

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £922 13p Thank you

The Divine Mercy prayer Group meets on the First and Third Wednesday of the month in the Church at 1pm

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 or tel: 07936698546;

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

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

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 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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2020



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

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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

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MASS 6/ Creed 11;

Eucharistic Prayer 3(28)



It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: ☐ This is my Son, the Beloved ☐. On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken

from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Vincent de Paul, Over Hulton, and for Fr. Andrew Pastore. We pray for the chaplaincy to the University of Bolton.

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: "So many people live without knowing what goes on in their hearts. We ask for the grace to remain in the Lord and to distinguish the Spirit of God from the spirit of the world, so that our heart may be the meeting point between God and us."

This week's timetable

The Baptism of the Lord	12th January	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	HAPPY CHRISTMAS
Monday	13 th January	Mass of Weekday (St Hilary)	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	14 th January	Mass of Weekday	6pm 7pm	Exposition Mass
Wednesday	15 th January	Mass of Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	16 th January	Mass of Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Friday	17 th January	St Anthony	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	18 th January	Mass of Our Lady	11am 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	19 th January	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	

ROTAS THIS SUNDAY 12th January 2019

10am: Audrey Stedford, Diane Donald, Tony Black

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

Eucharistic Ministers 10 am Marie Fahey, Bernard Grigaitis, Bernadette Kirstein, Pauline Hixon, Denis Keyworth, Liam McMahon, Katie Richards

6pm Pearle Gorman, Santosh Pinto, Julia Traynor

Soft Church - Hilary & Tony Addyman

Little Church- Audrey/Melanie

Offertory 10am: Lindley Family

Counting Team: Bridie Close, Brigid Flatley, Denis Keyworth, Angela Keyworth,

Tea & Coffee: Bridie Close, Bernadette Moorhouse, Clare Clegg

Weekday Reader this week: Imelda Dean

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers Volunteers please each day

Masses this week: Special Intentions, Arthur Hesketh, Margaret & George Leach & George Jnr, Ellen Leech, Philomena White, Eamon Fahy, Ada Lowe, Ann Furey, Alice McAndrew, John Joseph Morgan, Mary Barrens, Catherine Flaherty, Ann & Tom McDonnell, Richard Walsh, Luke Duffy, Martin Conway, Linda Breheny, Michael Hyland, Sadie MacMenamin, Nora Leonard, Nancy Hardyman, Michael Rooney, Ann Serridge, Martin McGill, Eddie Hogan, Sick Person, Vincent Shrapnel.

In your prayers please remember: Marie Politt, Ian Lomas, Ellen Leach, Oliver Agnew, Pat Preston, Mary Phillips, Rose Mitton, William Harkin, Lyndsey Kelly, Dillon Ward, Brian Waugh, Robert Leeming, Michael Turner, Ann Richards, Clare McHugh, Louis Clegg, Maureen Nash, Denis Joyce, Breda Gallagher, Betty Serridge, Yas Poptani, Sr Pat Carney, Marcella McNevin, George Hughes, Maureen Nash, Mary Boylan, Chris Forbes, Ged MacCarron, Pat Hallows, Eddie Hawley, Celia & Alf Meschi, Michael Griffin, Jane Riley, Jacky Watts, Fr Chris Yule, Margaret Hills, Ita Kirsey, Sheila Walsh, John Kirwin, Christopher Burke, Ann O'Connor, MJK, Doreen French, Noreen Hopper, Anna Corcoran, John Lohan, Anne Hutton, Tess Kenrick, Teresa Barrett, Sandra Lannatta, Kevin Hempself, 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 Quezema, Lee Hegarty, Richard O'Connor, Patrick Clarke, Anna Lawless, Eddie McDonald.

ST BERNARD'S SCHOOL NEWS: Mrs F Maguire, our highly respected Head teacher is going to retire at the end of the summer term this year. With her leadership and staff team Mrs Maguire has made a significant contribution to improve the quality of teaching and learning in our parish school for the children as well as transforming the school environment. We are extremely appreciative of everything Mrs Maguire has achieved since her appointment in September 2014. Please keep the governors in your thoughts and prayers as we begin the task of recruiting a new Head teacher from September 2020.

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:** Presentation Day: 2nd February: Contact: Clare Clegg (07389 192655).

Our Lady's Lamp for Mary Moran and the Sacred Heart Lamp for Eddie Hogan there are NEW lists at the the back of Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you

Well known comedian Jimmy Cricket KSG, takes his family friendly comedy play to the Plaza Theatre in Stockport, on Sunday 19th January 2020 at 2.30pm, "No More Fiffen and Faffen", tells the story of a Comedy Duo act on the last night in show business. They'll be drama a few tears and lots of laughs, "and there's more", why not join Jimmy for a meet and greet afterwards! <https://www.jimmycricket.co.uk/agents-and-promoters/>

Hope in the Future, Living the Sunday Eucharist: 12th January (The Baptism of the Lord) 6: **INTRODUCTORY RITES:** Sprinkling with Holy Water; At Sunday Mass there is the option of a Sprinkling with Holy Water replacing the Penitential Rite - though it has to be said that this happens very rarely! Perhaps this Sunday (The Baptism of the Lord) and Easter are the only times it is frequently used. This is a shame, because it can give a variety and interest to the Introductory Rites which can sustain our understanding and devotion week by week. Perhaps consider using it more often - especially in the Easter Season, or at celebrations where a large number of children are present, or even just once a month! John the Baptist preached "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins", and this is the meaning of this action at this moment of the Mass. There are many symbolisms at work in the waters of baptism, but when that water is sprinkled it is a sign of cleansing and purification - the washing away of sin and guilt and all that hinders us from the joys of life in God's Kingdom. In some ways this action is an extension of something we have already done - dipping our fingers in the holy water stoup on the way into church: that was a reminder of baptism, which washed sin away and welcomed us as children of God and sisters and brothers of Jesus. So to, in these "Introductory Rites" whose purpose is to draw us together and prepare us for worship, the Sprinkling with Holy Water can be a powerful moment of repentance and reconciliation. A priest tells a story of a parishioner who collared him after Easter Sunday Mass, where this rite had been used, complaining that "the water never touched me!" As a "sacramental" Church we make ample use of physical symbols, and should be generous in their use: without asking people to bring raincoats, if the Sprinkling with Holy Water is used, everyone should get wet! The chant or hymn that accompanies it should be both penitential and joyful, because Jesus, the author of baptism, has made holy these waters in which we celebrate our reconciliation.

+++Christmas decorations coming down Monday after Mass; can you please help+++