



St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



Easter Sunday

31st March

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April: Month of the Holy Spirit



When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make – with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!

We pray during this week for the people of the parish of Our Lady and St. Patrick, Oldham, for Fr. Philip Sumner, their parish priest, and for their parish primary schools.

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.

Pope Francis Tweet: “The roots of our faith are planted in the barren soil of Calvary, where Jesus, in death, made hope spring up. He opened the way to heaven; He gave us eternal life; He brought us salvation.”

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.

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

Saturday	30th March	EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST MASS	7pm	
EASTER SUNDAY	31st March	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	1st April	Mass of Easter	12 Noon**	Mass
Tuesday	2nd April	Mass of Easter	9-30am***	Mass
Wednesday	3rd April	Mass of Easter	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	4th April	Mass of Easter	9-30am	Mass
Friday	5th April	Mass of Easter	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	6th April	Mass of Easter	11am 12 Noon	<i>Exposition & Confessions</i> Mass
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	7th April	Morning Mass <i>Divine Mercy afternoon</i> Evening Mass	10am 2.45pm 6-00pm	Mass Mass

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

March 31st 10am Christine Blackburn & Bernard Grigitis **6pm** Kath Perry
April 7th 10am Terry O'Neil & Tony Masterson **6pm** Comfort Mensa

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Liam McMahon, Jackie McCusker, Catherine Mullarkey, Isabella Liebetram, Peter Connors, Fr Jan Wojczynski, Kathleen Hunt, Patricia & Frank Durr, Catherine O'Callaghan, Kitty Carey.

In your prayers please remember: Celia Gilligan, Tes Kenrick, Steven Moorhouse, Kathleen Fahey, Teresa McHugh, Karen Teale, Fintan Griffin, Maggie Shackleton, Kevin & Noel Ford, John Hennessey, Tyrone Edwards, Canon David Ryder, Jimmy Burke, William Harkin, Lucy Rhodes, Trevor Teale, Amanda, Eileen Hendrick, Tom & Jimmy Taylor, Michael Barnes, Kevin Malpas, Carole Mealing, Margaret Duffy, 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, 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, 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, Margaret Fisher, Natalie Forshaw, Fr Peter Maloney, Charlie McHugh, Stephen Bostock, Patrick Carragher, Jean Bradbury, Joan Tobin, Kevin Potts.

Our Lady's Lamp; for Packie Farnan: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** for World Peace: New list at the back of the Church: *suggested donation £5. Thank you*

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the Church during the week and especially for Easter. Thank you for all who have assisted with the Liturgy, especially our ministers, readers and servers, and for the many who came along with the power of your prayers and the love you have for our Blessed Lord. **Happy Easter!**



NEXT SUNDAY is Divine Mercy Sunday, our devotions begin at 2-45 pm, and there will be an opportunity for Confession and Benediction. Do come and join in this wonderful devotion.



EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE: The winning ticket was Green 211 -215 and was claimed .However we were asked to re - raffle it and the ticket was Yellow 231 -235 Helen C. Thanks to all who supported us.

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 .

PLEASE NOTE ALL GROUPS ARE NOW CLOSED FOR EASTER. RE - OPENING DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED .

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.

Launch Mass for Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in our Centenary Year; The Launch Mass for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes - marking our centenary year - will be taking place at 7pm on Tuesday 16th April at St Patrick's, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, M4 5HF. Whether you are planning to join us in Lourdes this summer, or will be praying along at home, you'd be most welcome to join us for our Mass next month. For more information on this year's pilgrimage, including how to book, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/booking-lourdes-2024/>

Talks on the Four Constitutions of Vatican II: In response to Pope Francis' invitation to revisit the Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council, the Diocese of Salford is holding a series of four evening talks after Easter. The first talk takes place on Wednesday 10th April when Bishop John will explore a little more about *Lumen Gentium*. The talk begins at 7pm at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Find out more about the series and register your interest


HE IS RISEN

Last week's collection total £589 Thank you

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.

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.

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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