



St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



The fourth Sunday of Lent

10th March 2024.

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March – Month of St. Joseph



There were two remarkable moments in the story of the Old Testament where God saved his people; one was in the escape from Egypt – we'll keep that for the Easter Vigil. The other was the end of their second exile, this time in Babylon, which we hear of today. There was an even greater moment when God saved his people: in Jesus Christ his Son – and we hear Jesus tell Nicodemus about that today. To understand “being saved”, we must ask “What from?” Saved from slavery, from exile, from human enemies – these are all clear. But the last and greatest salvation brought by Jesus is harder to understand: saved from sin and death. These threaten us as much as any other enemy, and our salvation in Jesus is as real as any other.

We wish all the wonderful women of the Parish a very happy Mother's Day, Lady Day.

We pray this week for the parishioners of the Parish of the Nativity, Failsworth and Limeside, for Canon Michael Job, their parish priest, and Fr Celestine Nyikwagh, and for their parish primary schools.

Pope Francis Tweet: “Women make the world a more beautiful place; they protect it and keep it alive. They infuse the grace of renewal, the embrace of inclusion, and the courage to make our lives a gift. Peace is born from women; it emerges and is rekindled from the tenderness of mothers.”

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent	10th March	Morning Mass <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Evening	10am <i>After Mass</i> 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	11th March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	12th March	Requiem John Lloyd Lent Weekday	10am 6pm 7pm	Mass <i>Exposition & Confessions</i> Mass
Wednesday	13th March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	14th March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Friday	15th March	Lent Weekday <i>Exposition for Peace</i>	6-30am+++ 9-30am <i>10-12 Noon</i>	Mass Mass
Saturday	16th March	Lent Weekday [St Joseph' reunion Mass]	11am 12noon	<i>Exposition & Confessions</i> Mass
Fifth Sunday of Lent [Passion Sunday]	17th March St Patrick	Morning Mass <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Evening	10am <i>After Mass</i> 6pm	Mass Mass

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

March 10th	10am Bernie Rowen & Pauline Nixon	6pm Kath Petty
March 17th	10am Christine Blackburn & Bernard Grigaitis	6pm Mary Teehan

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Anthony Guy, Michael Barnes, Mary Sexton, Peggy & Colie Flaherty, David's Recovery, John MacCarron, Ryan Evans, Daniel McCormack, Christine Kelly, Liam McMahon, Lilian Mulhern, Pat & Joe Jones, Margaret Quinn.

In your prayers please remember: 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, Michael Barnes, 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, Jean Bradbury, Joan Tobin, Kevin Potts.

Our Lady's Lamp; for Pat Jones: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** for John MacCarron & Pat Jones.

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 there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a Special Service as the South Manchester Churches come together at St Winifred's at 7pm. There will be a lot of priests available, so why not make a special effort?

+ **Sad News this week** as Liam McMahon has died, and Fr Benjamin's young nephew Ayuba Haruna, aged 28 has died from cancer in Nigeria and John Lloyd's funeral takes place this week, may they see the face of God+

GIFT AID INFORMATION thank you to all the parishioners who regularly support our Gift Aid Offertory contributions each week either through envelopes or by weekly or monthly standing orders. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated. The current gift aid yellow envelopes finish on Easter Sunday 31st March. New gift aid envelopes (green this year) will be available in the next few weeks. If you have changed address or you are no longer a UK tax payer please inform Pat Jones as soon as possible. A gift aid return has to be sent into the diocese and all information has to be correct. If you would like to use a standing order in place of an envelope please let Pat know so that you don't have a box allocated to you. We currently have 15 standing order parishioners, it would be really helpful to have more! Pat will provide you with the necessary bank details to set up your standing order. If you are not currently a gift aider but would like to join please see Pat too. Thank you.

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.**

Missio (Red Boxes); Magazines are available at the back of church for all box holders. Please empty your box or put bring any donations in an envelope or bag marked Missio , FAO Bernadette and put through the Presbytery letter box or bring in on Sunday morning. Thank you.



EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE; Tickets on sale at the back of church after Sunday morning Mass. The draw will take place in the Parish Hall after Mass on Sunday 24th March

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

NEXT 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

St Joseph's School reunion and Mass next Saturday at 12 Noon;

Walsingham 3rd to 5th May joining the diocesan pilgrimage on the Saturday. FULL PAYMENT NOW DUE THANK YOU. Contact Ann Tipper or Tony Kirstein.

Last week's collection total £613 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>



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

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