

Last week's collection total £721 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.

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.

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 Diocese also requires a number of additional volunteer forms to be completed. 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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: QUIZ NIGHT PARISH HALL FRIDAY 28th APRIL. Back by popular demand. Questions on various subjects. Always a fun night. Refreshments available .Why not enter a team (max 6 per team) only £2.50 each Further details from Barry or Bernadette on 07780 956066

Inquirers morning for Vocations to the Diaconate Saturday 1st April,10am St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 5HF The Diocese of Salford's Department for Formation is holding an enquirers morning for anyone who may be discerning a vocation to the diaconate. If you would like to learn more about what a deacon is or does, or would like to speak to someone about how God might be calling you to serve as a deacon in our diocese, this event will help you find out more. Starting with Mass at 10am and finishing with a sandwich lunch.

Email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to let us know you're coming.You can also learn more about the role of deacons by visiting <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diaconate-faqs/>

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ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT [LAETARE]

19TH MARCH 2023



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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

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March: Month of St Joseph



When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about light - true light, that defeats the blindness of sin. Again, this would have been offered to those preparing for Baptism, but speaks to all of us who have been baptised, inviting us to be renewed in the light of Christ at Easter. Remember that one of the oldest titles of the newly baptised was "neophyte", which means "newly enlightened" There is a subtle link between the

readings on this Sunday: in the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path - 'no evil would I fear' as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light: it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of light. All this is summed up in the Gospel, the marvellous story of the healing (by being 'anointed' with spittle) of the man born blind. Jesus is the light of the

Let us pray for the parish of St. Patrick, Collyhurst, for Canon Paul Daly, their parish priest, and Fr. Moses Agada, for Deacon Stephen Scott, the Presentation Sisters and the Missionaries of Charity Brothers. We pray for St. Joseph's Mission to Deaf People and for the Sisters of Our Lady of Evron, for the chaplaincy to the Vietnamese community and for the parish primary schools. May they live by that same missionary zeal which inspired St. Patrick.

Pope Francis Tweet: "Is your faith tired? Do you want to reinvigorate it? Look for God's gaze: sit in adoration, allow yourself to be forgiven in Confession, stand before the Crucified One. In short, let him love you."

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for March: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant

that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

HAPPY LADY DAY

We pray for all the Ladies of the Parish and give thanks for their witness and service.

This week's timetable

Fourth Sunday of Lent [Laetare]	19 th March	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	20 th March	Solemnity: St Joseph	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	21 st March	Mass of Lent	6pm 7pm	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Wednesday	22 nd March	Mass of Lent	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	23 rd March	Mass of Lent	9-30am	Mass
Friday	24 th March	Mass of Lent	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	25 th March	Solemnity: The Annunciation of the Lord	11am 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Fifth Sunday in Lent (Old Passion)	26 th March	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass Mass

Don't Forget Stations of the Cross most days after Mass, come and join us. We adore you O Lord and we praise you; because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

March 19th 10am Bernie Kirstein & Michael Ampiah 6pm Comfort Mensa
 March 26th 10am Stephen Burke & Geraldine Fury 6pm Shaun O'Donnell

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Kathleen Curley, Bernadette Donnelly, Eileen Harkin, Peter Hackman, Michael & Annie Gaughan, Lorna Boles, Charlie Whitager, Vic Collier, Maureen & Kevin Mitchell, Bernard Howells, Sally Carter, Maricia Nuttall.

In your prayers please remember: Hughie Gallagher, John MacCarron, Nino, Ted Reid, Alan Hixon, Janet Burke, Imelda Dean, Michael Connolly, Alfie Hooper, Amy Devlin, Amy McDonald, Steven Moorhouse, John McLoughlin, Delilah Bardsley, Louis Clegg, Gloria Oakley, Joan Lockett David Fallard, Angela Close, John Lloyd, Fr Chris Lough, Chris Williams, Margaret Stenson, Lauren Westian, Breda Duggan, Maggie Shackleton, Mary Saunders, Abraham McCoy, Delia Regan, Celia Gilligan, Bernard Howell, Lisa Nelson, Lucy Murphy, Clare Bainbridge, Mary Windsor, Patricia Bibbon, Pauline Zogaroli, John Monaghan, Arianna, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Michael Hession, Ged Moran, Maureen Nash, Bridie Duff, Breda Duggan, Mary Boylan, Sandra Thorn, Kath Donnelly, Marie Fahey, Ann & Peter Lomas, Gerard Clegg, Celia Meschi, Olive Price, Michael O'Driscoll, Denis Joyce, Natasha Baker, Lisa Nelson, David Fettes, Archbishop Kelly, Margaret Moran, Alan Wilcock, Isla Murray, Marcella McNevin, Sir Bobby Charlton, Fr Bernard Sparks, Trevor Teale, Margaret Fisher, Natalie Forshaw, Ellen Leach, Patrick McCabe, Jim Campbell, Fr Peter Maloney, Tess Kenrick, Charlie McHugh, Stephen Bostock, Fr Philip Boast, Albert Oatley, Jimmy O'Hanlon, Meg Warriner, Lilly Flaherty, Patrick Carragher, Martin Conway, Teresa Barrett, Katie Griffin, Sal & Cam Lusco, Lilly Keane, Bridget O'Brien, Fr Leo Heakin, Michael Turner, Tony Rock, Deborah Kemp, Fr Bob Morrow, Nancy Maguire, Therese Thompson, MJK, Fr Frank Austin, Annette Irving, Duncan, Chris Loftus, Canon Mort Stanley, Eamonn Coyle, Patricia Divine, Fr Bernard Higham, Ged McCarrow, Denis Law, James Barren, Kathleen Curley, Anthony Mullen, Marion Moran, Mary Mulvihill.

Holy Hour Thursday 30th March at 6pm in the Parish Hall for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Parishioner, come and pray!

Our Lady's Lamp; for the Holy Father's Intentions: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** Deceased Parishioners: New list at the back of the Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you

Gift Aid Envelopes from 9th April 2023; Thank you to all our gift aid contributors for the past year whose donation with the tax refund we receive provides much needed income for our parish. The current gift aid envelopes finish on Good Friday 7th April with the new envelopes commencing on Easter Sunday 9th April. Thank you to all the gift aid contributors who pay through standing orders either weekly or monthly as this is very much appreciated and keeps the volume of paper (i.e. envelopes) down which accumulates each week. Why not consider paying by weekly or monthly standing order rather than using an envelope each week. If you would like to pay by standing order rather than by envelopes please contact Pat Jones who will be happy to give you the St Bernard bank details no later than Sunday 19th March before names are written on boxes! Many thanks. Boxes will be distributed from Sunday 26th March. If you are a current tax payer and would like to start using a gift aid box please see Pat to complete a gift aid declaration form.

Bacon Butties today after 10am Mass in the Parish Hall.... "smell the bacon!"

Missio (Red Boxes) Magazines available at the back of church. If you have any donations please put in a bag / envelope bearing your name marked for the attention of Bernadette and bring in to church or telephone 07780 956066 and arrangements will be made to collect. Thank you on behalf of Missio.

CAFOD: Many thanks for Family Fast Day envelopes returned today. Our St. Bernard's appeal will stay open throughout Lent & any envelope marked "CAFOD" can be posted through the Presbytery door. THANK YOU for all you do.

SPRING MARKET DAY, NEXT Saturday 25th March 11-1pm/Sunday 26th after morning Mass. Any unwanted old jewellery, or ornaments(not Bric a brac or clothes) would be appreciated, please leave in box at the back of Church

Day coach to Walsingham for the Diocesan pilgrimage Saturday 20th May; Joining Bishop John. Leaving 6am returning 10pm. Cost £22 per person. Please enclose the payment in a sealed envelope marked Walsingham. Children under 16 years go half price £12. Contact Ann Tipper or Tony Kirstein.



Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls - pray for me. Amen.