

Last week's collection: **Total £879 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; Special Christmas opening times to come shortly.

Caritas Diocese of Salford - Advent Appeal 2020. At this time of year, Caritas Salford traditionally begins a winter appeal for donations of food, sleeping bags and other materials. The restrictions affecting the public celebration of Mass means we are unable to accept physical donations this year or tell parishioners about the positive impact of their donations on the lives of those in need. To watch a short film about how Caritas helped Rochelle, Quinton and Nikki and to make a small donation by debit or credit card if you are able please visit the Caritas Salford website / use this link <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/advent-appeal-2020/> Please continue to remember in your prayers all the staff, volunteers and beneficiaries of Caritas services this winter. 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"GAUDETE" SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2020

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

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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

Third Advent Mass sheets December: Month of the Immaculate Conception



So who is coming? This Sunday's readings help to answer that question. John the Baptist is asked about the coming of the Messiah - is it him? He affirms his role as "a witness to speak for the light", by pointing to the one who stands among the crowd unknown to them who is coming after him. This idea is present in the First Reading, where Isaiah proclaims what the "anointed one" ('Messiah' in Hebrew) will do, and the joy that this will bring. It is interesting that the Psalm appointed for this Sunday is the

Magnificat - Mary's song of praise at the announcement that the Messiah would be born of her - in which she sings of the works of the coming Messiah. Paul then reminds us that we are still waiting patiently: "God has called you, and he will not fail you." This is why, on this 'Gaudete' Sunday, we as God's people rejoice in his care, made visible in his promises, fulfilled in Jesus.

As our Advent journey reaches its mid-point we pray for the parish of St. Gabriel and the Angels and St. John the Baptist, Castleton and Rochdale, with Fr. Michael Jonhonnott, their parish priest, and the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph. We pray also for their parish primary schools. May the call of John the Baptist inspire them to serve the Lord.

Pope Francis Tweet: "I want to be close to all doctors and nurses during this time in which the pandemic calls us to be near all men and women who suffer. Thank you for drawing near to them, thanks for your tenderness, thanks for your professionalism in taking care of the sick."

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

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

This week's timetable

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)	13th December	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	14th December	Feast: St John of the Cross	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	15th December	Mass of Advent	6pm 7pm	*Exposition & Confessions* Mass
Wednesday	16th December	Mass of Advent	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	17th December	Mass of Advent (O Sapientia)	9-30am	Mass
Friday	18th December	Mass of Advent (O Adonai)	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	19th December	Mass of Advent (O Radix Iessie)	11am-12pm 12 Noon	*Exposition & Confessions* Mass
Fourth Sunday of Advent (O Clavis David)	20th December	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass Mass



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

Masses this week: Special Intentions, Patsy Joyce, John Shrapnell, Eileen McMahon, Mary Jordan & Family, Mary & John Quinn, Cyril Sylvester, Damian Kirstein, Jim Lister, Jamie Mitchell, Monica Gallagher, Mary Moran, Betty Anne Jones, Mary Dunne, Frs. Laurence Gambella, Michael Dever, Martin Down, Mary Theresa McKenna, Ita Bradley, Patrick Griffin, Christmas Family Mass.

In your prayers please remember: Christine Kelly, Paddy Lyons, Hilary, Margaret Moran, Oliver, Patricia Divine, Hanna O'Dea, Colm Harkin, 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 Barrrens, 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, Katie Richards, 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.

Our Lady's Lamp for Teresa Barrett & the **Sacred Heart Lamp** for Nina: please let us know if you would like an entry making on the list: 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.



ST BERNARD CHRISTMAS MASSES: 6PM AND 8PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES ARE FULL, availability for 10am Christmas Day.

Envelopes containing your tickets are available from the Stewards at the back of church. Please note the presbytery does not have the envelopes.

Please collect your envelope no later than **Sunday, 20th December** as you cannot turn up at your Mass to collect tickets as they may have been reallocated. Tickets are not transferable due to our track and trace system for each Mass. You will be directed by Stewards about where to sit in church. This is to ensure the relevant social distancing is maintained as part of our Diocesan guidelines. If any of your 'bubble' has any Covid symptoms, they should not attend Mass. There will be a number of stewards on duty at each Christmas Mass including at the car park gate to ensure only those attending have tickets. In regard to your booking form data, this will be kept securely over the Christmas period and then destroyed. Thank you to everyone for their co-operation to give everyone a safe and Happy and Holy Christmas here at St Bernard's.



2020 CHRISTMAS SPECIAL: Our main draw took place last Sunday and the winners were :- 1st Prize £300 Fr David Quiligotti Ticket No 374 2nd Prize £100 C. Heffernan 326, 3rd Prize £50 J. Brennan 236, 4th Prize £25



M. Tierney 77 5th Prize £25 B Lynch 235. In all we had a total of 21 winners: A big thank you to all who bought tickets and to those who made donations. Thanks also to the agents for their support. This draw proved to be very popular amongst our parishioners and we raised £3080 which is a marvellous achievement and will go to much needed church funds. We thank you all for your continued support and wish you a Happy & Holy Christmas- keep safe The Fundraising Team

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.