



St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



The Third Sunday of Lent

3rd March 2024.

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March– Month of St. Joseph



This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one - the Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant - God dwelling with man. Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - himself - since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for the people of the parish of the Divine Mercy, Chadderton and Hollinwood, for Fr. Lawrence Imoisili, of the Vincentian Fathers, for the parish primary schools, St. John Henry Newman College and for the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King.

Pope Francis Tweet: "In this time of Lent, let us strive not to put ourselves at the centre; rather, let us try to step aside to make room for others, to promote them, and to rejoice in their qualities and successes."

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for March: For the new martyrs
We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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

Third Sunday of Lent	3rd March	Morning Mass Evening	10am 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	4th March	Lent Weekday [St Casimir]	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	5th March	Lent Weekday	6pm 7pm	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Wednesday	6th March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	7th March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Friday	8th March	Lent Weekday [St John of God] <i>Exposition for Peace</i> Funeral Service for Kevin O'Connor	6-30am+++ 9-30am 10-12 Noon 1-30pm	Mass Mass
Saturday	9th March	Lent Weekday [St Frances of Rome]	11am 12noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Fourth Sunday of Lent Lady/ Mother's Day	10th March	Morning Mass <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Evening	10am <i>After Mass</i> 6pm	Mass Mass

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

March 3rd 10am Stephen Burke & Geraldine Fury

6pm Shaun O'Donnell

March 10th 10am Bernie Rowen & Pauline Nixon

6pm Kath Petty

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Tom O'Brien, Edward Moore, Mary Mullaghy, John Lloyd, In thanksgiving for 90th, Kathleen Fagan, Baby Luke Peter Eves & Family, John Duffy, Callum Moran, Kieran Moran, Jack Egan, Val Ruddy, Joan Collins, Katherine & Mary Fitzpatric, Kate Curtin and Theresa Kenrick.

In your prayers please remember: Liam McMahon, Teresa McHugh, Celia Gilligan, Tes Kenrick, Kathleen Fahey, Karen Teale, Fintan Griffin, Maggie Shackleton, Tyrone Edwards, 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 Don Connellan: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** for John Lloyd:
New list at the back of the Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you



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 of imagination: A walk with the Rosary and Stations," at 7pm.

Don't forget next Sunday is Mother's day- Lady Day, and we will be having a special celebration of all the wonderful women of the Parish so come ready to be blessed and prayed for.

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. **£602 so far. 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.



Grand Easter Hamper Raffle - tickets on sell today at the back of church and in the Parish Hall after morning Mass; raising funds for the Parish.

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



Month of the St. Joseph; The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife," says St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'" Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.



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 £1132 Including standing orders, 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. FULL PAYMENT NOW DUE. THANK YOU. Contact Ann Tipper or Tony Kirstein.

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