

**Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £737 51p Thank you**

**SPUC** Collection last week raised **£264-35p**: thank you for your support.

**Baptism information:** See Baptism Team after Sunday Mass to register your child's details and begin the process. Further information contact Annie or Janice on: [baptismsternards@gmail.com](mailto:baptismsternards@gmail.com)

**Sacrament of Marriage:** 6 months' notice must be given, please see Father to make arrangements, please speak to Clergy **Marriage preparation course** is on the four Sundays in Feb. and in June at Our Lady's Moss Side: Book on line at [marriage.stjosephsmanchester.co.uk](http://marriage.stjosephsmanchester.co.uk): **Sacramental programme 2019/20**: Presentation Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> February: Contact: Clare Clegg (07389 192655).

**The Divine Mercy prayer Group** meets on the Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month in the Church at 1pm. **\*\*\*Please note new days\*\*\***

**Legion of Mary:** Tuesday's after evening Mass in the Hall, new members welcome.

**Young At Heart** open Monday: we look forward to seeing you.

**Toddlers Group;** open Tuesday mornings: Further enquiries to Anne 431 7212

**Drop in** open on Thursdays 10am till 2-30pm


**BURNAGE FOOD BANK; now short of Tinned fruit, tinned custard, and tinned rice pudding** For more information, take a leaflet from the porch, 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;

Could you be a school governor? There are 208 schools in the Diocese of Salford which accommodate approximately 82,000 pupils. Governors play an important part in our Catholic schools and the diocese is looking for nominees to take on the role. Nominees would not be expected to have a direct knowledge of current education law, school organisation or Governance, but should be willing to learn and dedicate reasonable time to their responsibilities. They would be expected to have a genuine commitment to the educational, personal and spiritual development of students and in particular to the wellbeing of the school community as a whole. If you can help by becoming a Governor, an expression of interest form and further information can be found on the Diocese website: [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/services/education](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/services/education)

2020 Diocesan Almanacs on sale in the shop

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**Items for the Bulletin** can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to [michaelkujacz@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelkujacz@hotmail.com) by **Wednesday evening** for inclusion the following Sunday is usually published Friday Morning. **Signed Mass Cards** can be obtained from Bridie Close, 44 Shawbrook Rd, during the week or on Sundays from the Bookstall (back of Church) or the Piety Stall (Parish Hall).

**MRI Hospital Chaplain + Christies** number 0161 276 4247; Wythenshaw 0161 291 2297

# ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020



**Clergy:** Mgr. Michael J Kujacz, Fr. John Coe

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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday p 125

MASS 6/ Creed 11;

Eucharistic Prayer 3(28)

*Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.*



There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time □ one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the □revelation□ of the Son of God □ people realising who this □Jesus of Nazareth□ actually was □ and this continues today, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint

Matthew's Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord's public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen □ even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God's work.

**Sacramental Programme Session 1** "Come to the Water" takes place in Church on Wed 22 Jan starting 6pm, repeated Sat 25 Jan at 9.30am. All children preparing to receive First Holy Communion in summer 2020 are expected to attend with parent/carer. Families should also ensure that children are present at Sunday Mass on 2 February to be formally presented to the Parish for the Sacrament.

This week let us pray for the people of the parish of the Holy Infant and St. Anthony, Astley Bridge, and for Fr. Nathan Horne, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, Thornleigh College and the Salesian community.

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS** for January: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

**Pope Francis Tweet:** "In the Christian life, it is not enough to be knowledgeable: unless we step out of ourselves, unless we worship, we cannot not know God. Christian life is a love story with God."

**Sunday of the Word of God:** Pope Francis hopes that this Sunday will be a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.

This week's timetable

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 19 <sup>th</sup> January | Morning Mass<br>Evening Mass                   | 10am<br>6pm            |                                     |
| Monday                                  | 20 <sup>th</sup> January | Mass of Weekday<br>(St Sebastian)              | 9-30am                 | Mass                                |
| Tuesday                                 | 21 <sup>st</sup> January | St Agnes                                       | 6pm<br>7pm             | Exposition<br>Mass                  |
| Wednesday<br>(St Vincent)               | 22 <sup>nd</sup> January | +Requiem: Arthur<br>Hesketh+                   | 11am***                | Mass                                |
| Thursday                                | 23 <sup>rd</sup> January | Mass of Weekday                                | 9-30am                 | Mass                                |
| Friday                                  | 24 <sup>th</sup> January | St Francis de Sales                            | 9-30am                 | Mass                                |
| Saturday                                | 25 <sup>th</sup> January | Feast: The Conversion<br>of St Paul            | 11am<br>12 Noon        | Exposition &<br>Confessions<br>Mass |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | 26 <sup>th</sup> January | Morning Mass<br>United Service<br>Evening Mass | 10am<br>2.30pm.<br>6pm | Parish Hall                         |

ROTAS THIS SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**10am:** Audrey Stedford, Diane Donald, Tony Black

**6pm:** John Press, Stany Rodrigues, Brenda O'Hara

**Eucharistic Ministers** 10 am Tony Kirstein, Terry O'Neill, Barbara Philips, Ann Richards, Jacqueline Turner, Berni Roan, Christine Kelly

**6pm** Ann Kiernan, Teresa McHugh, Comfort Mensah

**Soft Church** - Hilary & Tony Addyman

**Little Church**- Geraldine F & Julie

**Offertory 10am:** K Welsh, Ann MacCarron

**Counting Team:** Olive Hogan, Liam McMahon, Yvonne Tapodi

**Tea & Coffee:** Dymphna Dupleton, Clare Clegg, Christine Blackburn

**Weekday Reader this week:** John Press

**Weekday Eucharistic Ministers** Volunteers please each day

**Masses this week:** Special Intentions, Maria Politt, Arthur Hesketh, Vincent Shrapnel, Margaret & John Walsh, Ellen MacCarron, Sinah Kelly, Mick Jordan, Michael Rooney, Grace Galan, Anna Corcoran, Ned Fitzpatrick, John, Michael Jordan, Babs O'Sullivan, Mary & Edward O'Hanlon, Patsy & John O'Hanlon, Margaret Rattigan, Thomas & Sharon Harper, Peter & David Sullivan, David Kane, Bernard Connolly, Deidra, Anne & Patricia Connolly.

**In your prayers please remember:** Ian Lomas, Ellen Leach, Oliver Agnew, Pat Preston, Mary Phillips, Rose Mitton, Ann Richards, William Harkin, Lyndsey Kelly, Dillon Ward, Brian Waugh, Robert Leeming, Michael Turner, Chris Forbes, Louis Clegg, Maureen Nash, Denis Joyce, Breda Gallagher, Betty Serridge, Yas Poptani, Sr Pat Carney, Marcella McNevin, George Hughes, Maureen Nash, Mary Boylan, Ged MacCarron, Pat Hallows, Eddie Hawley, Celia & Alf Meschi, Michael Griffin, Jane Riley, Jacky Watts, Margaret Hills, Ita Kirsey, Sheila Walsh, John Kirwin, Christopher Burke, Ann O'Connor, MJK, Doreen French, Noreen Hopper, John Lohan, Anne Hutton, Tess Kenrick, Teresa Barrett, Sandra Lannatta, Kevin Hempell, Paddy Lyons, George Hegarty, Margaret & Dave Watkins, Sue Atherton, Lizzie Frost, Anthony Gormley, Stefan Lachkovic, Steven Moorhouse, Nancy Maguire, Breda Orr, Orla McManus, Betty Ann Jones, Nora Gibbons, Siobhan Drugan, Kathleen



Curley, Anthony Mullen, Marion Moran, Ronald Bradshaw, Ann & John MacCarron, John Phillips, Anthony Gallagher, Clare Bainbridge, Fr Vincent Cavey, Mary Winterbourne, Mary Mulvihill, Phyllis Dowd, Margaret Bayhi, Celia Deignan, Mary Bancroft, Eileen Kenny, Mary Jordan, Kathleen Connolly, Michael Carney, Maureen Walkin, Bernie Quezena, Lee Hegarty, Richard O'Connor, Patrick Clarke, Anna Lawless, Eddie McDonald.

**Our Lady's Lamp** for Arthur Kelly and the Sacred Heart Lamp for Eddie O'Callaghan there are NEW lists at the at the back of Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you

**Next Sunday (26<sup>th</sup>) is CARITAS SUNDAY.** This year **CARITAS Diocese of Salford** is asking all parishes to support the goal of a 2020 with **#NobodyLeftBehind**. We are asked to pray for the work of **CARITAS**, to think of volunteering & to give generously to the **2nd collection** which enables **CARITAS** to **Welcome Refugees, Support Vulnerable Families & House the Homeless**, especially through **Cornerstone**, our local service. A special **CARITAS SUNDAY** edition of **The Beacon** will be in the porch for us to read & share. **Thank You.**



**Christian Unity Week, special events:**

Tuesday 21st January: Morning Prayer at **St Nicholas** church at 8.30am.

Wednesday 22nd January: Prayers **St Margaret's** 12 Noon

Saturday 25th January: Prayer Breakfast **Christ Church** Burnage Lane at 9am.

Sunday 26th January: **St Bernard's** United Service at 2.30pm. (In Parish Hall)

Let us pray: "Eternal Father, we praise you for sending your Son to be one of us and to save us. Look upon your people with mercy, for we are divided in so many ways, and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love. We ask this gift, loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

**Hope in the Future, 9th January 7: INTRODUCTORY RITES: Penitential Act**

Do you remember when, as children, your mum or dad (or grandparents) would say as you came in from an afternoon or evening of play "Make sure you wipe your feet before you come in!" Perhaps this is something you still say! In a sense that is what the "penitential act" is all about. It is part of our preparation to worship God in our liturgy - the first thing we do once we are all gathered is a spiritual "wiping of the feet", asking God to cleanse us of sins and faults and failings, so that we can worship properly. As with many parts of the Mass, the most important moment here is not the words we say, but the silence we are given. This silence is for each one present to "personalise" this moment: it is not a generic acknowledgment of sinfulness, but a deeply personal and intimate confession. We should use this moment to think about the week that has gone, and own up to our great or small sins - the little lacks of patience or understanding, the moments when temper got the better of us, the indulgences we regret, the temptations we did not resist though we knew we should. We should humbly fill our minds with our own sins, things which are our fault, not looking at or blaming others: Pope Francis told a little story about this in an audience two years ago: "It costs us to admit being at fault, but it does us good to confess it sincerely. Confess your own sins. I remember an anecdote that an elderly missionary used to tell, of a woman who went to confession and started speaking about her husband's failings. Then she moved on to talk about her mother-in-law's failings and then the sins of her neighbours. At a certain point, the confessor said to her: "But, madam, tell me: have you finished? - Very well: you have finished with the sins of others. Now start telling your own". Even though this is a penitential moment, it is also joyful, because it celebrates the love of God who desires only that we turn back to him and live! It helps us to become, as Saint Paul says, "the holy people of Jesus Christ, called to take their place among all the saints."