

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £729 87p Thank you

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

Hope in the Future, Living the Sunday Eucharist 1st March (1st Sunday of Lent) 12: LITURGY OF THE WORD: The First Reading Last week we talked about the structure of the Sunday readings, and talked about the First reading being an "introduction" to the Gospel. We now read more of the Old Testament through the three year cycle than ever before, though sometimes the readings chosen can be challenging. The Old Testament is a story spanning many centuries, written in many different styles, but always articulating the Covenant - the special relationship God forged with the Chosen People ("Testament" is another word for "Covenant"). This Covenant is completed by Jesus in all he said and did, most especially the "Paschal Mystery" - his death and resurrection. So in our faith, Jesus "completes" the first reading from the Old Testament. We should take care never to rush into the Liturgy of the Word - sometimes First Readings are quite short, and it is possible for a congregation still to be settling down when the reader gets to "The Word of the Lord"! Whoever is proclaiming the first reading should make a point of studying the Gospel too - since this will help them emphasise those parts of their reading which "point to" the Gospel. The Old Testament can be forbidding sometimes: the Church has selected passages which have a resonance for us because of Jesus - try and be open to the fascinating story of God's people journeying through the centuries. This journey is continued in Eastertide, when the first readings tell the story of the early Church (after the resurrection) from the book of Acts. There is a fuller explanation of the way these readings work in the Introduction to the Lectionary* which is worth having a look at! Sometimes there is a deeper structure: for example in Lent Year A the first readings follow a sequence week by week - they take us through some of the most important moments of the Old Testament, meeting Adam, Abraham, Moses and David - but always with a "sacramental" emphasis - water, oil, breath and life - which is pointing to the celebration and renewal of Baptism at Easter. * (chapters IV and V - Volume 1, pages xxx -xlili)

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ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2020



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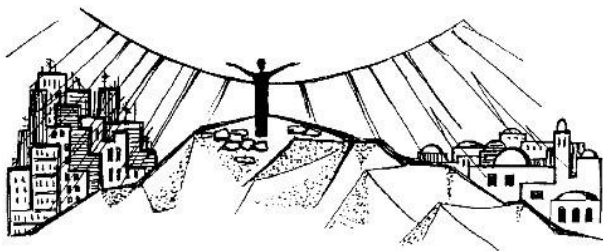
STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

1st Sunday of Lent p 139

MASS 6/ Creed 11;

Eucharistic Prayer 3(28)

Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted



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 realise 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 baptised 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.

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. John Southworth, Nelson, with Christchurch shared Catholic and Methodist Church. We pray for Fr. Gerard Kelly, their parish priest, and for their parish primary schools.

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



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.

This week's timetable

First Sunday of Lent	1 st March	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	
Monday	2 nd March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	3 rd March	Lent Weekday	6pm 7pm	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Wednesday	4 th March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	5 th March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Friday	6 th March	Early Lent Mass +Exposition of the <i>Blessed Sacrament</i> + Lent Weekday	6-30am*** Until 9-20am*** 9-30am	Mass
Saturday	7 th March	Lent Weekday	11am 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Second Sunday of Lent	8 th March	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	

ROTAS THIS SUNDAY 1st March 2020

10am: Pat Jones, Christine Robinson, Christine Kelly

6pm: Margarita Gallagher, Shelagh Bridge, By Ju Joseph

Eucharistic Ministers 10 am Liam McMahon, Clare Clegg, Stephen Bourke, Christine Kelly, Christine Blackburn, Bernadette Kirstein, Geraldine Fury

6pm Preetha Byju, Kathy Petty, Comfort Mensah

Soft Church - Hilary & Tony Addyman

Little Church- Bernie/Jackie

Offertory 10am: Chris Kelly & Imelda Dean

Counting Team: Olive Hogan, Liam McMahon, Yvonne Tapodi

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

Weekday Reader this week: Beirne Kirstein

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers Volunteers

Masses this week: Special Intentions, Richard Kujacz, Bridget & Patrick Duffy, Michael & Kathleen McHale, Annette Irving, Mary Phillips, Brendan & Desmond Walsh, Michael Lynch, Brian O'Neill, Con Casey, Joe James, Michael Griffin.

In your prayers please remember: Rose Mitton, David Goddard, Mary Bancroft, Ian Lomas, Arianna, Oliver Agnew, Pat Preston, Pat Lawrence, Betty Serridge, Ann Richards, Lisa McElwaine, 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, Louis Clegg, 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, Jane Riley, Jacky Watts, Margaret Hills, Sheila Walsh, John Kirwin, Christopher Burke, Ann O'Connor, MJK, Doreen French, Anne Hutton, Tess Kenrick, Teresa Barrett, Sandra Lannatta, Kevin Hempell, 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 Quezema, Lee Hegarty, Richard O'Connor, Patrick Clarke, Anna Lawless, Eddie McDonald.

Our Lady's Lamp for Edith & Albert Coe and hospital carers: the **Sacred Heart Lamp** for Theresa Duffy there are NEW lists at the at the back of Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you

Sacramental Programme Session - "Come back to me" takes place in Parish Hall on Saturday 29 Feb starting 9.30am, repeated Wednesday 4 March starting 6-30pm.** All children enrolled in parish programme in preparation for First Holy Communion to attend with parent/carer: Enquiries to Clare Clegg 07389 192655. First Confessions Thursday 26th March 6-30pm

Would you please consider being a prayer partners for this year's children? If so please sign up at back of Church today, thank you

Women's World day of Prayer 2020: Praying with ZIMBABWE, Friday 6th March 2020 7pm at Christ Church South Manchester (corner of Fog lane & Parris Wood Road) a service for everyone. "RISE Take your mat and Walk."

Lenten Station Masses: Thursday 5th, 12th & 19th 7.30pm at St Ann's Stretford, Sacred Heart Gorton & St Joseph's Longsight. All at 7-30pm, please do come along.

CAFOD: Friday 6 Mar LENT FAMILY FAST DAY: This Lent the focus is on highly-skilled local experts around the world who support the health of the world's poorest families. **Sister Consilia is a nun in an out-of-town health centre in Zimbabwe. She is also a trained pharmacist who saves lives each & every day.** Without our help her brilliant work just could not continue as there would be no funds. On Friday we can eat a simple meal in solidarity & give what we save to help people like Sister Consilia to continue their life-saving work. Through CAFOD's global Church family network our support can reach the ends of the earth. **Please take a Lent Fast Day envelope today, share whatever you can & return next Sunday. THANK YOU.**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Thursday 30th April to Saturday 2nd May. Staying at Elham House on half board, all en-suite rooms £190. There are only 3 twin rooms available, sorry no singles. Please contact Tony Kirstein or Ann Tipper. **One Day Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** Saturday 2nd May leaving Church at 6am, £22 per seat, List at the back of Church. **Day Trip to Southport,** Saturday 28th March, leaving 8-30am back for 5-30pm £14 per person, please see list at the back of the Church, these trips sell out quickly!!!! **St Patrick Social Event** in the Parish Hall on Friday 13th March, with lots of laughter, fun and supper, £5: Contact Bridie or Ann Tipper.

The second diocesan Mass for LGBT+ Catholics, their families and friends, will be celebrated on Saturday 7th March at the Holy Name, Oxford Rd, Manchester at 3pm. The celebrant and preacher will be Fr. Brendan Callaghan SJ. There will be refreshments after Mass and an opportunity to discuss the next steps

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 or tel: 07936698546;

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).