



# St. Bernard's

## Parish Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time



8<sup>th</sup> September

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**September: Month of Our Lady of Sorrows**



What shows us the presence of God? In the Biblical world it was miracles signs, which pointed towards the emergence of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come, and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish. Jesus, in both his preaching and his miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in his own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as he displays to the people of his own time, and to us, the nature of Gods Kingdom: in it all diseases and afflictions are abolished: so opening the man's ears and eyes tells us two things: first that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly that he calls us into a Kingdom where all is perfect.

**Let us pray this week,** for the people of the parish of Christ the Redeemer, Bolton, for Fr. Morrough O'Brien, their parish priest, and their parish primary schools.

**Pope Francis Tweet:** "We live in a world at war, with ongoing crises and conflicts. Let us find the wisdom and strength to see beyond the clouds and read the signs of the times. In the hope generated by faith, may we inspire young people to work for a better tomorrow."

**The Holy Fathers intentions for September:** For the Cry of The Earth: Let us pray that each of us listens with out hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment for the world we inhabit.

**For the Sick and Housebound** that they may know they are not forgotten and today we pray for their peace and comfort and the Blessing of the Lord upon them and their carers: We remember especially those receiving Holy Communion today. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**This week's timetable**

<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass Mass
<b>Monday St Peter Claver</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Requiem: Joseph Lobo</b>	10am+++	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Feast: St Ambrose Barlow</b>	6pm 7pm	<i>Exposition</i> Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Mass of the Weekday	9-30am	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Holy Name of Mary	9-30am	Mass
<b>Friday St John Chrysostom</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Requiem: Mary Ann Donnelly</b>	9-30am	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Feast: Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>	11am 12 Noon	<i>Exposition &amp; Confessions</i> Mass
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass Mass

**Rota for Eucharistic Ministers**

**Sept 8<sup>th</sup>**      10am Michael Amphia & Tony Kirstein      **6pm** Comfort Mensa  
**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>**     10am Jackie Turner & Christine Blackburn      **6pm** Mary Teehan

**MASSES THIS WEEK:** Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Jimmy Kelly, Hughie and Breda Gallagher, Mary Ruane, Breda Campbell, Conversion of sinners, Damien Deignan, John Conway, Conway family & John Donohoe.

**In your prayers please remember:** Mary Black, Ann Masterson, Nula Khawaja, Ann Lomas, Tess Kenrick, Steven Moorhouse, Michael Donnelly, Fr Bernard Wilson, Bernadette Moorhouse, Sheila Brown, Kay & Ken George, Brenda & Bill O Hara, Gillian Oatley, Cam Lusco, Maureen Nash, Ann Lomas, Michael Turner, Kathleen Fahey, James Deignan, David Mossey, Gloria Oakley, Teresa McHugh, Honor Squiers, Mary Newbold, Ann Martin, Chris Latham, Pat Kemp, Fintan Griffin, Angela Dean, Canon David Ryder, David Flaherty, Celia Gilligan, Jimmy Burke, William Harkin, Fr. David Egan, Lucy Rhodes, Trevor Teale, Amanda, Eileen Hendrick, Ambrose & Jimmy Taylor, Michael Barnes, Margaret Smullen Carole Mealing, Margaret Duffy, Fr Kevin Foulkes, HM the King, The Princess of Wales, Mary O'Brien, Barbara Blair, Patrick Ward, Mary & Mike Bradney, Ted Reid, Fr Stephen Doyle, Patrick McDonald, Alan Hixon, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Mary Boylan, Janet Burke, Imelda Dean, Kath Welsh, Kathleen Gilroy, Celia Meschi, Abraham McCoy, Jean Buckley, Maureen McGrath, Ann Dury, James Cannon, William Allsop, Ellen Leach, Marie Fahy, Marcella McNevin, MJK, Alison O'Connor, Julia Mansfield, James Cannon, William Allsop, Fr Stephen Doyle, Des Reape, Fr. Pat Deegan, Patrick & Bobby Durkin, Tina McGeehan, Mgr Paul Smith, Zoe Daniels, Michael Hothersall, Emma Louise, Caroline Slevin, Fr Peter McGiveron, Amy McDonald, Denis Law, John McLoughlin, Fr Wilf Cooper, Chris Williams, Michael Hession, Gerard Clegg, Margaret Fisher, Natalie Forshaw, Fr Peter Maloney, Charlie McHugh, Stephen Bostock, Patrick Carragher, Jean Bradbury, Joan Tobin.

**Our Lady's Lamp:** For The Mealings and **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** for Dean Family;  
 new list at the back of the Church: suggested donation £5.

*Thank you*

**HELP;** You will have noticed that the holes in the car park are getting bigger, we have been let down by outsiders to repair them, have any of you got contacts that could help us please, as we want to avoid possible accidents, thank you! MJK.

Luke will be ordained Priest at St Patrick's Livesey Street on Saturday 28th September at 11am. To Make it easier for those who would like to attend we have booked a coach will leave here around 10am and return you about an hour after the conclusion of the Celebrations. Tickets are £4 and are available from Church today. Presentation gift; It will be easier if you made cheques payable to "St Bernard's" so that the Parish Gift may be presented at the Celebration Mass on the Monday after. Thank you. MJK

**Let's do something amazing!** With your support Let's host a MACMILLAN COFFEE WEEKEND. Saturday 20th September 11am until 1.30pm in the parish hall & Sunday 21st September after morning Mass in the Parish hall. We need help , we need your help with the supply of cakes! Home baking would be wonderful but shop brought will do us find. Cakes can be dropped off Friday after morning mass or Saturday and Sunday Morning.

**Fr Benjamins Book Launch,** Come and join Fr Benjamin as he launches his new book of poerty; "Whispers from the Sahel." The book launch will be this Thursday (12<sup>th</sup> september) at 7pm in the parish hall. Reshements provided.

**Diocesan Synod Update:** We are now entering into the Exploration Stage of our diocesan synod. Over the next four months, we will closely explore the four key themes to have emerged from our Big Listen responses. The themes are: Nurturing Faith for Tomorrow's World, Building Connections, Enabling Access, and Fostering Christ-like Care. To find out more the first of our themes and how to get involved, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synod-theme-1>

**Little Church,** we are still looking for more volunteers to help with our Sunday morning little church. For more information speak to Luke or Melanie after Sunday Mass. Thank you!

**Season of Creation:** This September, our diocese joins Christians across the globe in celebrating Season of Creation - a month-long campaign inviting us to renew our relationship with God and His Creation. This year, we will be celebrating by sharing updates on key diocesan projects, as well as top tips to support your efforts at home. Follow our news pages at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news> to stay up to date.

The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows, also known as Mater Dolorosa (Mother of Sorrows). This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This was her role in salvation history, and what merited her place as the spiritual Mother of all Christians. This is symbolized by a single sword, or seven swords, piercing Mary's suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon's prophecy. Traditionally the Church meditates on the "Seven Sorrows" of our Blessed Mother: the prophecy of Simeon; the Holy Family's flight into Egypt; the loss of the Child Jesus for three days; the meeting of Mary and Jesus as he carried his cross; Jesus' crucifixion and death; Jesus' sacred body taken down from the cross; and Jesus' burial. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Mater Dolorosa) is September 15th.

Manchester and Trafford hospital Roman Catholic Priest Chaplain:  
0161 276 8792 and for Wythenshawe Hospital 0161 291 229

**Last week's collection total £587 Thank you**

**All Groups now open:**

**Monday** - Young At Heart 11.30am to 1.30pm

**Tuesday** - Toddler's Group 9.30am to 11.30am. Places are available for parents/ carer and toddler(s). Please contact Anne Cummins 07305 392612.

**Thursday** - Drop Inn 10.00am to 1.30pm

**Sacrament of Marriage:** 6 months notice must be given, please see Father to make arrangements.

**Sacrament of Baptism** Please introduce yourselves to Father after Sunday Mass, your details will be taken and our team can begin the process to organise this wonderful Sacrament for your child.

**SAFEGUARDING;** Our parish community is committed to Safeguarding to ensure the well being of all members of our community. All volunteers over the age of 18 must have a DBS check every 3years. The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Christine Robinson and she is very happy to assist you in completing any paperwork required. She usually attends the 10.00 Sunday Mass if you wish to speak to her or can be contacted by email at - christine.robinson.safeguarding@outlook.com

**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.

### **Trips and Pilgrimages**

**St Anne's and Blackpool lights,** Saturday 19th October leaving St Bernards at 12noon .. £17 per person. If you wish to travel please put your details on an envelope with the cash inside and post through the house letterbox. Contact Ann 4425259

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham,** Saturday 3rd May 2025 leaving at 6am. £28 per person; £10 to register; contact Ann on 0161 442 5259.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025,** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August; To register your interest please contact Ann on 0161 442 5259. Staying at the Hotel St George; hotel, half board, transfers, city tax included £551 + Air fare. We hope to take 6 young people with us this time round.

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