

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £669 32p Thank you

Christmas Collection £1347 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

Cornerstone Christmas Project: If you have a spare backpack please could you fill it with snack, hats, gloves, socks, hand gel, tissues, wipes etc: we will hand them out to homeless men. And if you have a spare handbag, please could you fill it with snack, hats, gloves, socks, hand gel, tissues, wipes, sanitary & hygiene products: we will hand them out to homeless women. Could we collect these in the next few weeks and we can deliver them to Cornerstone for Christmas, thank you. We also have a box at the back of the Church to collect biscuits, tins of tuna, toothpaste, and shower gel. Thanks

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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ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 5TH 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)



"We saw his star and have come to do the king homage."

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the 'Time of Manifestation', or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading:

"Revelation". Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

Let us pray for the people of the parishes of St. Osmund, Brightmet, and St. Teresa, Little Lever, and for Fr. Dermot Heakin, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools.

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: "Jesus, newly born, was mirrored in the face of His mother. From her, He received His first caresses; with her, He exchanged the first smiles. With her began the revolution of tenderness. The Church, looking at the Baby Jesus, is called to continue that revolution."

This week's timetable

The Epiphany of the Lord	5th January	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	
Monday	6 th January	Christmas Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday [St Raymond of Penyafort]	7 th January	Christmas Weekday	6pm 7pm	Exposition Mass
Wednesday	8 th January	Christmas Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	9 th January	Christmas Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Friday	10 th January	Christmas Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	11 th January	Mass of Our Lady at Christmas	11am 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
The Baptism of the Lord	12th January	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	

ROTAS THIS SUNDAY 5th January 2019

10am: Audrey Stedford, Diane Donald, Tony Black

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

Eucharistic Ministers 10 am Geraldine Fury, Stephen Bourke, Clare Clegg, Imelda Dean, Christine Blackburn, Tony Masterson, Olive Hogan

6pm Preetha Byju, Kathy Petty, Comfort Mensah

Soft Church - Hilary & Tony Addyman

Little Church- Angela/ Geraldine R

Offertory 10am: Stan, Sonal & Joyothi Mendonsa

Counting Team: Christine Blackburn, Michael Flatley, Tess & Jane Kendrick, Margaret Arthurs

Tea & Coffee: M Allcock, E Bostock, Mary Saunders

Weekday Reader this week: Tony Kirstein

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers Volunteers please each day

Masses this week: Special Intentions, Arthur Hesketh, Marie Politt, Shirley Freistadt, Margaret & George Leach & George Jnr, Maureen Lyons, Fr. Eugene Nee, Gabriele Kirstein, Mary Callaghan, Jack Sheridan, Nan Das, Fr John Murphy OMI, Packie Farnan, William & Ellen Copley, Edward Furey, Thomas Green, In thanks to St Jude.

In your prayers please remember: Marie Politt, 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 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.

Baptism information: See Father or 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:** Registration Day: 1st Sunday of Advent. Contact: Clare Clegg (07389 192655).

Our Lady's Lamp for New Year Blessings and the Sacred Heart Lamp for Pope Francis, there are NEW lists at the at 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/>

Parish Web Site Down: The computer which hosts the parish Web site failed on New Year's Eve. It had been running virtually non-stop for almost 11 years, so it had a good run. Once a new computer has been purchased and set up the Web site will be available again.

Hope in the Future, 5: INTRODUCTORY RITES: The Greeting
Having prepared, gathered, sung and made the Sign of the Cross, we share a dialogue with the priest: "**The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.**" This is a profoundly moving statement, and means much more than a simple "Good morning"! In effect, the priest faces the congregation with arms outstretched and says, "My dear friends, brothers and sisters in the Lord, God is here, right now, in this holy place, as we gather in His name!" We can so often rush through this part of the Mass - it might be good just to stop and realise what exactly we are saying. God is here. Here in our church or chapel this evening or morning, God is here. The God who created all that exists, is here. The God who sent Jesus to save us, is here. The God who is before and after all time, is here. Here and now, in you and me. Look round at the walls of your church and see "*heaven and earth in little space*" (as an old English Christmas carol puts it)! Look at the faces of parishioners young and old and see God present in our midst! Those five words, "The Lord be with you" come up several times in the Mass, and each time they should make us stop and remember Mass is not just about us, but about God-with-Us, Emmanuel! Our response is equally profound: some people still feel an awkwardness in the change from "And also with you" to "And with your spirit", but there is an important emphasis in these words - our greeting is not just to Father X, an ordinary human being just like everyone else, but to the *priesthood* of Father X: this will be important later, because what happens in Mass is the work of Jesus, not the priest. We begin Mass by acknowledging - or perhaps better reminding Father X - that the Mass is not his work, but that he sacrifices himself so that God's grace may flow to God's people. After all, when later he says "This is my Body," it is not *his* body but Christ's.

