



# St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



The sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

11<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

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February – Month of the Passion of The Lord



Lent begins once more this Ash Wednesday please make sure that you enter into the spirit of the season. Remember it is not just about giving something up but perhaps taking something on: we hope to give some opportunities during lent.

- Ash Wednesday Masses are at 9-30am and 7pm, but we also have an **early Mass that day at 6-30am** to accomodate our workers.
- We will keep the early Mass on Friday's at 6-30am beginning this Friday.
- Confessions as per usual on Saturday and also on Tuesday from 6-7pm.
- To mark the year of prayer, commencing on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7pm we will be having 4 evenings on different forms of prayer to share details next week.
- Friday's from after 9-30am Mass until 12 Noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Traditional Stations of the Cross 10 minutes after 10am Mass on Sunday's.
- We hope that there will be a Deanery Penitential Service and Station Mass.

**There will be a Lenten Alms box on the altar to collect offerings you may wish to make from the Lenten Sacrifices you are making which will go to the Rainbow trust.**

**We pray for** the people of Christ the King Parish, Newton Heath, and for Fr. Derek McCartney, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school.

**Pope Francis Tweet:** "The sick, the vulnerable, and the poor are at the heart of the Church. They must also be at the centre of our human concern and pastoral care. May we never forget them!"

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS** for February: For the Terminally ill. Let us pray that thie sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

*Stay with us Lord on our Journey*

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**

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time B</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Morning Mass Evening</b>	<b>10am 6pm</b>	<b>Mass Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>	<b>9-30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Shrove Tuesday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>	<b>6pm 7pm</b>	<b>Exposition Mass</b>
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY Lent Begins</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Mass of the Ashes +Day of Fast &amp; Abstinence+</b>	<b>6-30am+++ 9-30am 7pm</b>	<b>Mass Mass Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Requiem: David Spilling</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Lent Weekday</b>	<b>6-30am+++ 9-30am 10-12 Noon</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Lent Weekday</b>	<b>11am  12noon</b>	<b>Exposition &amp; Confessions Mass</b>
<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Morning Mass Evening</b>	<b>10am 6pm</b>	<b>Mass Mass</b>

**Rota for Eucharistic Ministers**

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** 10am Jackie Turner & Christine Blackburn                      6pm Kath Petty  
**February 18<sup>th</sup>** 10am Michael Amphia & Tony Kirstein                                      6pm Mary Teehan

**MASSES THIS WEEK:** Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Mike Maguire, Corazon Torres, Eileen & Philip Saunders, Martin Kavanagh, Philip Joseph, James Cunningham, Anna Kane, Kennedy Family, Durr Family, Rosaleen Gibbons, Anthony Flannery and Mary Ruddy.

**In your prayers please remember:** John Lloyd, Teresa McHugh, Celia Gilligan, Kathleen Fahey, Karen Teale, Fintan Griffin, Maggie Shackleton, Canon David Ryder, Jimmy Burke, Lucy Rhodes, Amanda, 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, 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; Ella Martin: the Sacred Heart Lamp; Kathleen Kenrick & Mary Fitzpatrick**

New list at the back of the Church:

*suggested donation £5.*



**Short Lourdes Devotions after 10am Mass this Morning,**  
**remembering all the sick and housebound**

**CAFOD:** This Lent we hear the story of James & his community in Liberia. James is a skilled fisherman but in his small canoe, in hazardous waters, without the right equipment, fishing to feed his family is difficult & dangerous. Thanks to the support of parishes like ours James now has what he needs to fish safely & sustainably (a compass, lifejacket & GPS system). He can feed his family & sell any surplus at the market. To help hardworking fishermen like James please take home a CAFOD envelope next Sunday. THANK YOU

**Welcoming people with dementia - Free Training from Caritas Salford:** Caritas Diocese of Salford will be holding a free training session - Welcoming people with dementia - on 23 February from 2.30pm to 4pm. The training, which will take place at St Patrick's Church, Club Room, Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 5HF, will be facilitated by Caroline Harrington and will look at understanding how dementia impacts, living well with dementia, removing stigma associated with dementia, and how to support families too. The session will be delivered in spoken English with British Sign Language interpretation. For more information or to book a free place, visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/dementiatraining/>

Saint of the week: **14 February: Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius, Bishops, Patrons of Europe;** Brothers and missionaries, who carried the Gospel into the Slavonic countries: they translated the liturgical books into the Slavonic language (inventing a new script, Cyrillic, to do so). Cyril died in 869, Methodius in 885.

**Unwanted Christmas gifts** can be placed in the box in the church porch. We will recycle to raise funds for the parish heating bills. Thank you .



**FRIDAY 12th APRIL PARISH HALL** Starts at 7.30pm. All Places now sold, thank you for your support.

**Walsingham** 3rd to 5th May joining the diocesan pilgrimage on the Saturday. If you have booked the deposit is now due £75 per person. We have 2 twin en-suite rooms available ..... sorry no singles available. Contact Ann Tipper or Tony Kirstein.

**Today's Gospel:** Thankfully, we do not encounter leprosy in our culture. It can therefore be difficult to enter into the real depth of today's readings. We have to understand that leprosy meant exclusion, rejection and the end of "normal" life. For your leprosy to be cured would be like being given a second chance at life. What is the cause of exclusion and rejection in our society – or even in the Church? Who are those who must "live apart"? And how can we put into effect in our day those most touching of the words of Jesus, when asked if he wants to cure the leper: "Of course I want to!"? Contemplating exclusion and rejection in our world can be hard work: Saint Paul guides the way: the Christian path is not to work "for my own advantage, but for the advantage of everybody else".

**Last week's collection total £631 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.

**Service of Blessing for Engaged Couples;** On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a Service of Blessing for Engaged Couples, led by Bishop John. The service will take place at 2pm at St Patrick's church, Collyhurst. Contact Clergy for an invite.

**Our next "Come and See" meeting** for those enquiring about a vocation to the priesthood will be taking place on Saturday 17th February at St Winifred's, Heaton Mersey. Our next session will welcome a guest speaker and include a period of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer, before the chance to discuss the vocation to the priesthood over a meal. These events are specifically for anyone interested in finding out more about a vocation to the priesthood. If you know of anyone who may be discerning a vocation or would like to find out more, please invite them personally, and then direct them to Fr Michael Deas (michael.deas@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or Fr Mark Paver (mark.paver@dioceseofsalford.org.uk), who will be able share further details.

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