Mary Teehan

February 25th 10am Bernie Kirstein & Benu Biju

6pm Comfort Mensa

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, James Cunningham, Kathleen McDermott, John Sweeney, Eileen Hendrick, Michael McHale, Noreen Kelly, Ivor Collier, David Spilling.

In your prayers please remember: John Lloyd, Liam McMahan, Teresa McHugh, Celia Gilligan, Kathleen Fahey, Karen Teale, Fintan Griffin, Maggie Shackleton, Canon David Ryder, Jimmy Burke, Lucy Rhodes, Amanda, Eileen Hendrick, Carole Mealing, Margaret Duffy, Sr Ann Hamersly, HM the King, Mary O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Barbara Blair, Patrick Ward, Mary & Mike Bradney, Ted Reid, Alan Hixon, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Mary Boylan, Janet Burke, Thomas & Ann Marie McDonagh, Imelda Dean, Kath Welsh, Steven Moorhouse, Pat Kemp, Kathleen Gilroy, Fr Bernard Wilson, Celia Meschi, Marie Fahey, Abraham McCoy, Jean Buckley, Maureen McGrath, Ann Dury, James Cannon, William Allsop, Ellen Leach, Marie Fahy, Marcella McNevin, Sal & Cam Lusco, MJK, Alison O'Connor, Julia Mansfield, James Cannon, William Allsop, Gerard Kenrick, Fr Stephen Doyle, John Arthurs, Michael Turner, Des Reape, Breda Orr, Canon David Caine, Eileen & Fr. Pat Deegan, Patrick & Bobby Durkin, Tina McGeehan, Mgr Paul Smith, Zoe Daniels, Maureen Nash, Michael Hothersall, Emma Louise, Caroline Slevin, Bridget Golden, Michael Connolly, Christopher, Alfie Hooper, Fr Peter McGiveron, Amy McDonald, Denis Law, John McLoughlin, Fr Wilf Cooper, Gloria Oakley, Chris Williams, Margaret Stenson, Lauren Westian, Breda Duggan, Delia Regan, Lisa Nelson, Michael Hession, Ann & Peter Lomas, Gerard Clegg, Trevor Teale, Margaret Fisher, Natalie Forshaw, Fr Peter Maloney, Charlie McHugh, Stephen Bostock, Patrick Carragher. Jean Bradbury, Joan Tobin.

Our Lady's Lamp; Patricia Durr Reardon: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** for Reardon Family.

New list at the back of the Church:

suggested donation £5.



There is a Lenten Alms box on the altar to collect offerings from your little Lenten Sacrifices that you are making which will go to Francis House our local children's Hospice and respite care home.



Lenten Evening; this Thursday in the Parish Hall: come and pray and learn this Lent! This week, Luke will be leading a Lectio Divina Evening (*praying the Scriptures*) at 7pm.

Deanery Lenten Station Mass: Bishop John will celebrate our Deanery Lenten Station Mass at Sacred Heart Gorton on the 27th of February at 7pm. There will be the opportunity for confession from 6pm. During this Lent, may we live out those words of our Deanery Saint as she says; "May we gaze upon Christ, consider Him, Contemplate Him and desire to imitate Him." St. Clare - Pray for us.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group will be meeting in Church this Wednesday 21st Feb at 1pm, why not come and join them?

Our Lady's Lamp; for Patricia Durr Reardon: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** for Reardon Family: New list at the back of the Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you

CAFOD: Family Fast Day: Friday Feb 23: This Lent's Appeal will provide resources, tools & training to help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia to feed their families safely & sustainably. Please take an envelope today, share whatever you can on Friday by having a simple meal & return next Sunday. **THANK YOU**

St Patrick social evening with supper. Friday 15th March 7pm in the parish hall. Tickets £5. Contact Bridie Close or Ann Tipper.



Join us on Sunday 17th March for Bacon muffins and sausage muffins £1.50; We also have Irish coffee available £1.50. Try your luck on a wonderful tombola.

Easter Hamper Raffle - tickets will be on sale from next Sunday at the back of church.

Table Top Sale - we are proposing to hold sale in May. Further information for anyone wishing to book a table will be available soon. Any enquiry please contact Bernadette or Barry 07780 956066

Saint of the week: 23rd February: Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr; Polycarp was one of the "second-generation" Christians - a disciple of the Apostles. He became bishop of Smyrna, but was arrested in Rome and burned to death for his faith; the account of his martyrdom emphasises that his death, like his life, was a fragrant offering to God.

Last week's collection total £572 Thank you

Groups now open:

Monday - Young At Heart 11.30am to 1.30pm

Tuesday - Toddler's Group 9.30am to 11.30am. Places are available for parents/ carer and toddler(s). Please contact Anne Cummins 07305 392612.

Thursday - Drop Inn 10.00am to 1.30pm

MRI Hospital Chaplain + Christies number 0161 276 4247; Wythenshawe 0161 291 2297

Sacrament of Marriage: 6 months' notice must be given, please see Father to make arrangements.



PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR BAPTISMS by introducing yourselves to Father after Sunday Mass, when details can be taken and our team can begin the process to organise this wonderful Sacrament for your child.

SAFEGUARDING; Our parish community is committed to Safeguarding to ensure the well being of all members of our community. All volunteers over the age of 18 must have a DBS check every 3years. The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Christine Robinson and she is very happy to assist you in completing any paperwork required. She usually attends the 10.00 Sunday Mass if you wish to speak to her or can be contacted by email at - christine.robinson.safeguarding@outlook.com

BURNAGE FOOD BANK; opening times are: Tuesday 12.30pm-2.30pm St Nicholas Church Hall, Kingsway, Burnage M19 1PL and Friday 3pm-5pm St Bernard's Church Hall, Burnage Lane, M19 1DR. www.burnagefoodbank.org.uk or tel: 07936698546.

Special appeal: Melanie's lent promise this year is to have 15 inches cut off her hair on the 6th of April in aid of **the little princess charity** and her hair being donated towards making a wig for young girls who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. Melanie has started a Just Giving page on Facebook to raise funds for the cause. **Just Giving link:** <https://www.justgiving.com/page/melanie-coylehairgrows?newPage=true>

Welcoming people with dementia - Free Training from Caritas Salford: Caritas Diocese of Salford will be holding a free training session - Welcoming people with dementia - on 23 February from 2.30pm to 4pm. The training, which will take place at St Patrick's Church, Club Room, Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 5HF, For more information or to book a free place, visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/dementiatraining/>

Walsingham 3rd to 5th May joining the diocesan pilgrimage on the Saturday. If you have booked the deposit is now due £75 per person. We have 2 twin en-suite rooms available sorry no singles available. Contact Ann Tipper or Tony Kirstein.

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Stay with us Lord on our Journey