



St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday

28th April

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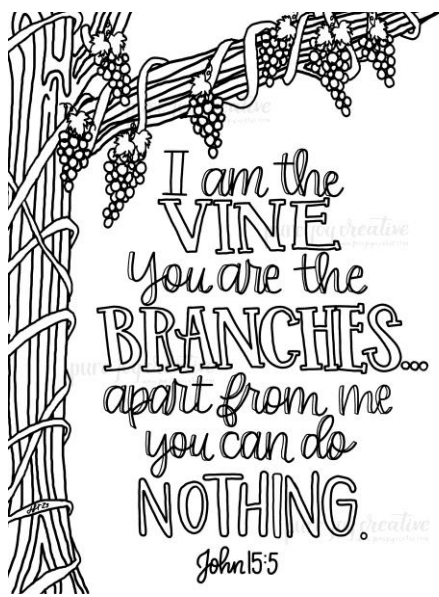
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April: Month of the Holy Spirit



Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to “belong” to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

Let us pray this week for the parish of St. Marie and St. Joseph, Bury, and for Fr. William Foley, their parish priest. We pray for

their parish primary schools, for St. Gabriel's High School and Holy Cross Sixth Form College, and for the chaplaincy to Fairfield Hospital and the Bury Hospice.

Pope Francis Tweet: “Faith is born of the compassionate gaze with which God looks upon us. It softens the hardness of our hearts, heals our wounds, and gives us new eyes to gaze upon ourselves, others, and every situation we experience, even the most painful.”

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for April: Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in ever culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in carious parts of the world.

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● **LOCAL ELECTIONS:** as usual the Parish Hall will be used this Thursday for Voting in the ●
● local council and mayoral elections: it strikes me that it's the local issues that effect us the most, ●
● what with community charge, local roads, safety and policing etc, so make sure you go out to ●
● vote, remember there are many around the world who would love to but don't have the freedom! ●
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For the Sick and Housebound that they may know they are not forgotten and today we pray for their peace and comfort and the Blessing of the Lord upon them and their carers: We remember especially those receiving Holy Communion today. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's timetable

Fifth Sunday of Easter	28th April	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	29th April	Feast: St Catherine of Siena	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	30th April	Easter Weekday [St Pius V]	<i>6pm 7pm</i>	<i>Exposition Mass</i>
Wednesday	1st May	St Joseph the Worker	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	2nd May	St Athanasius	9-30am	Mass
FIRST FRIDAY	3rd May	Feast; Ss Philip & James	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	4th May	Feast; The English Martyrs	<i>11am 12 Noon</i>	<i>Exposition & Confessions Mass</i>
Sixth Sunday of Easter	5th May	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass Mass

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

April 28th **10am** Bernie Kirstein & Michael Amphia **6pm** Mary Teehan
May 5th **10am** Stephen Burke & Geraldine Fury **6pm** Comfort Mensa

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Patricia & Hughie Garry, Clare Hanley, John MacCarron, Kathleen Locke, Reilly Family, John Morgan, Anne Lomas, Michael Teehan, Fr Pat Keane.

In your prayers please remember: Ann Lomas, Tes Kenrick, Steven Moorhouse, Shiela Brown, Kathleen Fahey, Teresa McHugh, Karen Teale, Fintan Griffin, Maggie Shackleton, Kevin & Noel Ford, John Hennessey, Tyrone Edwards, Canon David Ryder, David Flaherty, Celia Gilligan, Jimmy Burke, William Harkin, Lucy Rhodes, Trevor Teale, Amanda, Eileen Hendrick, Austin & Jimmy Taylor, Michael Barnes, Margaret Smullen Kevin Malpas, Carole Mealing, Margaret Duffy, Fr Kevin Foulkes, Sr Ann Hamersly, HM the King, The Princess of Wales, Mary O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Barbara Blair, Patrick Ward, Mary & Mike Bradney, Ted Reid, Kay & Ken George, Fr Stephen Doyle, Patrick McDonnell, Alan Hixon, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Mary Boylan, Janet Burke, Thomas & Ann Marie McDonagh, Imelda Dean, Kath Welsh, Pat Kemp, Kathleen Gilroy, Fr Bernard Wilson, Celia Meschi, 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, Michael Turner, Des Reape, Breda Orr, Canon David Caine, 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, Margaret Fisher, Natalie Forshaw, Fr Peter Maloney, Charlie McHugh, Stephen Bostock, Patrick Carragher, Jean Bradbury, Joan Tobin, Sue Johnson.

Our Lady's Lamp; for the Angela Close: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** for Drop Inn members:
 New list at the back of the Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you

Vocations to the Diocesan priesthood Training Fund is now open for those who would like to make a private donation, Cheques made payable to St Bernard's and envelope marked EEF, thank you.

Missio (Red Boxes) Please do not forget to pick up your magazine from the back of church. If you have any donations please put them in an envelope or bag marked MISSIO and for the attention of Bernadette and put through the Presbytery letterbox .



SPRING FAIR - PARISH HALL, SATURDAY 18th MAY 10am until 2pm. Various stalls - Household & fancy goods, toys, books, good as new clothes, cakes etc. Refreshments available including bacon & sausage barmes. Free admission. Come and grab a bargain. If you have anything we can sell on one of our stalls in clean, good, sellable order (no bric a brac) please put in the box at the back of church. All donations will be greatly appreciated. We have a few stalls available for a small fee for anyone wanting to sell their own goods. All enquiries please contact Bernadette or Barry 07780 956066 ; All proceeds to church funds.



You are invited to a Mad Hatters afternoon tea in the parish hall; Saturday 11th May 12noon £6 per person. Booking essential. Tables available for 4 or 6 . Contact Ann Tipper Pat Jones or Bridie Close. All proceeds to the parish Lourdes fund. This July a group of 19 are travelling to Lourdes to join the Salford diocesan pilgrimage and we will be helping a younger member of our parish to travel and volunteer assisting the sick .

Walsingham Friday 3rd May . We will be leaving St Bernards at 7.45 am . Mass will be celebrated in the parish church of the Annunciation in Walsingham at 4pm.

Diocese of Salford Synod 2023-2025 Prayer

Loving Father, be with us as we seek new ways of being your people in our Diocese. May each new day bring us closer to your son Jesus, as we follow his teaching and become disciples of love. As we continue our Synodal journey, draw us closer to each other. May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us. Open our hearts, as we listen to each other and reach out in love to your people. Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Amen.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for Us.
St Joseph, Pray for Us.
Stay with us Lord on our Journey**



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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 £714 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.

Mass to mark Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse; Tuesday 30th April is the Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse. Celebrated each year on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter, it is a day on which the Catholic Church in England and Wales holds in particular prayer all who have been abused, in whatever way, by another, whether within the Church or any other setting. It is a day not only to recommit ourselves as Church to learn from past mistakes and make the Church a safe setting for all but also a day to reflect on the Church's ministry of healing and welcome to Survivors/Victims. At 6pm on Tuesday 30th April Bishop John will celebrate Mass to mark this Day at St. Patrick's, Livesey Street. Collyhurst. All are warmly invited to join him.

The General Election: A UK general election is due and those standing will want our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics, to ensure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to them. *A Year of Encounter;* is an initiative by CAFOD and the S.V.P. to equip Catholics to ask the key questions at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on 25th April and 4th May. Or email sholleron@cafod.org.uk Tel 077 100 944 54

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