



# St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday

21<sup>st</sup> April

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter P261    Good Shepherd Sunday    April: Month of the Holy Spirit**



This is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the Gospel narratives (from John 10) read each year, in which Jesus talks of himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his flock. A general "theme" to the Scriptures is the person of Jesus and what he has achieved by the Paschal Mystery (his dying and rising): the first reading talks of his name, and the power of the name of Jesus to save: one of the results of the "power of this

name" is that in him we are all God's children, and are promised an eternal reward. All this is summed up in the Gospel, in which Jesus talks of himself as the real shepherd, who is prepared to do anything for his flock, even to the point of giving his life. This he said before his passion, but in Eastertide we read it with the benefit of hindsight. His words are true, and by his dying and rising he has truly saved his flock.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations** :Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call. **Let Us Pray:** Heavenly Father, we ask you to send labourers into your harvest. Inspire, in the hearts of your people, vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Bless our families with a spirit of generosity, so that those whom you call have the courage to give themselves to your Church in faith. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**This week we pray for** the people of the parishes of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the Guardian Angels, Bury, and St. Hilda's, Tottington, with Father Paul Cannon, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools.

**Pope Francis Tweet:** "May we learn to cultivate the virtue of temperance. By controlling our words and actions we can avoid useless conflicts and promote Peace in our society."

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS** for April: Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in ever culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in carious parts of the world.

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>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Morning Mass Evening Mass</b>	<b>10am 6-00pm</b>	<b>Mass Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>9-30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Solemnity: St George</b>	<b>6pm 7pm</b>	<b>Exposition Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday [St Fidelis]</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Requiem: Justin Curley</b>	<b>12 Noon ++</b>	<b>Mass [Fr Pat Keane anni]</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Feast: St Mark</b>	<b>9-30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>9-30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Saturday Mass Fr Pat Keane's anniversary</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>11am  12 Noon</b>	<b>Exposition &amp; Confessions Mass</b>
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Morning Mass Evening Mass</b>	<b>10am 6-00pm</b>	<b>Mass Mass</b>

**Rota for Eucharistic Ministers**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**    **10am** Jackie Turner & Christine Blackburn    **6pm** Kath Petty  
**April 28<sup>th</sup>**    **10am** Bernie Kirstein & Michael Amphia    **6pm** Mary Teehan

**MASSES THIS WEEK:** Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Austin Queenan, Denny Connolly, Darren Towey, Fr. Pat Keane, Willie Limond, Catherine Egan, Dan & Teresa Hegarty, Jonathan Grace, Jim Lister, Siobhan Rowen and Margaret Smullen.

**In your prayers please remember:** Ann Lomas, Tes Kenrick, Steven Moorhouse, Kathleen Fahey, Teresa McHugh, Karen Teale, Fintan Griffin, Maggie Shackleton, Kevin & Noel Ford, John Hennessey, Tyrone Edwards, Canon David Ryder, David Flaherty, Celia Gilligan, Jimmy Burke, William Harkin, Lucy Rhodes, Trevor Teale, Amanda, Eileen Hendrick, Austin & Jimmy Taylor, Michael Barnes, Margaret Smullen Kevin Malpas, Carole Mealing, Margaret Duffy, Fr Kevin Foulkes, Sr Ann Hamersly, HM the King, The Princess of Wales, Mary O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Barbara Blair, Patrick Ward, Mary & Mike Bradney, Ted Reid, Kay & Ken George, Fr Stephen Doyle, Patrick McDonnell, Alan Hixon, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Mary Boylan, Janet Burke, Thomas & Ann Marie McDonagh, Imelda Dean, Kath Welsh, Pat Kemp, Kathleen Gilroy, Fr Bernard Wilson, Celia Meschi, Abraham McCoy, Jean Buckley, Maureen McGrath, Ann Dury, James Cannon, William Allsop, Ellen Leach, Marie Fahy, Marcella McNevin, Sal & Cam Lusco, MJK, Alison O'Connor, Julia Mansfield, James Cannon, William Allsop, Gerard Kenrick, Fr Stephen Doyle, Michael Turner, Des Reape, Breda Orr, Canon David Caine, Fr. Pat Deegan, Patrick & Bobby Durkin, Tina McGeehan, Mgr Paul Smith, Zoe Daniels, Maureen Nash, Michael Hothersall, Emma Louise, Caroline Slevin, Bridget Golden, Michael Connolly, Christopher, Alfie Hooper, Fr Peter McGiveron, Amy McDonald, Denis Law, John McLoughlin, Fr Wilf Cooper, Gloria Oakley, Chris Williams, Margaret Stenson, Lauren Westian, Breda Duggan, Delia Regan, Lisa Nelson, Michael Hession, Ann & Peter Lomas, Gerard Clegg, Margaret Fisher, Natalie Forshaw, Fr Peter Maloney, Charlie McHugh, Stephen Bostock, Patrick Carragher, Jean Bradbury, Joan Tobin, Sue Johnson.

**Our Lady's Lamp;** for the Rowen Family: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** for Father Pat Keane:  
 New list at the back of the Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you



Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, when the Diocese particularly prays for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we also take the collection for the Priest Training Fund and open the list for private donations, please be your usual generous selves, thank you.

**Missio ( Red Boxes)** Please do not forget to pick up your magazine from the back of church. If you have any donations please put them in an envelope or bag marked MISSIO and for the attention of Bernadette and put through the Presbytery letterbox .



**SPRING FAIR SATURDAY 18th MAY 10.00am until 2.00pm.** After consideration we have decided to have a Spring Fair in the Parish Hall. We will have various stalls including household goods, toys good as new etc etc plus tombola. Refreshments also available. Admission free.

If you have anything we can sell on one of our stalls in clean, good , sellable order ( no bric a brac ) please put in the box at the back of church. All donations will be greatly appreciated. We have a few stalls

available for a small fee for anyone wanting to sell their own goods. All enquiries please contact Bernadette or Barry 07780 956066 ; All proceeds to church funds.



**You are invited to a Mad Hatters afternoon tea** in the parish hall; Saturday 11th May 12noon £6 per person. Booking essential. Tables available for 4 or 6 . Contact Ann Tipper Pat Jones or Bridie Close. All proceeds to the parish Lourdes fund. This July a group of 19 are travelling to Lourdes to join the Salford diocesan pilgrimage and we will be helping a younger member of our parish to travel and volunteer assisting the sick .

**Walsingham** Friday 3rd May . We will be leaving St Bernards at 7.45 am . Mass will be celebrated in the parish church of the Annunciation in Walsingham at 4pm.

### **Diocese of Salford Synod 2023-2025 Prayer**

Loving Father, be with us as we seek new ways of being your people in our Diocese. May each new day bring us closer to your son Jesus, as we follow his teaching and become disciples of love. As we continue our Synodal journey, draw us closer to each other. May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us. Open our hearts, as we listen to each other and reach out in love to your people. Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Amen.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for Us.**

**St Joseph, Pray for Us.**

**Stay with us Lord on our Journey**



**DIOCESE OF SALFORD**  
**SYNOD 2023-2025**

**The Diocese of Salford's Vocations team invites you** to join our next Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood. The Mass will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd April, at St Catherine's Didsbury. All are very welcome to attend as we pray together for the future of the priesthood in our diocese.

**Last week's collection total £723 Thank you**

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.



**PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR BAPTISMS** by introducing yourselves to Father after Sunday Mass, when details can 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](mailto: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](http://www.burnagefoodbank.org.uk) or tel: 07936698546.

**The General Election:** A UK general election is due and those standing will want our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics, to ensure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to them. *A Year of Encounter;* is an initiative by CAFOD and the S.V.P. to equip Catholics to ask the key questions at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including online sessions on 25<sup>th</sup> April and 4<sup>th</sup> May. Or email [sholleron@cafod.org.uk](mailto:sholleron@cafod.org.uk) Tel 077 100 944 54

If you or someone you know is hospitalised at: Manchester Royal Infirmary: Manchester Royal Eye Hospital: Saint Mary's Maternity Hospital: Royal Manchester Children's Hospital: Trafford General Hospital Or The Christie Hospital Please telephone to see the Roman Catholic Priest Chaplain on: 0161 276 8792 and for Wythenshawe Hospital 0161 291 2297

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