



St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter

Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year



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Divine Mercy Sunday

April: Month of The Holy Spirit



Pope Francis

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O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.

Final Pope Francis Tweet: “Christ has conquered sin and destroyed death, yet the power of His Resurrection is still being brought to fulfilment in our earthly history. Like a small seed of light, that fulfilment has been entrusted to us, to protect it and make it grow”

For the Sick and Housebound: God of all goodness, Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. When they feel alone, send them someone to listen and to care. When they are confused, provide reassurance and direction. When they are in pain, ease their suffering. When they despair, give them hope. May they experience your healing presence through the most Blessed Sacrament today. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Weekday Timetable

Divine Mercy Sunday 27 th April	10am Morning Mass 2-45pm Divine Mercy afternoon 6pm Evening Mass
Monday 28 th April	9-30am Mass <i>St. George</i>
Tuesday 29 th April	<i>6pm Exposition</i> 7pm Mass <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>
Wednesday 30 th April	9-30am Mass <i>St. Pius V</i>
Thursday 1 st May	11-30am* Requiem Mass for Mary Seamark <i>St. Joseph the worker</i>
First Friday 2 nd May	9-30am Mass <i>St. Athanasius</i>
Saturday 3 rd May	<i>11am Exposition & Confessions</i> 12noon Mass <i>Ss. Philip & James</i>
Third Sunday of Easter 4 th May	10am Morning Mass 6pm Evening Mass



Often people forget that Easter is not just a day, but a season - the longest in the Church's year, in fact! We are given fifty glorious days of Spring and Summer to prolong our baptismal joy, fifty glorious days of basking in the light of the risen Saviour. It seems a shame that after the efforts we put into Lent we don't celebrate Eastertide with the same enthusiasm. The readings of this Season have their origins in the instruction given to converts in the early Church: in Lent, the readings were the basis of catechesis on the forthcoming baptism; in Easter the readings are "Mystagogy" - a type of teaching where the newly baptised ("neophytes") learn through taking part in the celebration of the sacraments and hearing the word. On the Sundays we hear who Jesus is, and on weekdays hear about Baptism and the Eucharist. This "Mystagogy" is not just to nourish the neophytes, but to help all of us deepen our life in the risen Lord Jesus. this Sunday we are with the disciples in the Upper Room, where eight days after the Resurrection Jesus comes among them - as he comes among us.

The Holy Fathers Intentions for April: That the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships. May it respect the dignity of the person, and help us face the crises of our times.

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, the sick, Holy Souls, Una Cahill, Monica Murphy, Pope Francis, Anne McHale, Teresa Woodhouse, and John MacCarron.

Our Parish Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for the Kirsten & Moore families;;
Please sign up at the back of Church, and if you can pledge a £5 offering, Thank you.

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

April 27th 10am Terry O' Neill & Tony Masterson.
6pm; Kath Petty.
May 4th 10am Bernie Rowen & Pauline Hixon.
6pm; Shaun O'Donnell.

In your prayers please remember: Una McGrath, Daisy, Pope Francis, Ann Richards, Hannah Lord, Lynda Walker, Marguerita Gallagher, Marylyn Clegg, Anthony Ward, Joseph O'Donnell, Clare Clegg, Maureen Nash, Mary Black, Katie Griffin, Christopher Barry, Stephen McCoy, Mr Sharples, Celia Gilligan, Summer Keaveny, Tom, Des Reape, Nula Khawaja, Kath Dinan, Michael McCoy, Sr Aquinas, Anthony Coogan, Mary & Ken Holt, Tess Kenrick, Sue Cummins, Steven Moorhouse, Teresa McHugh, Honor Squiers, Mary Newbold, Ann Martin, Gavin Griffiths, Chris Latham, Pat Kemp, Fintan Griffin, Angela Dean, Canon David Ryder, David Flaherty, Jimmy Burke, William Harkin, Fr. David Egan, Lucy Rhodes, Trevor Teale, Amanda, Eileen Hendrick, Ambrose & Jimmy Taylor, Joan Roberts, Michael Barnes, Margaret Smullen, Carole Mealing, Margaret Duffy, HM the King, The Princess of Wales, Mary O'Brien, Barbara Blair, Patrick Ward, Mary & Mike Bradney, Ted Reid, Patrick McDonald, Alan Hixon, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Mary Boylan, Janet Burke, Imelda Dean, Kath Welsh, Kathleen Gilroy, Celia Meschi, William Allsop, Ellen Leach, Marie Fahy, MJK, Alison O'Connor, Julia Mansfield, James Cannon, Fr. Pat Deegan, Patrick & Bobby Durkin, Tina McGeehan, Mgr Paul Smith, Caroline Slevin, Fr Peter McGiveron, Amy McDonald, John McLoughlin, Fr Wilf Cooper, Chris Williams, Michael Hession, Margaret Fisher, Natalie Forshaw, Charlie McHugh, Stephen Bostock, Patrick Carragher, Sr. M. Gabriel, Sr. Cecilia, Jean Bradbury, Joan Tobin.

LENTEN ALMS BOX: Thank you for your generosity and sacrifices this lent; in total the box raised **£1262** we will give to Cornerstone our local catholic outreach charity in the next few days.

Easter Egg Raffle: Thank you for your support of our Lourdes Easter Egg raffle which has raised **£582 80p**



Today, Sunday 27th April

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, our devotions begin at 2-45 pm, and there will be an opportunity for Confession and Benediction.
Do come and join in this wonderful devotion.



MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY in the Parish Hall: Saturday 7th June 11.30am until 2pm
Tickets available from Maggie Shackleton, Bridie Close, Pat Jones and Ann Tipper. £5

Walsingham pilgrimage This Friday May 2nd leaving St Bernard's at 7am. Returning on the Sunday around 4.30 pm. Day pilgrimage on Saturday 3rd May the coach leaves at 6am. Please be on time. Outstanding balances now due. Please contact Ann Tipper or Pat Jones if you have any question.

Honouring Pope Francis: The author is a Moslem of the Interfaith Network in Salford: "It is with profound sorrow and a heavy heart that I write to extend, on behalf of the entire Interfaith Network of Salford, our deepest condolences to you, the Catholic community of Salford, and indeed to the global Church, on the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. Pope Francis was a towering figure not only in faith but in humanity. His unwavering commitment to compassion, social justice, and the dignity of all people transcended borders and beliefs. His papacy was marked by a courageous spirit that sought unity over division, dialogue over silence, and love over indifference. His efforts to build bridges between communities, religions, and peoples have been a guiding light in our shared work for peace and understanding. In his own words: "We must build bridges, not walls." This powerful message has echoed deeply through our interfaith efforts, reminding us that our common humanity must always take precedence over our differences. We mourn with you. We stand beside you. And we honour his memory by committing ourselves ever more fully to the principles he lived by humility, service, mercy, and the pursuit of peace."

Last week's collection total including Standing Orders amounted to £1818 Thank you

All Groups Open

Monday

Young At Heart 11.30am to 1.30pm

Tuesday Morning

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

Tuesday Evening

Legion of Mary after 7pm Mass in the Parish Hall; *New members always welcome.*

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; 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.

Mass to Celebrate Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries: Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? Join us on Tuesday 3 June at 7pm at St Bernadette's in Whitefield. Couples celebrating a Jubilee Wedding Anniversary during this Holy Year of Jubilee are invited to join us for this special celebration and to acknowledge this wonderful Sacrament. Friends and family are welcome and everyone is invited to join for refreshments after Mass. For more information please email: formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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