



St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



The Second Sunday of Lent

25th February 2024.

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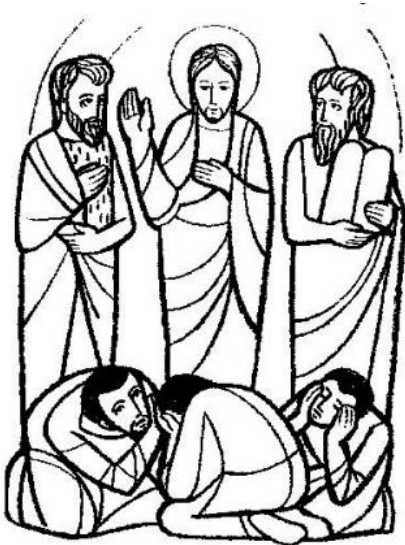
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February – Month of the Passion of The Lord



We spool forward a few centuries in the story of the Old Testament, to arrive at Abraham, “our Father in faith”. Today we hear of another Covenant (like last week) - even though the word is not used. God promises Abraham descendants like “the stars of heaven”, and the showering of blessings. This shows how much God loves Abraham, and all his children. This love is proved for us in Jesus: God loves us so much he sacrificed his only Son (just as Abraham was willing to do); but this is not all: Jesus also rose from the dead, to stand at God’s right hand and plead for us. All this is revealed in the story of the Transfiguration, where Jesus is seen in the glory that is rightfully his as the only Son of God. Not until after the Resurrection will the disciples see this fully again.

Let us pray this week of the people of the parish of the Holy Cross and St. Helen, Ashton, with Fr. Jude Lemeh, parish priest, and Fr Joachin Nwaorgu, of the Vincentian Fathers. We pray for their parish primary schools and St. Damian’s High School, for the chaplaincy to Tameside General Hospital and for the Sisters of St. Michael the Archangel.

Pope Francis Tweet: “Confession is the Sacrament that lifts us up again. We are not left on the ground, weeping on the hard floor of our falls. It is the Sacrament of resurrection; it is pure mercy. Priests who hear confessions must convey the sweetness of mercy.”

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

Second Sunday of Lent	25th February	Morning Mass <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Evening	10am <i>After Mass</i> 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	26th February	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday (St Gregory Narek)	27th February	Lent Weekday <u>Station Mass at Sacred Heart</u>	9-30*** <u>7pm***</u>	Mass <u>Mass</u>
Wednesday	28th February	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	29th February	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
FIRST FRIDAY	1st March	Feast: St David <i>Exposition for Peace</i>	6-30am+++ 9-30am <i>10-12 Noon</i>	Mass Mass
Saturday	2nd March	Lent Weekday	11am 12noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Third Sunday of Lent	3rd March	Morning Mass <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Evening	10am <i>After Mass</i> 6pm	Mass Mass

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

February 25th 10am Bernie Kirstein & Benu Biju

6pm Comfort Mensa

March 3rd 10am Stephen Bure & Geraldine Fury

6pm Shaun O'Donnell

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Catherine O'Callaghan, Eileen Hynes, Dell Derrig, Maurice Hennessy, Mary Finn, Raymond Kirstein.

In your prayers please remember: Liam McMahan, Teresa McHugh, Celia Gilligan, Kathleen Fahey, Karen Teale, Fintan Griffin, Maggie Shackleton, Canon David Ryder, Jimmy Burke, Lucy Rhodes, Amanda, Eileen Hendrick, Tom & Jimmy Taylor, Kevin Malpas, 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, Kay & Ken George, Patrick McDonald, 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.

Our Lady's Lamp; for Michael Murphy: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** for Michael Murphy.

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, Fr Michael will be leading an Evening on "the prayer and tradition of "Examin" which helps put life in perspective at 7pm.

Deanery Lenten Station Mass: Bishop John will celebrate our Deanery Lenten Station Mass at Sacred Heart Gorton THIS TUESDAY 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.

The Pio Prayer Group will meet this Wednesday 28th Feb at 8pm at 14 Astor Road, Burnage, why not come and join us?



Birthday greetings to our new 90 year olds, Bridie Griffin, Patrick McDonald, and Gloria Oakley. Every Blessing!

CAFOD: Many thanks for Family Fast Day envelopes returned today and over the next few weeks in support of CAFOD's Lent Appeal. This will provide training & equipment for fishermen, like James in Liberia, so that they can feed their families more safely & sustainably. Envelopes can be returned throughout Lent. **THANK YOU** for all that you do.

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

The Little Sisters would like to thank everyone who supported them last Sunday when the total raised was £300.07

Easter Hamper Raffle - tickets on sell today at the back of church and in the Parish Hall after morning Mass



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.

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



Anointing of the sick

A change in hospital policy means that Chaplains are no longer able to make ward visits and can only attend patients when called. If you or someone you know is hospitalised at: Manchester Royal Infirmary: Manchester Royal Eye Hospital: Saint Mary's Maternity Hospital: Royal Manchester Children's Hospital: Trafford General Hospital Or The Christie Hospital Please telephone to see the Roman Catholic Priest Chaplain on: 0161 276 8792 and for Wythenshawe Hospital 0161 291 2297.

Last week's collection total £630 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

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>

'Answer Cancer' is the working name of the Greater Manchester Cancer Screening Engagement Programme. It is a voluntary sector partnership working to improve cancer awareness and increase uptake of cancer screening across Greater Manchester. The training looks at cancer and what it is. It focusses on signs and symptoms of cancer and the 3 cancer screening programmes we have in the UK. It is designed to be a positive and empowering session and will last approx. 90 minutes. If you would like to attend or find out any further information, please let HR know by sending an email to HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

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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