



St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



The Epiphany of The Lord

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January; Month of the Holy Name of Jesus



In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the Time of Manifestation, or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the newborn child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation" Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including

us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

Let us pray for the people of St. Anne's parish, Crumpsall, and for Fr. John Joseph, of the Society of St. Paul, their new parish priest. We pray for the parish primary school and for Fr. John Adio, the chaplain to the North Manchester General Hospital.

Pope Francis Tweet: "We all have shortcomings, loneliness, and voids that ask to be filled. When we are tempted to retreat into ourselves, let us go to Mary, Mother of fullness. When we cannot untangle the knots of our life, let us seek refuge in her."

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.

We wish you and yours a Very Happy New Year.

This week's timetable

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	7th January	Morning Mass Evening	10am 6pm	Mass Mass	
Monday	8th January	Feast: The Baptism of the Lord	9-30am	Mass	
Tuesday	9th January	Weekday Mass	6pm 7pm	Exposition Mass	
Wednesday	10th January	Weekday Mass	9-30am	Mass	
Thursday	11th January	Weekday Mass	9-30am	Mass	
Friday	12th January	Weekday Mass [St Aelred]	9-3am	Mass	
Saturday	13th January	Mass of Our Lady [St Hilary]	11am 12noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass	
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time B	14th January	Morning Mass Evening	10am 6pm	Mass Mass	

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

January 7th

10am Stephen Burke & Geraldine Furey

6pm Comfort Mensa

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, Joshua Holme-Saunders, Denis Joyce, Alice McAndrew, Jack & Kathleen Sheridan, Tommy Divine, Mary & Tom Callaghan, Maureen Lyons, Walter Moorhouse, Jack Quinn, Teresa Barrett.

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, 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 the Fr Eugene Nee: the Sacred Heart Lamp; for the Diocese : New list at the back of the Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you

UPDATE; just to let you know I will be going into hospital on Wednesday for surgery on Thursday to remove the new cancer, it is a bigger operation than I had expected but God willing will do the job. If all goes well I should be in hospital for five days before returning home; the recovery period is around six weeks. I am humbled and grateful to the many blood donors whose generous gifts have enabled me to come to this moment. I won't be the only one having surgery this week, so please can I ask for your generous prayers for all going through this process this week. Thank you mjk

Diocese of Salford Synod - from Monday 8th until Sunday 14th January the two synod representatives, Pat Jones & Christine Robinson will be meeting our different parish groups to gather information for 'The Big Listen' by asking 4 questions. All parishes in the diocese have been asked to answer the questions to help in the future progress of our diocese. Next Sunday 14th January after 10am Mass there will be an opportunity for members of the parish to gather in the parish hall to answer the 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.

MARY'S MEALS Please support our Advent appeal: last year we fed 289 Children, once again the Government has agreed to double whatever is collected. Mary's meals totals £215 so far. Please could we request the boxes are returned ASAP so we can take advantage of the double up scheme. Retiring Collection today.

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 .

THE MONTH OF JANUARY is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honour the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

Saint of the week: 12 January: Saint Aelred of Rievaulx, Religious; Born in 1110, Aelred died at Rievaulx (Yorkshire) on this day in 1167. The son of a priest, he was educated at Durham and in the household of King David of Scotland. In 1134 he visited the newly founded Cistercian abbey of Rievaulx, and was so attracted to it that he chose to become a monk there, and was eventually elected abbot. He is remembered for his gift of friendship, for his sensitive and gentle rule, and for his enduringly popular spiritual writings, especially that on friendship.

Last week's collection total £629 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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