

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total

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 **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: **Sacramental programme 2019/20:** 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 is open on Thursdays 10am till 2-30pm **ALL CLUBS AND GROUPS SUSPENDED**



Walsingham: the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary

This Re-dedication on March 29th is a both a personal promise of the people of our country, and a renewal of the entrustment vows made by King Richard II in 1381.

THE DEDICATION IN 1381: The first dedication was made by King Richard II in Westminster Abbey as he sought the protection of Our Lady in the face of great political turmoil. At this point, England received the title 'Mary's Dowry'; meaning that England was 'set aside' as a gift, a dowry, for Our Lady under her guidance and protection.

THE RE-DEDICATION IN 2020: On Sunday 29th March at 12noon, The Re-dedication will take place throughout the country. As King Richard II

once gave England as a gift to Our Lady, so we are invited to give ourselves, as the people of this country, to Mary. We respond to this invitation on the day of Re-dedication in two ways; by making a personal promise and a communal entrustment. Our personal promise brings us closer to Mary, the first disciple of Christ. In this we unite in her joy by following her openness to God's call. Our communal entrustment unites us together as the people of our country in prayer, by renewing the vows of dedication made to Mary by our ancestors. (www.walsingham.org.uk)

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PRAYER

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Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to michaelkujacz@hotmail.com by Wednesday evening please for inclusion the following Sunday: the Newsletter 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).

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2020



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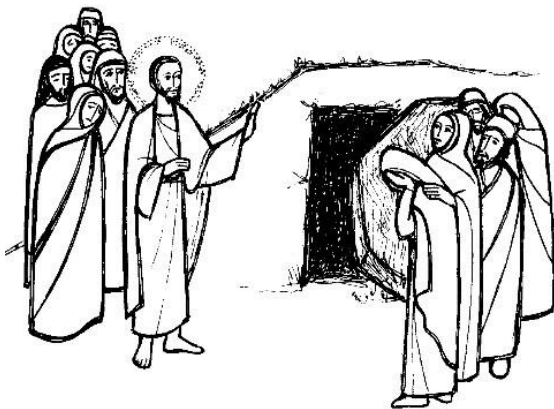
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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

5th Sunday of Lent Mass sheets MASS 6/ Creed 11; Eucharistic Prayer 3(28)

I am the resurrection and the life



The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is perhaps the deepest meditation on the mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. It is a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith that the resurrection: that Christ rose

from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. In the same way our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us. This is why the climax of the instructions given to candidates for Baptism was this teaching: that Christ would give them life after death. Look ahead to the 3rd Sunday of Easter, where Saint Peter preaches to the crowds □ what he teaches them is that life comes after death, as it did for Lazarus, and for Christ himself.

We pray for the people of the parish of St. Mary, Oswaldtwistle, and Fr. Sean O'Brien, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and for Mount Carmel High School.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for March: We pray that the Church in China may preserve in its faithfulness in the Gospel and grow in unity.

Pope Francis Tweet: " In these days a number of doctors and priests have died. Many nurses were infected because they were serving the sick. I thank God for the example of heroism they give us in caring for the sick. Let us pray Together for them and their families."

This week's timetable

Fifth Sunday of Lent	29 th March	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	
Monday	30 th March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	31 st March	Lent Weekday	7pm	Mass
Wednesday	1 st April	Solemnity: The Annunciation	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	2 nd April	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Friday	3 rd April	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	4 th April	Lent Weekday	12 Noon	Mass
PALM SUNDAY	5 th April	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass



Blessed Palms will be available in the front porch from 11am onwards next week end

Please remember that Clocks go forward one hour next weekend

Statement by Bishop John Arnold:

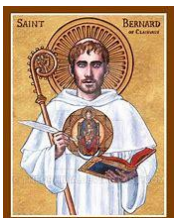
In line with The Prime Minister's statement no churches in the diocese should open again until these restrictions are lifted. This means further restrictions on weddings and baptisms, none of which should now take place.

Please encourage your parishioners to live our Faith in a different way. They can create somewhere in their homes that they and their family can go to pray during these days and remind them that although the Church building may be closed, the Church continues in each of us.

Private mass can still be offered and I am thankful to all those who have been able to make this available via streaming. These are unprecedented times and it vital that we all do our part to protect the most vulnerable. +John

The **live-streaming of the celebration of Mass** will continue this week, it is amazing how many "hits" we are getting, other Parishes are also streaming, and the EWTN channel has Mass on a few times each day as well as devotions. Another fine example of this is from The National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham which has a full liturgical programme and this will be available to all via the Internet (www.walsingham.org.uk)

Mass intentions and offerings should be put through the Presbytery Door. Up to date news and information can be found on the Parish Website: take a look at the Parish Pump and also the daily blog. Please store planned giving envelopes at home.



St Bernard Quotes; On our Lady: "With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favour, you shall reach the goal. "

Masses this week: Special Intentions, Margaret Sweeney, John Treanor, George Hughes, Margaret Flanagan, For Family & NHS carers, Doctors Rebecca, Megan & Ben.

In your prayers please remember: David Goddard, Mary Bancroft, Ian Lomas, Arianna, Oliver Agnew, Pat Preston, Pat Lawrence, Pat Scott, Fr Pat Deegan, Fr Peter Gooden, Betty Serridge, Teresa Barrett, Ann Richards, Lisa McElwaine, Fr Leo Heakin, William Harkin, Lyndsey Kelly, John Phillips, Stefan Lachkovic, Clare Bainbridge, Steven Moorhouse, Dillon Ward, Brian Waugh, Ellen Leach, Robert Leeming, Jackie & Michael Turner, Paddy Lyons, Chris Forbes, Maureen Nash, Denis Joyce, Breda Gallagher, Yas Poptani, Sr Pat Carney, Dorothy Harold, Christine, Marcella McNevin, George Hughes, Mary Boylan, Ged MacCarron, Pat Hallows, Celia & Alf Meschi, John & Michael Griffin, Fr Chris Lough, Jane Riley, Jacky Watts, Margaret Hills, Sheila Walsh, John Kirwin, Christopher Burke, Ann O'Connor, MJK, Doreen French, Anne Hutton, Tess Kenrick, Sandra Lannatta, Kevin Hempzell, George Hegarty, Margaret & Dave Watkins, Sue Atherton, Lizzie Frost, Anthony Gormley, Nancy Maguire, Breda Orr, Orla McManus, Betty Ann Jones, Nora Gibbons, Siobhan Drugan, Kathleen Curley, Anthony Mullen, Marion Moran, Ronald Bradshaw, Ann & John MacCarron, Anthony Gallagher, Fr Vincent Cavey, Mary Winterbourne, Mary Mulvihill, Phyllis Dowd, Margaret Bayhi, Celia Deignan, Eileen Kenny, Mary Jordan, Kathleen Connolly, Michael Carney, Maureen Walkin, Bernie Quezena, Lee Hegarty, Richard O'Connor, Patrick Clarke, Anna Lawless, Eddie McDonald.

Sacramental Programme is suspended, and all planned dates cancelled.

Our Lady's Lamp for Ekllen Shepherd the **Sacred Heart Lamp** for Eddy O'Callaghan, there are **NEW** lists at the at the back of Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you



NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: are now ready for collection over the next few Sundays. Whether you are a Gift Aider or a weekly giver using them can be a good reminder and a real commitment to our Parish of guaranteed income. Did you know you can also help boost our Parish Funds, by signing up for Gift Aid, we can claim 25p for every £1 donated through our weekly collection, last year we were able to claim over £8000 which was a big boost and help; you have to be a UK tax payer to join the scheme. If you can please give it a go, thank you. And thank you to you all for your support and generosity during the last year. mjk

BURNAGE FOOD BANK; now short of Tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned custard 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 or tel: 07936698546;

A Prayer amid an Epidemic By Kerry Weber (is an executive editor of America.)

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. Amen