



St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



The fifth Sunday of Lent

17th March 2024.

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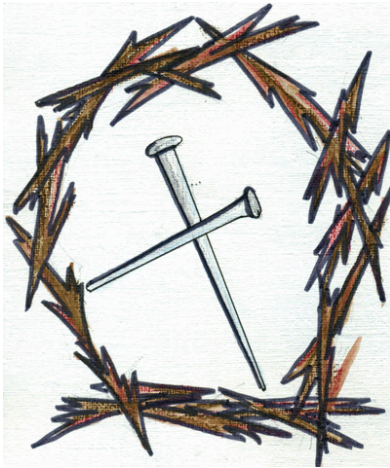
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St. Patricks Day

March – Month of St Joseph



In the weeks of Lent so far we have followed God's work of salvation: we have seen the Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Israel after the return from Babylon. Now we come to one of the most significant parts of the Old Testament: the promise of a brand new Covenant, which will be different from all those that went before. This Covenant will see God and Man living more closely together. For the ratification of a Covenant, something was always sacrificed as a sign of the new relationship – normally man would offer some animal offering to God. But the New Covenant will be ratified not with the death of sheep or bull, but by the death of Jesus Christ, God and Man. In this perfect sacrifice is the source of our eternal salvation.

Let us pray this week for the people of the parish of St. Edward, Lees, for Fr. Callum Brown, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school.

Pope Francis Tweet: "Let us Pray Together for those who suffer from the terrible consequences of war. So many young people are going to their deaths! Let us pray that the Lord may grant us the grace to stop the madness of war, which is always a defeat."

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent [Passion Sunday]	17th March	Morning Mass <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	10am <i>After Mass</i>	Mass
	St Patrick	Evening	6pm	Mass
Monday	18th March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	19th March	Solemnity: St Joseph	6pm 7pm	Mass Exposition & Confessions
Wednesday	20th March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	21st March	Requiem: Liam McMahon	11-30am++	Mass
Friday	22nd March	Lent Weekday <i>Exposition for Peace</i>	6-30am+++ 9-30am <i>10-12 Noon</i>	Mass Mass
Saturday	23rd March	Lent Weekday [St Turibius of Mogrovejo]	11am 12noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Palm and Passion Sunday	24th March	Morning Mass <i>Stations of the Cross</i>	10am <i>After Mass</i>	Mass
		Evening	6pm	Mass

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

March 17th **10am** Christine Blackburn & Bernard Grigaitis **6pm** Mary Teehan
March 24th **10am** Byju Joseph & Benu Biju **6pm** Comfort Mensa

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Margaret Stankard, Kathleen Curley, Norah & Martin Rock, Bill Whelan, Kathleen Connors, Kevin & Noel Ford, John Hennessey, Jim Lister, Patrick Rabbitt, John Treanor, Eileen Harkin and Linda Gaffey

In your prayers please remember: Teresa McHugh, Celia Gilligan, Tes Kenrick, Kathleen Fahey, Karen Teale, Fintan Griffin, Maggie Shackleton, Kevin & Noel Ford, John Hennessey, 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 Sr Anne McCabe: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** for John Ruane
 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 Luke will be leading a special Taize Evening in the Parish Hall at 7pm. You will be most welcome to join in this unique occasion, so come along with open hearts and joyful voices

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 Mass. The draw will take place in the Parish Hall after Mass next Sunday 24th March

Thursday Drop In will be closed on Thursday (21st) as a sign of respect for Liam McMahon whose funeral it is that day.



St Patrick's gathering TODAY - come in the hall after 10am Mass for Bacon 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

Thinking about Holy week: Spy Wednesday Mass at 9am**; Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper followed watching until 10-30pm; Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am, The Lord's Passion 3pm; Saturday Easter Vigil at 7pm; Easter Sunday Holy Mass at 10am and 6pm.

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 £621 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 **CLOSED THIS WEEK**

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>



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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