

Last week's collection: **Total £935 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: baptismstbernards@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**

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; New Year's Eve open from 12 till 2pm.

CAFOD World Gifts are the ideal lockdown present, enabling us to be good neighbours to our brothers & sisters overseas. Go to www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts to browse & order online, everything from bees & goats to vegetable gardens & footballs: **Or catalogues at the back of Church**. After a year of uncertainty we all need the hope, peace, comfort & joy that **Advent** can offer. Visit www.cafod.org.uk/parishes for virtual events that help us to gather online to pray, reflect & celebrate as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

The Diocese has started work with academic partners on a 'decarbonisation strategy.' This will involve understanding our carbon footprint and ways to reduce it, over the next two years. The team would welcome anyone with expertise in this area in our parish communities to get in touch at decarbonisation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.so that we are more aware of those that might want to get involved. Thank you.

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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

HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2020



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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

Holy Family Mass sheets

December: Month of the Immaculate Conception

"The child grew, filled with wisdom"



As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect: when we consider the more ☐dramatic☐ events of the Christmas and Easter story, it can seem so far removed from us. And yet, as today's Gospel reminds us (especially in the shorter version), there were also the so-called '☐hidden years☐

- the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things. During that time, we hear how Jesus grew and matured, and in the glimpse of that family life we see our example. The family is a basic unit of our Christian society, despite coming under threat nowadays. Our celebration of this feast, and the Word of God we proclaim, announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children. Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures and places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

On this Feast of the Holy Family let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Margaret Clitherow, Rochdale, and for Fr. Francis Wadsworth. We pray for their parish primary school, for St. Cuthbert's High School, and for the patients, staff and chaplaincy at Springhill Hospice. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph be the bedrock of their parish life.

Pope Francis Tweet: "May Christmas be an opportunity for all of us to rediscover the family as a cradle of life and faith, a place of acceptance and love, dialogue, forgiveness, fraternal solidarity and shared joy, a source of peace for all humanity."

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for December: That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and by Prayer.

Keep up to date on the website with the Parish Pump and Sacristy Chatter.

This week's timetable

HOLY FAMILY	27th December	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	28th December	Feast: The Holy Innocents	12 Noon	Mass
Tuesday	29th December	Feast: St. Thomas Becket	12 Noon	Mass
Wednesday	30th December	Sixth day of the Octave	12 Noon	Mass
Thursday (St Sylvester I)	31st December	<i>"Time to reflect "</i> Seventh day of the Octave	11am 12 Noon	Exposition Mass
Friday New Year's Day	1st January	Solemnity: Holy Mary Mother of God	12 Noon	Mass
Saturday	2nd January	St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen	11am 12 Noon	Confessions & Exposition Mass
Second Sunday of Christmas	3rd January	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass Mass



PLEASE WEAR A MASK AT CHURCH unless you are excused. Thanks

Masses this week: Special Intentions, Annette Ryan, Brian Waugh, John Kujacz, Christine Kelly, Kelley & Roan Families, Appleton Family, Teresa & Ken Barratt, Katrina Rafferty, Gina Gormley & Peggy Forkin, Kathleen Ford, In thanksgiving for Parishioners prayers, Bridget Giffney, Nora Goldrick, Michael Meegan, Mary Masterson, Tommy McGinty, Michael & Mary Cassidy, Christmas Family Mass, Agnes & Hugh McCabe, Joe Close, Sheila Cusick,

In your prayers please remember: Christine Kelly, Paddy Lyons, Bridget Giffney, Hilary, Margaret Moran, Oliver, Patricia Divine, Hanna O'Dea, Colm Harkin, Annette, Teresa Barrett, Vincent Gibson, Padraig Kavanagh, Canon Frank Deeney, Piers Henderson, Patrick Griffin, Michael Maguire, Audrey O'Neil, Carol Archer, Michael Griffin, Fr. Kevin Gradwell, James Hegerty, Audrey O'Neil, Jamie Mitchell, Monica Gallagher, Canon Michael Moore, Sarah Mitchell, Paddy Colbert, Gerard Cain, James Barrens, Michaela Rabbitt, Mary Callaghan, B Keaveney, Antony & Christopher Mullen, Janet Ackley, Trevor Teale, Carol Archer, Ann McKenna, Barbara Hegarty, Barry Keaveney, Katherine Mahon, Mary Wheatley, Steven Moorhouse, Tess Kenrick, Pat Preston, Mary Boylan, Val Begley, Kevin Malpas, James Barren, Marcella McNevin, Ged MacCarron, Celia & Alf Meschi, Cam Lusco, Maureen Nash, Breda Gallagher, Margaret Bayhi, Paul Cannon, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Clare Bainbridge, Denis Joyce, Mobishir Rawthore, Nancy Maguire, Kath Welch, Ann & David, Mary O'Neill, Fr Francis Austin, Sarah Byrns, Kitty Kinsella, Bill O'Hara, Marian Parker, David Goddard, Ian Lomas, Arianna, Oliver Agnew, Pat Lawrence, Pat Scott, Lisa McElwaine, Fr Leo Heakin, Sir Bobby Charlton, William Harkin, Lyndsey Kelly, John Phillips, Stefan Lachkovic, Karen & Billy Hennessy, Debbie Roberts, Dillon Ward, Brian Waugh, Ellen Leach, Michael Turner, Chris Forbes, Yas Poptani, Sr Pat Carney, Dorothy Harold, Christine, Pat Hallows, John Griffin, Fr Chris Lough, Jane Riley, Jacky Watts, Margaret Hills, Sheila Walsh, John Kirwin, Christopher Burke, Ann O'Connor, MJK, Anne Hutton, Sandra Lannatta, Kevin Hempself, George Hegarty, Margaret & Dave

Watkins, Sue Atherton, Lizzie Frost, Breda Orr, Orla McManus, Betty Ann Jones, Kathleen Curley, Anthony Mullen, Marion Moran, Ronald Bradshaw, Ann & John MacCarron, Fr Vincent Cavey, Mary Winterbourne, Mary Mulvihill, Phyllis Dowd, Celia Deignan, Eileen Kenny, Mary Jordan, Michael Carney, Maureen Walkin, Bernie Quezena, Lee Hegarty, Richard O'Connor, Patrick Clarke, Anna Lawless, Eddie McDonald.

Farewell to 2020; An hour with the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 11am till 12 Noon

Our Lady's Lamp for Caritas & the **Sacred Heart Lamp**: for Cornerstone. New lists at the back of the Church to sign up: suggested donation £5. Thank you



Please arrange your Baptisms by Annie or Janice using the Parish website on: **baptismstbernards@gmail.com** please be aware that some social distancing rules will apply and limited numbers.



Thank you so very much from Fr John and myself for your many kind words, cards and gifts which are very much appreciated; it is a privilege to be here and serve the family of St Bernard's. Thank you mjk



Thank you for your understanding and patience at our arrangements for our Christmas Masses. I know some were disappointed, but we had to follow regulations, hopefully this will not have to happen again. Special Thanks to Pat and her team of helper for their service, and thank you to all who helped prepare the Church so beautifully.

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. To fit the number scheme, when you reach number 9, representing the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, the originator combined 6 to make 3, taking the 6 fruits that were similar: the fruit in each parenthesis is the that was not named separately. There are actually Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit. The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary, to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators. According to Ann Ball in her book, *Handbook of Catholic Sacramentals*: • The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments • The three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love. • The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. • The five golden rings represented the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Saviour. • The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation. • Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit----Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy. • The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes. • Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit----Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity]. • The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments. • The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful Apostles. • The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.

