



St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year

23rd March 2025

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3rd Sunday of Lent P160

March: Month of St. Joseph

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| The Third Sunday of Lent 23 rd March | 10am Morning Mass +Stations of the Cross 10 minutes after 10am Mass + 6pm Evening Mass |
| Monday 24 th March | 9-30am Mass |
| Tuesday 25 th March | 6pm <i>Exposition & Confessions</i> 7pm Mass <i>Solemnity; The Annunciation</i> |
| Wednesday 26 th March | 9-30am Mass |
| Thursday 27 th March | 9-30am Mass |
| Friday 28 th March | 6-30am* Mass 9-30am Mass |
| Saturday 29 th March | 11am <i>Exposition & Confessions</i> 12 Noon Mass |
| The Fourth Sunday of Lent 30 th March Laetare Sunday - "Lady Day" | 10am Morning Mass +Stations of the Cross 10 minutes after 10am Mass + 6pm Evening Mass |

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, the sick, Holy Souls, Jimmy Deignan, Christopher Barry and family, Conversion of Sinners, For Priests, Katie Griffin, John Madden, John Moores, Pat Foley, Jim Lister, Tna Hascock, Brid Martin, Hughie & Maire Noone & Family, Anne Scally, Bernadette Donnelly, Packie Farnan, Maurice Hennessy, Jimmy Rowe & Son, Eileen Harkin.

Our Parish Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for Daisy;

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

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.



"The man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall." This is the theme of this Sunday: it underlines the need for repentance, which is the focus of our Lenten journey in Year C. Jesus, in the Gospel, uses two recent events in order to illustrate his point about sin and repentance - there is a price to be paid for sin, but there is a way of avoiding it: if we repent, we will have salvation and a new and real freedom. This idea is emphasised in the parable, where we see a tree not being condemned immediately, but given a

chance to change and produce fruit. So are we. This links in with the two other readings, which also talk about escape - the escape of Israel from Egypt. This is to be a warning for us, as Saint Paul says: if we are Christians, we must live as Christians, and be aware of the need to watch our lives and the direction they are taking.

We pray for the parishioners of the parish of St. Mary, Oswaldtwistle, and for Fr. Sean O'Brien, their parish priest. We pray for Mount Carmel High School and for their three parish primary schools.

Pope Francis Tweet: "I would like to invite you, today, to join me in praising the Lord, who never abandons us and who, in times of sorrow, places people beside us who reflect a ray of His love. I thank you all for your prayers, and I thank those who assist me with such dedication."

The Holy Fathers Intentions for March: That broken families may discover the sure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

In your prayers please remember: William Harkin, 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, William Allsop, 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.

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

March 23rd 10am Michael Amphia & Bernie Kirstein
6pm; Shaun O'Donnell

March 30th 10am Byju Joseph & Binu Biju
6pm; Kath Petty

Please don't forget the LENTEN ALMS BOX on the altar to collect offerings from your little Lenten Sacrifices that you are making which will go to Cornerstone our local catholic outreach charity.

Deanery Penitential Service. This year, our Deanery service will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Gorton, on Wednesday 9th April at 7pm. Please come along and support this Lenten opportunity to receive God's loving embrace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

GIFT AID; New gift and non gift envelopes will be given out over the next two weeks. The new pink envelopes begin on Sunday 6th April. Thank you to the new gift aiders who have signed up to contribute to St Bernard's Parish. All contributions through our Offertory Collection is very much appreciated. Any new gift aiders are very much appreciated - thank you to the 24 current standing orders and 56 gift aiders who contribute every month. Thank you to our non gift aiders too as your contribution certainly assists our overall income and claim to the diocese.

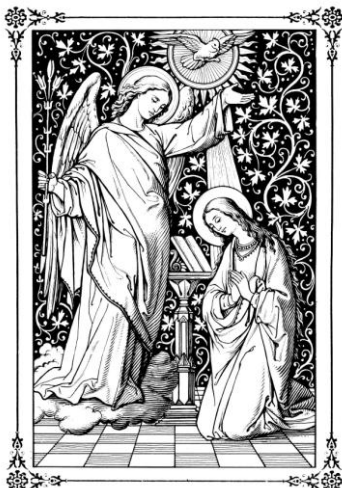
Thank you to everyone who purchased a Gaelic Coffee... or three... last weekend – Our young adults raised £115! Thank you!

Pedritos Easter Chocolate Raffle – Raffle tickets on sale at the back of Church after each Sunday Mass! £1 for a strip of tickets! The draw will take place after the Easter Sunday morning Mass! You have to be in it to win it! We have three fantastic chocolate hampers to win! All money raised will be going towards our young adults group! Thank you for your support!

CAFOD: Many thanks for offerings & CAFOD envelopes returned last week which will help communities facing great changes in their lives. This appeal is open until the end of Lent & envelopes (of any kind) can be posted through the Presbytery door. In this Jubilee Year Pope Francis asks us to be Pilgrims of Hope in a world facing war, global debt & climate change. Visit CAFOD's online Lent calendar for videos of hope & inspiration. **THANK YOU!**

St Bernard's got talent egg decorating Competition - St Bernard's RC Church, 23rd march until 6th April , Alex will be at the back of church for both masses with the list and poster from this weekend onwards. Let your crafty side go wild and join us after 10am Mass in parish hall on the 6th April with your decorated egg. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize's to be won . It could be you crowned St Bernard's got talent egg decorating champion ! Please add your name to the list at back of church to enter or see Alex after mass.

Fr Luke's Sponsored Walk – 300 Miles in – the end is in sight! Donations are still welcome. Thank you for the donations that we have received. Every Blessing, Luke!



“The Church Fathers were fond of exploring the relationship between Eve, mother of all the living, and the new Eve, Mary the Mother of God. Where Eve grasped and lost, Mary surrendered and received; where Eve said no to the alluring mystery, Mary said yes. The angel of the Lord — an agent from a realm beyond what can be seen and known — appears to the maid of Nazareth and greets her in what Balthasar describes as the language of heaven: ‘Hail, full of grace.’” – *Bishop Robert Barron*

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**Last week's collection
 total £1468 including
 Stanfing Orders**

Thank you

Groups now 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 meet after
 Tuesday 7pm Mass in the
 Parish Hall; *New members
 always welcome.*

Thursday

Drop Inn 10.00am to
 1.30pm

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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 for People who are Sick and People with Caring Responsibilities; A special Mass to mark the Jubilee for People who are Sick and People with Caring Responsibilities will be taking place on Saturday 5 April. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, will also include an opportunity for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Mass begins at 2pm at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church. All are welcome to attend.

Lenten Day Retreat; The Parish of Our Lady of Hope in Salford is hosting a Day Retreat to help us prepare and reflect during this season of Lent. Taking place at Ss Peter and Paul RC Church, The retreat takes place on Saturday 29 March, 10am - 4pm. Lunch will be provided.