



St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday

12th May

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Come Holy Spirit

May: Month of Mary



On this Seventh Sunday of Easter the gospels each year are taken from Chapter 17 of Saint John's Gospel - the "priestly prayer" of Jesus at the Last Supper: this long prayer is a farewell message, where Jesus prays for all that the Church will have to be and do in the millennia after his Ascension – in other words, the time we are in now. This is his prayer for us. The specific message this year is all about the continuity of the Church, using the example of Judas (the one who "chose to be lost") being

replaced so that the College of Apostle may be twelve in number. Since we have just celebrated the Ascension last Thursday, and are now praying for the coming of the Spirit next Sunday, our minds should be full of this mystery of the ever-renewed Church throughout the ages, as Christ prays for us.

Let us pray this week for the parish of Our Lady of Dolours, Kersal, and Fr. Vincent Coyne, of the Servite Friars, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, St. Monica's High School, the Faithful Companions of Jesus, the Sisters of Nazareth and the residents of Nazareth House, together with their chaplain, Fr. Anthony Dearman.

Pope Francis Tweet: "Prayer, the opening of our hearts to the Most High, is essential for purifying ourselves of selfishness, falseness, and injustice. Those who pray receive peace in their hearts and must inevitably become its witness and messenger."

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.

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter	12th May	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	13th May	Feast Our Lady of Fatima	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	14th May	Feast; St Matthias	6pm 7pm	<i>Exposition</i> Mass
Wednesday	15th May	Easter Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	16th May	Easter Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Friday	17th May	Easter Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	18th May	Our Lady in Easter [St John I]	<i>11am</i> 12 Noon	<i>Exposition & Confessions</i> Mass
PENTECOST SUNDAY	19th May	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass Mass

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

May 12th **10am** Bernie Rowen & Pauline Nixon **6pm** Shaun O'Donnell
 May 19th **10am** Christine Blackburn & Bernard Grigaitis **6pm** Kath Perry

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, In thanksgiving, Kathleen & Jim Hyland, Jimmy Ryan, Nellie, Tony, & Tilda McHale, Eileen Conachey, Jim Barren.

In your prayers please remember: Ann Lomas, Tess Kenrick, Steven Moorhouse, Nula Khawaja, Sheila Brown, Kathleen Fahey, Teresa McHugh, Karen Teale, Pat Kemp, 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 Hamersley, 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 McDonald, Alan Hixon, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Mary Boylan, Janet Burke, Thomas & Ann Marie McDonagh, Imelda Dean, Kath Welsh, 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 sick and housebound: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** for world peace:
New list at the back of the Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you

After all the planning and consultation the Diocesan Synod will take place Next Saturday, when priests and delegates from around the Parishes will meet to discuss the implications of the “Big Listen”. It should be a momentous occasion and hopeful help set an agenda for the foreseeable future. Prayers are essential, may I ask you to kind enough to pray the special Synod prayer each day this week in solidarity with the Bishop and delegates, Thank you.

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.**

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.



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 . **CAN YOU PLEASE HELP BY BAKING A CAKE OR TWO?** Please bring cakes into the Parish Hall either on Friday between 5.30pm & 6.30pm or on Saturday between 9am

& 10am. Many thanks

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.

There will a White Flower collection, for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, at St. Bernard’s, after the 10a.m. and 6p.m. Holy Masses, next Sunday 19th May



Prayers for Peace in our World: Why not join us at 7pm in Church on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during May as we pray the Rosary and have devotions in honour of Our Lady in this her Special Month?

CHURCH CLEANING: over the years we have had a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers, who weekly clean the church on a Rota basis, but the years have caught up with many of them and others have gone home to God: we thank them for their service and dedication. Now we need to put together 4 teams of men and women, willing to come once a month, daytime or evening to keep our Church, spick and span! Can you please help, if you can mention it to Bernie Kirstein or Rev Luke, Many thanks



13 May: Our Lady of Fatima; The Blessed Virgin appeared six times to three shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, between May 13 and October 13, 1917 in the little village of Fatima (Portugal). The message given at Fatima is one of repentance, so that the world may be transformed into the place of grace and peace willed by Almighty God.

Last week's collection total £711 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.

There will be a "Cemetery Mass" at St Josephs R C Cemetery Moston on Monday 27th May @ 11am and again on Monday 26th August: if it is a "wet day" the Mass will be celebrated in St Dunstan's church.

The annual Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walk is set to return for another year of prayerful celebration. Taking place on Monday 27th May, the walk will begin at 10am from Manchester Cathedral Gardens, and the group will process to St Peter's Square for an Act of Worship. Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome to attend!

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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