



# St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



**The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

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**January; Month of the Holy Name of Jesus**



What does it mean to be a follower of the Lord Jesus? Surely to listen and hear his voice, and to go where he leads us. Today, as we enter the “ordinary” season of the year, we begin our story of Jesus’s life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfils his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: “Come and see.” This echoes the calling of Samuel - a simple call, by name, which Samuel does not understand: discipleship is about trust, which Samuel shows simply by saying “Speak, Lord; your servant is listening. The Psalm also underlines this, as we (the disciples of the Lord) sing together: “Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.” We hear his call, and we freely go to him, to listen again to the words of the Master.

**Let us pray** for the people of St. Stephen’s parish, Droylsden, for Fr. Bernard Wilson, their parish priest, and for Fr. Callistus Orjika. We pray for their parish primary school.

**Pope Francis Tweet:** “The voice of the Father, proclaims: “You are my beloved Son” (Mk 1:11), reveals that Jesus is the Son of God. It recalls our own Baptism that immersed us in God's infinite embrace, filling us with the strength of His saving love.”

**THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTIONS** for January: For the Gift of Diversity in the Church: Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

At the beginning of the New Year can I take this opportunity to thank every one who helps in any way around the Parish practically, liturgically and pastorally your efforts are much appreciated,  
Thank you and God Bless. MJK.

**This week's timetable**

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time B</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Morning Mass Evening</b>	<b>10am 6pm</b>	<b>Mass Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>	<b>9-30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>	<b>6pm 7pm</b>	<b>Exposition Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>St Anthony</b>	<b>9-30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Thursday <i>Christian Unity Week begins</i></b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>	<b>9-30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Weekday Mass [St Wulstan]</b>	<b>9-3am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Mass of Our Lady [Ss Fabian &amp; Sebastian]</b>	<b>11am 12noon</b>	<b>Exposition &amp; Confessions Mass</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time B</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Morning Mass Evening</b>	<b>10am 6pm</b>	<b>Mass Mass</b>

**Rota for Eucharistic Ministers**

<b>January 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b> Bernie Rowen & Pauline Nixon	<b>6pm</b> Kath Petty
<b>January 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10am</b> Christine Blackburn & Bernard Grigaitas	<b>6pm</b> Mary Teehan

**For the Sick and Housebound:** God of all goodness, Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. When they feel alone, send them someone to listen and to care. When they are confused, provide reassurance and direction. When they are in pain, ease their suffering. When they despair, give them hope. May they experience your healing presence through the most Blessed Sacrament today. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**MASSES THIS WEEK:** Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Mike Maguire, Teresa Barrett, Fr Michael's Intentions, Eddie Hogan, Philomena Johnson, Benny Rowo, Denis Mccreesh, John Joe Kilbane, Sinah Kelly, Berni Delahroyd and Family, Barbara Blair, Tommy Cooney, Jim Lister.

**In your prayers please remember:** John Lloyd, Teresa McHugh, Celia Gilligan, Kathleen Fahey, Karen Teale, Fintan Griffin, Maggie Shackleton, Jimmy Burke, Lucy Rhodes, Amanda, Carole Mealing, Margaret Duffy, Sr Ann Hamersly, 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, John Arthurs, Michael Turner, Des Reape, Breda Orr, Canon David Caine, Eileen &, Fr. Pat Deegan, Patrick & Bobby Durkin, Tina McGeehan, 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.



Christian Unity week begins on Thursday and although since the pandemic we have not taken on new activities the bond of friendship is very much alive; let us take the opportunity to pray for and affirm our fellow Christian pilgrims in their tradition and witness.

**Our Lady's Lamp;** for the Fr Michael: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** for the Joe Moran : New list at the back of the Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you

+ Sad news this week that Mike Maguire husband of Fiona our recent Head Teacher died suddenly while on holiday in Ireland; please remember Mike and the family in your lovely prayers. +

+ The Requiem Mass for Teresa Barrett will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 10am. Many of you will remember Teresa. Please keep Teresa and her family in your prayers during this time. +

**Diocese of Salford Synod** - The two synod representatives, Pat Jones & Christine Robinson will be meeting today after 10am Mass, there will be an opportunity for members of the parish to gather in the parish hall to answer the questions for 'The Big Listen' by asking 4 questions. We hope to gather as many responses as possible to forward to the diocesan synod team. All answers are confidential. Stay with us Lord on our journey.

**Synod Update** Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Synod questions this week from our various gatherings. We hope to be able to give you how many responses we will have sent to the diocese by next week. Your time and discussions were very much appreciated.

**MARY'S MEALS** Many Thanks for the kind donations to this wonderful charity. Up to now we have raised £850!! This money will go a long way in feeding so many young children. Donations are still welcome.

**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 .

**Saint of the week: 19<sup>th</sup> January: Saint Wulstan, Bishop;** Wulstan was born in Warwickshire about 1008, and died in 1095. He became a Benedictine monk of the cathedral priory of Worcester, but in 1062 was appointed bishop, and was one of the few Anglo-Saxons in high office to survive the Norman Conquest. He was renowned as a confessor, and his care for the poor and sick and for the high standards he demanded of his clergy.

**From the Catechism of the Church:**” Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. 35 The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents.”

**Last week's collection total £611 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 **ALL GROUPS ARE NOW OPEN**

**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.

**2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee:** This Advent, Pope Francis invites people across the world to embark on a Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee. Over the coming weeks and months, the Diocese of Salford will be sharing a range of resources and ideas to help us journey together through this Year of Prayer. To find out more head to <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/>

**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.

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