



St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

3rd November

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November: Month of the Holy Souls



Every priest, and indeed every Catholic, can sometimes find themselves in the position of being asked, “This religion of yours – what’s it all about, really, when you come down to it?” Our temptation might be to go on at length, which is when we should remember this Gospel. Jesus, asked a very similar question, pins our faith down to two very simple things – love of God and love of neighbour – which together make up the foundation for everything else in our religion. The very simplicity of these two commandments is a gift, so that we can try to live them out each day of our lives. The first commandment, which is also that given by Moses in the first reading, is actually a prayer that our Jewish brothers and sisters

still recite every single day. Jesus, our perfect High Priest, gives us these two commandments to be written in our heads and our hearts, to remember each day, so that we may conduct ourselves in the paths of the Kingdom of God.

In our Diocese this week we hold in prayer the people of the parish of St. John Fisher, Kearsley. We pray for Fr. Bryan Cunningham and Fr Reginald Amanze and the Schoenstatt Fathers together with the work of the Schoenstatt Shrine.

Pope Francis Tweet: “We invoke Jesus, the Father, and the Virgin Mary, but we seldom speak to the Holy Spirit in prayer. Yet, it is the Holy Spirit who changes our hearts, anoints us with His presence, and helps us truly understand the reality of the Church and the mystery of God.”

The Holy Fathers Intentions for November: Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

Come and join us for in Little Church every Sunday at 10am Mass

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

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time	3rd November	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	4th November	St Charles Borromeo	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	5th November	Mass of the day	<i>6pm</i> 7pm	<i>Exposition</i> Mass
Wednesday	6th November	Mass of the day	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	7th November	Mass of the day (St Willbroad)	9-30am	Mass
Friday:	8th November	Mass of the day	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	9th November	Feast: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	<i>11am</i> 12 Noon	<i>Exposition & Confessions</i> Mass
32nd Sunday REMEMBRANCE	10th November	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass Mass

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

November 3rd **10am** Bernard Grigaitis & Tony Kirstein **6pm** Kath Petty
November 10th **10am** Stephen Bourke & Geraldine Fury **6pm** Mary Teehan

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, the sick, Holy Souls, Ann & Tony Masterson, Simon Kelly, Tom Beirne, Christopher Flynn, Julia Whelan, Bridie Shally, Joe Lavelle, Josie Tobin, John Gorman, Barbara Battersby, for a Safe Delivery, Julia & Inaam, Irene & Jack Nestor, Kitty McCauley, Packie Farnan, Lil & Maurice Hennessy, William & Ellen Copley, Jimmy & Elsie, Michael Griffin.

In your prayers please remember: Ann Masterson, Marguerita Gallagher, Joseph O'Donnell, Maureen Nash, Mary Black, Joan Roberts, Des Reape, Nula Khawaja, Kath Dinan, Sr Aquinas, Tess Kenrick, Steven Moorhouse, Clare Clegg, 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, 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, Joan Tobin, Jean Bradbury, Sr. Ceclila.

Our Parish Sanctuary Lamp for The Kelly Family;

Please sign up at the back of Church, and if you can pledge a £5 offering, Thank you.



Our Holy Souls remembrance this year once more gives us the opportunity to remember our loved ones who have gone home to God. Envelopes are available at the back of Church for your names and Mass donations; you will notice on the altar steps this year booklets with the images of the recently deceased, which you are welcome to add to for this special month. May they all rest in peace.

With ADVENT in mind: the new Lectionaries come in to use on the First Sunday, subsequently we have had to buy a new set of Mass books for our use. We would also like to reintroduce Holy Communion under both kinds again, this means that we will need another 10 Ministers of the Eucharist, please consider joining our team in the next few weeks, thank you. MJK



GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW - tickets together with details are available at the back of church or from our agents. **CAN YOU HELP ?** we need a few more people who can sell up to 10 tickets to friends and family. If you can help please telephone Barry on 07780 956066. Why not share the cost of the ticket amongst your family members and put the ticket in the family name. A big thank you for your continued support. All proceeds this year will be for the Church heating bills. Mjk

Thank you! The Children and young adults Saints party was a great success. I want to especially thank our wonderful volunteers; Alex, Chris, Melanie and Margaret! Thank you also to those that donated to the event (and *thank you Brenda for the delicious cupcakes!*) Final Thanks to our wonderful young people, you really are the hope for the future ! – more exciting events coming soon!! *Fr Luke.*

Religious Christmas cards on sale from this weekend, please see the Piety stall.

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA - Saturday 14th December, Parish Hall from 12 noon. Tickets now on sale. For more information or to book a ticket you can call Bernadette on 07796786849.



Yes, its back A MAD HATTERS tea party in the Parish Hall Saturday 9th November 12noon until 2pm. Booking essential contact Pat Jones , Ann Tipper or Bridie Close cost £5. You can book your place by placing the money in an envelope with full details on the front and posting through the presbytery door.

Take Action to Oppose Assisted Suicide; Catholics across England and Wales are being called to unite in prayer and compassionate action in opposition to a new Bill on assisted suicide. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has pulled together a range of resources with more information, a pastoral letter from Cardinal Nichols, and a link to an online tool to contact your MP to voice your opposition to the bill. Find out more at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide>

Synod Theme Gathering for Young Adults; Young adults across the Diocese of Salford are invited to join us to take part in the next important stage of our Diocesan Synod. This November, our Young Adults Synod Members will be leading a special theme gathering to further discern and discuss the themes to have emerged from last year's Big Listen Exercise and to submit proposals for each of the themes. The meeting will take place after our next monthly Mass for Young Adults, which begins at 5.30pm on Sunday 10th November at St Augustine's Church, Manchester. All are very welcome to attend!

Last week's collection total £623, 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

You are invited to the annual Memorial Mass for those who have died in The Manchester Foundation Trust Hospitals, and The Christie. All are welcome to come and remember the dead and pray for their eternal rest. Date: Wednesday 13th November, Time: 6 pm Holy Rosary, 7 pm Holy Mass. (Refreshments to follow Holy Mass). To be held at: Holy Name Oxford Road, M13 9PG

Trips and Pilgrimages

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025, Wednesday 30th July – Wednesday 6th 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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