

Last week's collection total £708 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.

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.

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 Diocese also requires a number of additional volunteer forms to be completed. 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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: QUIZ NIGHT PARISH HALL FRIDAY 28th APRIL. Back by popular demand. Questions on various subjects. Always a fun night. Refreshments available .Why not enter a team (max 6 per team) only £2.50 each Further details from Barry or Bernadette on 07780 956066

Inquirers morning for Vocations to the Diaconate Saturday 1st April,10am St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 5HF The Diocese of Salford's Department for Formation is holding an enquirers morning for anyone who may be discerning a vocation to the diaconate. If you would like to learn more about what a deacon is or does, or would like to speak to someone about how God might be calling you to serve as a deacon in our diocese, this event will help you find out more. Starting with Mass at 10am and finishing with a sandwich lunch.

Email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to let us know you're coming.You can also learn more about the role of deacons by visiting <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diaconate-faqs/>

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ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

26TH MARCH 2023



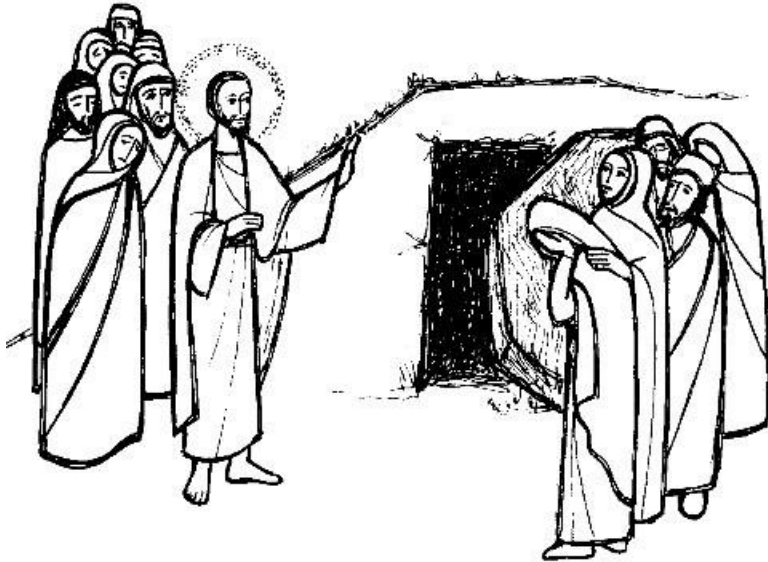
Clergy: Mgr Michael J Kujacz RD & Fr Joseph Oluwafemi Ojelabi, Seminarian Luke Bradbury
Address St. Bernard's R C Church, Burnage Lane, Manchester M19 1DR
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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

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Old Passion Sunday

March: Month of St Joseph



The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is perhaps the deepest meditation on the mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. It is a prelude to the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the triumph of life over death. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith

that the resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. In the same way our belief in our own resurrection is vital: it is the most deeply needed gift that Christ gives us. This is why the climax of the instructions given to candidates for Baptism was this teaching: that Christ would give them life after death. Look ahead to the 3rd Sunday of Easter, where Saint Peter preaches to the crowds □ what he teaches them is that life comes after death, as it did for Lazarus, and for Christ himself.

This week we pray for the people of the parish of St. Chad, Cheetham Hill, and the Oratorian Fathers and brothers, as well as the parish primary school. We pray for all those in His Majesty's Prison, Manchester, and for the chaplaincy team. May the heart of Jesus, pierced on the cross, speak to their hearts.

Pope Francis Tweet: "In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn."

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for March: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Get ready for Holy Week; is it about time you went to Confession?

This week's timetable

Fifth Sunday of Lent	26 th March	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	27 th March	Mass of Lent	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	28 th March	Mass of Lent	6pm 7pm	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Wednesday	29 th March	Mass of Lent	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	30 th March	Mass of Lent Holy Hour	9-30am 6pm	Mass Parish Hall
Friday	31 st March	Mass of Lent	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	1 st April	Mass of Lent	11am 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
PALM SUNDAY HOLY WEEK	2 nd April	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass Mass

Don't Forget Stations of the Cross most days after Mass, come and join us. We adore you O Lord and we praise you; because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

March 26th 10am Stephen Burke & Geraldine Fury 6pm Shaun O'Donnell

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, John McCarron, Eileen Harkin, Catherine Mullarkey, Anne Connolly, Deirdra Cottrill, Margaret Duffy, Joe Cahill, Packie Farnan, Breda Duggan, Lauren & Leanne, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Rose Lannon, Jacqueline McCusker, Joe Kelly, Mary Sexton, Jim Lister, Ann Warde, Joe McManum, Mary Marks and Collette Keck.

In your prayers please remember: Hughie Gallagher, Nino, Ted Reid, Alan Hixon, Janet Burke, Imelda Dean, Michael Connolly, Alfie Hooper, Amy Devlin, Amy McDonald, Steven Moorhouse, John McLoughlin, Delilah Bardsley, William Harkin, Steve Lyons, John Lloyd, Louis Clegg, Gloria Oakley, Joan Lockett David Fallard, Angela Close, John Lloyd, Fr Chris Lough, Chris Williams, Margaret Stenson, Lauren Westian, Breda Duggan, Maggie Shackleton, Breda Duggan, Mary Saunders, Abraham McCoy, Delia Regan, Celia Gilligan, Bernard Howell, Lisa Nelson, Lucy Murphy, Clare Bainbridge, Mary Windsor, Patricia Bibbon, Pauline Zogaroli, John Monaghan, Arianna, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Anne Connolly, Deirdra Cottrill, Michael Hession, Ged Moran, Maureen Nash, Bridie Duff, Breda Duggan, Mary Boylan, Sandra Thorn, Kath Donnelly, Marie Fahey, Ann & Peter Lomas, Gerard Clegg, Celia Meschi, Olive Price, Michael O'Driscoll, Denis Joyce, Natasha Baker, Lisa Nelson, David Fettes, Archbishop Kelly, Margaret Moran, Alan Wilcock, Isla Murray, Marcella McNevin, Sir Bobby Charlton, Fr Bernard Sparks, Trevor Teale, Margaret Fisher, Natalie Forshaw, Ellen Leach, Patrick McCabe, Jim Campbell, Fr Peter Maloney, Tess Kenrick, Charlie McHugh, Stephen Bostock, Fr Philip Boast, Albert Oatley, Jimmy O'Hanlon, Meg Warriner, Lilly Flaherty, Patrick Carragher, Martin Conway, Teresa Barrett, Katie Griffin, Sal & Cam Lusco,

Lilly Keane, Bridget O'Brien, Fr Leo Heakin, Michael Turner, Tony Rock, Deborah Kemp, Fr Bob Morrow, Nancy Maguire, Therese Thompson, MJK, Fr Frank Austin, Annette Irving, Duncan, Chris Loftus, Canon Mort Stanley, Eamonn Coyle, Patricia Divine, Fr Bernard Higham, Ged McCarrow, Denis Law, James Barren, Kathleen Curley, Anthony Mullen, Marion Moran, Mary Mulvihill.

HOLY HOUR THIS THURSDAY 30th March at 6pm in the Parish Hall for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Parishioner, come and pray!

Our Lady's Lamp; for the Holy Father's Intentions: **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** Deceased Parishioners: New list at the back of the Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you

SPRING MARKET DAY, THIS MORNING AFTER MORNING MASS. POP IN SUPPORT OUR YOUNG . PEOPLE, AND HAVE A CUPPA AND A SPEND THANK YOU.

Gift Aid Envelopes from 9th April 2023; If you are a current tax payer and would like to start using a gift aid box please see Pat to complete a gift aid declaration form.

Missio (Red Boxes) Magazines available at the back of church. If you have any donations please put in a bag / envelope bearing your name marked for the attention of Bernadette and bring in to church or telephone 07780 956066 and arrangements will be made to collect. Thank you on behalf of Missio.

CAFOD: Many thanks for Family Fast Day envelopes returned today. Our St. Bernard's appeal will stay open throughout Lent & any envelope marked "CAFOD" can be posted through the Presbytery door. THANK YOU for all you do.

RESUMPTION OF COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

Bishop John, following the decision of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has established that the reception of communion under both kinds may resume in our Diocese, starting from the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday this year. These notes will help us reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives, and to prepare us to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice once again in our Diocese.

However we receive Holy Communion, it should always be a moment filled with reverence, respect and profound faith. We should participate fully in all the prayers of the Mass, but at the same time develop a personal longing and thirst for Jesus in our hearts. We can imagine ourselves gathered with the apostles at the Last Supper, hearing the words spoken by the Lord over bread and wine, and affirming deep inside ourselves that his words are true: "This is his body ... this is the chalice of his blood."

We process forward to the Altar, bow before the Sacred Host and say 'Amen' when the minister says, 'The Body of Christ'. We receive it on the tongue, or on the palm and place it on our tongue straight away. Then we consume it immediately. If we are receiving the Precious Blood, we bow before the Chalice and say 'Amen' when the minister says, 'The Blood of Christ', We take the Chalice, consume the Precious Blood and return it to the minister. We should approach Holy Communion with a profound sense of God's love being lavished upon us, and our "Amen" as we receive the host and/or the Precious Blood should be confident - our personal act of faith.
