



St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday

5th May

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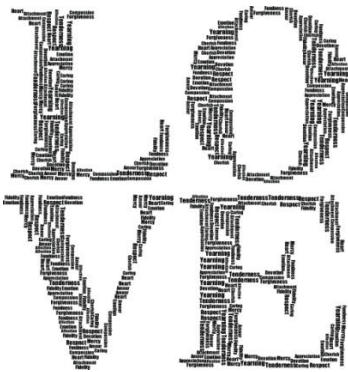
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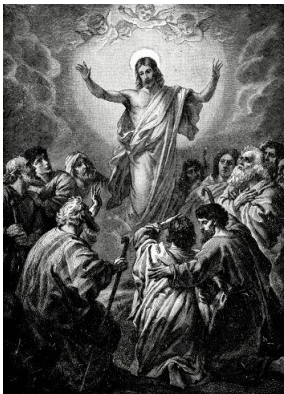
May Day

May: Month of Mary



There are two obvious themes to today's readings: Saint Peter summarises many of the ideas of Easter - baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God's love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the great discourse at the Last Supper, and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus's life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends.

We pray this week for the people of the parish of Our Lady and St. Joseph, Heywood, with Fr. Augustine Frankin and Fr. John Okeme, of the Missionaries of St. Paul. We pray for their parish primary schools and Holy Family RC/CE College.



Ascension is not just a feast that happens to fall in Eastertide: it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." The resurrection presumes the Lord's return to the Father. This is therefore a feast of hope: our hope in the Lord's return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits on the Father's right.

Pope Francis Tweet: "During this month of May, may we entrust to the Blessed Virgin Mary our personal and family matters, as well as the suffering of those who fall victim to war. Let us PrayTogether for the Church, all nations, and for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East."

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

This week's timetable

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter	5th May	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass Mass
Monday BANK HOLIDAY	6th May	Easter Weekday	12 Noon+++	Mass
Tuesday	7th May	Easter Weekday	<i>6pm 7pm</i>	<i>Exposition Mass</i>
Wednesday	8th May	Easter Weekday	9-30am	Mass
THURSDAY HOLY DAY	9th May	THE ASCENSION	9-30am 7pm	Mass
Friday	10th May	St John of Avila	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	11th May	Easter Weekday	<i>11am 12 Noon</i>	<i>Exposition & Confessions Mass</i>
Seventh Sunday of Easter	12th May	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass Mass

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

May 5th **10am** Stephen Burke & Geraldine Fury **6pm** Comfort Mensa
May 12th **10am** Bernie Rowen & Pauline Nixon **6pm** Shaun O'Donnell

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Patricia & Hughie Garry, John Monyahan, Joe Cahill, Arthur Morris, Doreen Layte, Noreen Coggins, John & Michael Griffin, Anthony O'Connor, Anne McHale, Maria Hodgkins, Peter Kennedy

In your prayers please remember: Ann Lomas, Tes Kenrick, Steven Moorhouse, Nula Khawaja, 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, Fr. David Egan, Lucy Rhodes, Trevor Teale, Amanda, Eileen Hendrick, Ambrose & 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 Walsingham Pilgrims: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** Joe Close & Peter Kennedy:

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 .



FUNDRAISING WEEKEND

SATURDAY 18th MAY SPRING FAIR 10am - 2pm PARISH HALL AND OUTSIDE WEATHER PERMITTING. Come and grab a bargain! Win on our tombola; Refreshments available. A box is at the back of church for your kind donations of items we could sell .

SUNDAY 19th MAY TAKEAWAY CURRY SPECIAL - available after morning Mass. Enjoy Butter chicken & fried rice curry for £5 , samosas & spring rolls 50p each. Pop into the Parish Hall take home and enjoy.



You are invited to a *Mad Hatters afternoon tea* in the parish hall; NEXT 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 .

Breaking the Chains: Modern Slavery Training; Modern slavery and human trafficking is a growing risk, not just internationally but in our own diocese. The Diocese of Salford and Caritas Salford are co-ordinating a new training event in partnership with the Santa Marta Group, Medaille Trust and Greater Manchester Police for parish representatives and colleagues from across the Diocese of Salford. The training session will be held on Friday 10th May 2024, 10am until 2.30pm, at the Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Bishop John will open the session, and lunch will be provided. To confirm your attendance please email ModernSlavery@caritassalford.org.uk

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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Last week's collection total £732 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.

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

100 Mile Rosary Walk

Throughout the month of May, Rev. Luke will be walking over 100 miles to raise money for our youth to go to Lourdes. Each Mile, Rev. Luke will pray a rosary. Please let him know any prayer intentions, which he will remember on his daily walks.

Link to donate online: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/100-mile-rosary>

Or

You can place a donation into an envelope, with your prayer intention.

Please write on the envelope: "Luke's Lourdes Walk"

Please give what you can and pray for him.

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