

Last week's collection total £647 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

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.

2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee: This Advent, Pope Francis invites people across the world to embark on a Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee. Over the coming weeks and months, the Diocese of Salford will be sharing a range of resources and ideas to help us journey together through this Year of Prayer. To find out more head to <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/>

Stop the 14-day limit on experimenting on embryos being removed: The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) is pushing to remove the 14-day limit for experimenting on embryos, despite 97% of submissions from the general public to their consultation objecting to these plans. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP asking them to oppose a change to legislation that, if passed, would pave the way for the removal of the 14-day limit. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/14days to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

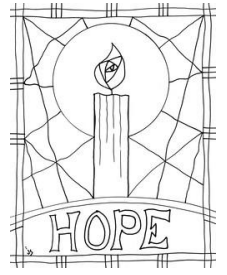
WALSINGHAM 2024 Friday 3rd May to Sunday 5th Joining the Salford pilgrimage on the Saturday. We have 3 twin en-suite rooms available, Sorry no singles. Cost £245 per person. Contact Ann Tipper.

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ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



3RD DECEMBER 2023

Clergy: Mgr Michael J Kujacz RD, Fr Benjamin Garba, & Rev Luke Bradbury

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STAY WITH US LORD ON OUR JOURNEY

1st Sunday of Advent (Year B) P 82 December: Month of The Immaculate Conception



Advent opens with a great cry, and a great promise: "Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down!" is the cry, of a people who need God. "...The master is coming" is the promise, not to breed fear, but to answer our cry. Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for

a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with love and mercy. Nevertheless we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today !


Let us pray this week for the people of the parish of

Pope Francis Tweet: "Let us ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us so that we may be able to give an account of our faith and hope to today's world with words and, above all, with the testimony of our lives."

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for December: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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.

This week's timetable

First Sunday of Advent	3 rd December	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	4 th December	Mass of Advent	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	5 th December	Mass of Advent	6pm 7pm	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Wednesday	6 th December	St Nicholas in Advent	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	7 th December	St Ambrose	9-30am	Mass
Friday 	8 th December	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	9 th December	Mass of Advent (St Juan Diego)	11am 12noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Second Sunday of Advent	10 th December	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass Mass

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

Dec 3rd 10am Terry O'Neill & Tony Masterson

6pm Comfort Mensa

Dec 10th 10am Michael Amphia & Tony Kirstein

6pm Shaun O'Donnell

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Denis Joyce, Bernard Cartledge, Sean Brennan, Celia Cusack, Elizabeth Lynch, Thomas Dunleavy, Walter Bostock, Helen Fagan Delia & Michael Griffin, Oriel & Loui, Babs & Don O'Sullivan, Kathleen Early, Ann Campbell, Caroline O'Shea and Ann Lynch.

In your prayers please remember: John Lloyd, Teresa McHugh, Celia Gilligan, Kathleen Fahey, Karen Teale, Fintan Griffin, Maggie Shackleton, Jimmy Burke, Lucy Rhodes, Amanda, Carole Mealing, Margaret Duffy, Patrick Ward, Mary & Mike Bradney, Ted Reid, Alan Hixon, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Mary Boylan, Janet Burke, Thomas & Ann Marie McDonagh, Imelda Dean, Kath Welsh, Steven Moorhouse, Teresa Barrett, Pat Kemp, Kathleen Gilroy, Fr Bernard Wilson, Celia Meschi, Marie Fahey, 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, John Arthurs, Michael Turner, Des Reape, Breda Orr, Canon David Caine, Eileen & Fr. Pat Deegan, Patrick & Bobby Durkin, Tina McGeeha, 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, Trevor Teale, Margaret Fisher, Natalie Forshaw, Fr Peter Maloney, Charlie McHugh, Stephen Bostock, Patrick Carragher.

Our Lady's Lamp; for Peace: the Sacred Heart Lamp; for the sick : New list at the back of the Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you



FIRST CONFESSION & HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS are available in the Sacristy, the presbytery, in school: today is the last day. The presentation for Sacraments will take place on 3rd Sunday of Advent.

CAFOD: Christmas Gift programmes at the back of Church. THANK YOU for all that you do.

Diocesan Synod - The Big Listen: Last weekend saw the launch of the first key stage of our diocesan synod - The Big Listen. Over the coming months, we're inviting you to help us reflect on the needs of our community today and how our diocese is being called to respond. Please ask the parish office for any upcoming listening events or find more information about the diocesan synod and how to get involved at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/> **We will be holding our Parish meetings in the next few weeks, please join us.**



CHRISTMAS DRAW : The 2nd Draw took place last Sunday and the winners were:- 1st £40 Sharon ticket No 284, 2nd £20 Bridget Flatley 461, 3rd £20 Anne Hession 288, 4th Edward Moran 118. The Main Draw takes place after this morning's Mass in the Parish Hall. The prizes will be :- 1st Prize £400, 2nd £200, 3rd £100, 4th £50, 5th £50, 6th £25, 7th £25; There will also be 2 agents prizes of £25 each as a thank you for selling tickets. Good luck to you all in the Draw and a big thank you to all who have supported.

CHRISTMAS MARKET IN THE PARISH HALL TODAY after 10am Mass.

Christmas Meal with regret has had to cancelled due to double booking.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES are available from today . The candles cost £3 and will placed in the Lady chapel on Christmas Eve. Let this candle be a silent prayer for family members during the sacredness of the Christmas season

ADVENT BOXES FOR MARY'S MEALS Please support our Advent appeal last year we fed 289 Children, once again the Government has agreed to double whatever is collected. Thanks.

Prayer for Mary's Meals Our Father give us this day our daily bread and forgive us for the times when we take more than our share of the bread that belongs to all. Let us help You fill the starving with good things, not with scraps from our table. Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep. Clothe us with Your love that we may complete each good work you created us to do. Place in our hearts Your compassion for each starving child and use our little acts of love so that they starve no more. Amen

YORK CHRISTMAS MARKET NEXT Saturday 9th December leaving St Bernard's at 8.15 am leaving York 4.30 pm.

Saint of the week; 7th December Saint Ambrose; Born around 340, he was a surprising choice to be Bishop of Milan in 374; renowned for his charity and his eloquence, especially against the Arians, it is said that Saint Augustine returned to his faith after hearing Ambrose preach. A great writer of hymns for the liturgy, some of which survive to this day. He died in 397