

**FAMILY FLOWERS:** Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church, thank you.

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £608 & Last week 647 22p Thank you

I acknowledge a donation of £200 gift aided towards the boiler fund. Thank you


SPUC collection last Sunday £275 thankyou

**The Divine Mercy prayer Group** meets on the First and Third Wednesday of the month in the Church at 1pm; why not join them?

**TODDLERS GROUP.** The group is open. 9.30am --11.30am every Tuesday; Further enquiries to Anne 431 7212. **Young at Heart**, open every Monday 11-30pm:

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**FORTY**  
**HUNGRY**  
**STONES**  
**LOAVES**  
**ANGELS**  
**FOOT**  
**SATAN**  
**WORSHIP**



**BURNAGE FOODBANK** provides emergency food for local people in crisis, whether on benefits or in work. For more information, take a leaflet from the porch, see [www.burnagefoodbank.org.uk](http://www.burnagefoodbank.org.uk) or tel: 07936698546; 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

#### Pilgrimage Corner

**Walsingham;** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May-Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, £157, two nights' half board, joining up with the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Few places left. Contact Tony Kirstein 225 0227.

**Lourdes, this September 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, flights, and accommodation and full programme, £425**

The list is now open for bookings and a deposit of £150 is requested. There are limited places (20) so please book early Contact Ann Tipper on 442 5259 leave a message on the answer phone.

**Next week** at the back of the Church we will have Olive wood holding crosses for your pocket. We purchased these in the Holy Land and the proceeds will be sent back to Bethlehem, cost £2

**Calling past pupils of St Joseph's Girls School**, Victoria Park, Manchester. Reunion Mass here at St. Bernard's at 12 noon on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March. We do hope you come and join us at Mass and afterwards in the Parish Hall for a chat and a Cuppa. For further information, contact Michelle Ginger on 07510493313

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE (MANCHESTER)** From March 1 through April 9, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil outside Marie Stopes, Wynnstay Grove, Manchester, M14 6XG. If you'd like more information - and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please sign up at [www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/manchester-2](http://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/manchester-2) or contact Michael on 07810 791032.

**Hospital Chaplain + Christies** number 0161 224 1895- Wythenshaw 0161 291 2297

# ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017



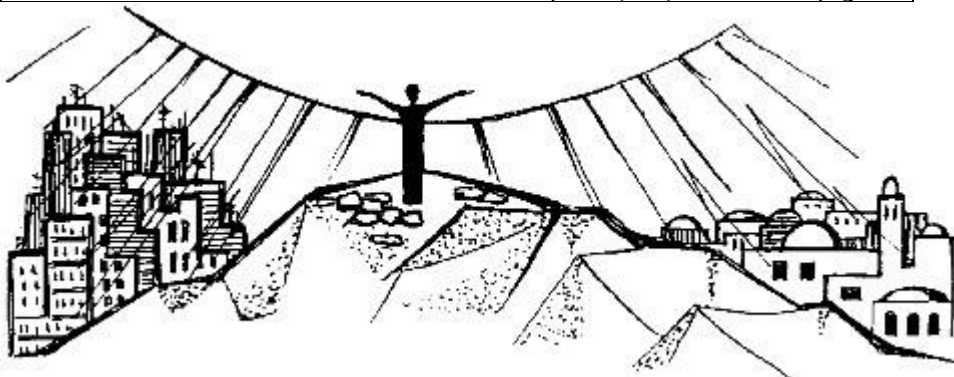
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Manchester M19 1DR Tel 0161 432 3628

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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

1<sup>st</sup> Lent      MASS 7/ Creed 12; Eucharistic Prayer 2 (P24)      Mass page 151



In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent, these Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries. We must realize why: Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA): those already baptized used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus' own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.

**With Lent in Mind:** There are lots of things that we can do for Lent which are obvious, but let me offer something that is ancient and wholesome, have you thought about fasting? Fasting is a very important part of our Christian heritage and especially when it is coupled with prayer. Many of the saints would go for a time of prayer and fasting, following the example of Jesus who we hear about in the today's Gospel. Coupling fasting with prayer is a well-trodden road, and one that we will not be on our own, and many say that such a method does bring an answer to prayer. Fasting does not need to be excessive, but say one day a week give up a midday meal or snack. It's important when fasting to have fluids just to keep the balance going. The second merit of fasting is that whatever we save should not only help ourselves but also those less fortunate than us; whatever we save and can give will be most welcome in our Lenten alms box, which this year will go to the work of HCPT. Please do not think about fasting if you are unwell, or on special measures for one thing or another. This year I have set aside a day in the week to fast, I promise not to be miserable or grumpy, join me!!! mjk

**Pope Francis tweet:** God is always faithful and never stops for a moment loving us, following our steps, and running after us when we have strayed from him.

This week's timetable

**SHORT STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER MORNING MASS**

First Sunday of Lent [10am Children]	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10 am 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday [Ss Perpetua & Felicity]	7 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Weekday	6pm 7pm	Confessions and Exposition Mass
Wednesday [St John of God]	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Exposition Morning Prayer Lent Weekday	8am 9-10am 9-30am	Mass
Thursday St Frances of Rome]	9 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Friday <b>FAMILY FAST DAY</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Sacrifice Lent Weekday <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>	6-30am**** 9-30am <b>3pm****</b>	Mass Mass
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Weekday	11am 12 Noon	Confessions & Exposition Mass
Second Sunday of Lent	12 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10 am 6pm	Mass Mass

**Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**

<b>Eucharistic Ministers 10am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers 6pm</b>	<b>Readers 10am March</b>	<b>Readers 6pm March</b>	<b>Weekday readers This week</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers weekdays</b>
Marie Fahey	Fiona McGarvey	Liam McMahon	Janice Banks	Clare Clegg	Imelda Dean
Bernard Grigaitis	Teresa McHugh	Diane Donald	Stany Rodrigues		Christine Kelly
Maura Barrens	Comfort Mensah	Tony Black	By Ju Joseph	<b>Counting Team</b>	
Pauline Hixon		<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>		Bridie Close	
Denis Keyworth	<b>Little Church</b>	Dympna Dumpleton	<b>10am Offertory</b>	Brigid Flatley	
Liam McMahon	Restarts next Sunday	Clare Clegg	Olive Hogan & K Welsh	Denis Keyworth	<b>Cleaning team</b>
William Onzivu		Christine Blackburn		Angela Keyworth	Thank you

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (March)**

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

**LENTEN ALMS BOX:** on the Sanctuary for you to place your Lenten alms; This year for HCPT: Please be generous.

**Masses this week:** William Hall, Donald MacCrimmon, Michael, Eddie Hogan, Irene & Harold Waddington, Moira Cronshaw, John Kelly, Catherine Heath, Michael McHale, Katherine Kenrick, Mary Patterson, Brendan Ryan, John Joe Neary, Patrick Rabbitt.

**Sick;** please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Aiden, M. Pedrito Ballester, Joshua, Daniel, Kath, Eugene Nash, Declan Blackburn, Emma Bell-Parke, Jimmy Fahy, Tess Kenrick, Chris Meecham, Fr David Foster, Nicola Moorhouse, Michael Maguire, Henry Dorrian, Mary Boylan, Brendan Ryan, Breda Gallagher, Fr Bernard Higham, Sheila Fitzgerald, Fr Jim Culkin, Ged Moran, Anne Constantine, Marcella McNevin, Steven Moorhouse, Jack Kyriacou, John Kujacz, Bessie Proctor, Michael O'Keefe, Keith Carty, Thomas Kelly, Fr. Peter Coyle, Patricia Rundle, Mary O'Neill, Canon Kevin O'Connor, Noah Buble, Caroline Lister, June McGowan, Mgr. Ron Hishon, Maura Kavanagh, Bridie Heneghan, Patrick Tynan, Eamon Fahey, Mary Dunne, Pat Preston, Paula, David Boylan, Fr John Mackie, Johnny Kenny, Ann Donnelly, Eileen McHale, Mary Grobicki, Louis Kitt, Kathleen Connolly, Fr. Michael Hoare, Amelia Sacarello, Harry Hallows, Agnes Halligan, Canon Jack Rigby, Betty Wilson, Janet Roberts, Clare Bainbridge, Anna Lawless, Rachel Atkinson, Anthony Coombes, Pat Reid, Constance Murphy, Betty Foster, Martin & Michael Rock, Delia Connelly and Colin Pearson.

**Baptism:** don't forget to pop in to see Father after Sunday Mass to begin the process.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** 6 months' notice must be given, please see Father to make arrangements.

**School Reading Project:** St Bernard's bid to create a reading area, inside a giant tipi, has been accepted for community voting in our local Tesco stores. It would be fantastic if we could win this funding and we need the help of our parish to be in with a chance. To vote for St Bernard's simply post the token you receive when you pay into the **St. Bernard's Outdoor Reading Club** slot.



**Our Lady's Lamp burns for: last week In memory of Eddie O'Callaghan;** thank you. There is a list at the back of the Church if you would like to be involved on any particular week. Suggested offering £5.

**QUIZ NIGHT:** thanks to all who attended our latest quiz night, it was a very enjoyable evening. Thanks also to all who helped on the night it was very much appreciated. A sum of £500 was raised which will go towards the church boiler fund. Special thanks to Bernie and Barry.

**CAFOD:** This Lent we think of mothers like **Florence in Zambia** who provides for her family by farming tiny fish. Please take a **CAFOD** envelope today, save whatever you can on **Friday, Lent Fast Day** & return **NEXT** Sunday, when we will also have our **CAFOD** Sale including books, Mother's Day gifts, homemade marmalade etc. **Thank You**

**BURNAGE FOODBANK:** Thank you for Feb donations. **March** is the month of UHT orange & apple juice & tinned sponge puddings which can be dropped off at **Tesco, Co-op, Library** or **church**. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**DROP IN THURSDAY** after Mass in the Parish Hall open till 3pm, Good conversation, games, newspapers, constant tea and coffee, and toast. Homemade soup and bread and homemade & treats at 12pm, lovely warm atmosphere: don't be shy come and join our regulars become one yourself! This event is for all our Parishioners and members of our local community why not pop in?

