



# St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



**The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024.**

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



Where does Jesus begin his ministry? Where John the Baptist left off - preaching a message of repentance, of change, to welcome the new Kingdom of God. There is a simplicity about this message, which is not compromised by anything - today's Gospel has these simple words from Jesus, and then the story of his calling more disciples to follow him and share in the work of spreading this message. Repentance has had something of a bad press - we tend to think of it as an old-fashioned concept. But every age needs to hear this call: to look at what we do and say and assume, and realise that there are such things as right and wrong, and that sometimes we follow the wrong path. To follow Jesus, and to accept the Kingdom of God, demands that we make a radical choice, which might well change our lives.

**Let us pray** for the people of the parish of St. Anne, Higher Openshaw, and for Fr. Chris Lough, their parish priest and Acting Dean, as well as their parish primary school.

**Pope Francis Tweet:** "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues this week, which this year highlights love for God and neighbour. Let us PrayTogether that Christians may reach full communion and bear witness of love towards all, especially the most fragile."

**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.

**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.

## This week's timetable

<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>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>Weekday Mass [<i>St Vincent</i>]</b>	<b>9-30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Weekday Mass</b>	<b>6pm 7pm</b>	<b>Exposition Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Requiem: Teresa Barrett St Francis de Sales</b>	<b>10am+++</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Thursday <i>Christian Unity Week ends</i></b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Feast; The Conversion of St Paul</b>	<b>9-30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus</b>	<b>9-3am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Mass of Our Lady [<i>St Angela Merici</i>]</b>	<b>11am 12noon</b>	<b>Exposition &amp; Confessions Mass</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time B</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Morning Mass Evening</b>	<b>10am 6pm</b>	<b>Mass Mass</b>

### Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

January 21<sup>st</sup> 10am Christine Blackburn & Bernard Grigaitis                      6pm Mary Teehan  
 January 28<sup>th</sup> 10am Byju Joseph & Benu Biju    6pm Comfort Mensa

**MASSES THIS WEEK:** Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Mike Maguire, Teresa Barrett, Fr Michael's Intentions, Denis McCreesh, Sr Teresa Moore, Brendan Beirne, David Kane, Tom Loftus, Jack Daly, Jim Lister, Sr Modester, John Lloyd, Karl Kirstein, Alfie Lambe, and Caroline Reeder.

**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.

**Our Lady's Lamp;** for Ella Martin: **The Sacred Heart Lamp;** for Christian Unity.  
 New list at the back of the Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you

**Update:** Just to let you know that the surgery went well last week taking all of seven and half hours; the Doctors were pleased with the results and think they managed to capture everything. I am home and will spend the next few weeks recovering and attending follow through appointments. Thank you for your continued prayers and kind thoughts; and thank you to the Doctors, staff and blood donors who made it all possible and the grace of God. **MJK**



Christian Unity week continues until Thursday; let us take the opportunity to pray for and affirm our fellow Christian pilgrims in their tradition and witness.

**Diocese of Salford Synod** - We would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed to "The Big Listen." A total of 80 took part and these responses have been sent to the Diocese. It has been heartening to witness the commitment and dedication to preserving the traditions and beliefs of our faith and also to witness the positive impact parish volunteers have on the spiritual and emotional well being of others. We have noted the need to support, nurture and encourage our young people to develop their faith as they are a crucial part of the future of our church community.

*Stay with us Lord on our Journey*

**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 .

**Caritas Sunday;** On Sunday 28th January, we will be marking Caritas Sunday by celebrating the work of our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford. To find out more about the work of Caritas Salford and how you can get involved, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/caritas-sunday/>. We invite you to keep our diocesan charity in your prayers over this coming week.

**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.

**Saint of the week: 24 January: Saint Francis de Sales;** Born into a noble family in Annecy in 1597, he was ordained priest and worked strenuously for the Church by distributing printed essays on the Catholic faith; he became Bishop of Geneva, exemplary in his pastoral care. He also wrote *The Introduction to the Devout Life*, a handbook to holiness. He is patron saint of journalists and writers.

**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.

**Last week's collection total £637 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](http://www.burnagefoodbank.org.uk) or tel: 07936698546.

**Mass for LGBT+ Catholics;** We're delighted to share details of our next Mass for LGBT+ Catholics and their friends and families. Mass will take place at 3pm on Saturday 27th January at St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square, Manchester. All are welcome to join!

**Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Centenary Year Fundraiser - The Mercy Brothers**  
Join us for a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with the fabulous 'Mercy Brothers' band on Friday 9th February, 8pm (doors 7.30pm), at The Hough End Centre, Mauldeth Road West, Chortlon-cum-Hardy, Manchester, M21 7SX. The band is made up of members of the clergy from around the diocese. Tickets are priced at £15 (over 16s) and free for under 16s. Money raised will go to the Centenary Pilgrimage Fund and in support of our sick pilgrims and medical team. To book please visit [www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising](http://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising) or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

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