

**Last week's collection total £727 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](http://www.burnagefoodbank.org.uk) or tel: 07936698546.

**Root and Branch Synod Talk: Towards a Beatitudinal Church:** Root and Branch Synod - a forum for reform within the Catholic Church - is inviting people to join a positive talk that seeks to explore how we can work together to bring about authentic change and a more Beatitudinal Church. The talk will welcome Archbishop Charles Scicluna, who will help guide us as we discuss how to maintain the momentum for change within the Church and tackle some of its biggest challenges, including clerical power abuse. Find out more at <https://www.rootandbranchsynod.org/>

**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](mailto:-christine.robinson.safeguarding@outlook.com)

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# ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

Clergy: Mgr Michael J Kujacz RD & Fr Joseph Oluwafemi Ojelabi, Seminarian Luke Bradbury  
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**STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY**

Baptism of the Lord P118

January: Month of the Holy Name of Jesus



It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: ☐This is my Son, the Beloved☐. On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world.

Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

Let us pray this week for the people of the parish of St. Joseph, Ramsbottom, with Father Frank Thorpe, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school. May all parishioners live out the vocation and mission given them at their baptism.

Pope Francis Tweet: "Jesus, Crucified and Risen, the Living One and the Lord, was the destination to which Pope Benedict led us, taking us by the hand. May he help us rediscover in Christ the joy of believing and the hope of living."

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for January: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE WILL BOW.

## This week's timetable

The Baptism of the Lord	8 <sup>th</sup> January	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass of the weekday	12 Noon	Mass
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass of the weekday	6pm 7pm	Exposition and Mass
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass of the weekday	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass of the weekday [St Aelred]	9-30am	Mass
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass of the weekday [St Hilary of Poitiers]	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass of Our Lady	11am 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Second Sunday in Ordinary time	15 <sup>th</sup> January	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass Mass

### Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

January 8<sup>th</sup>            10am Terry O'Neil & Tony Masterson

6pm Comfort Mensa

January 15<sup>th</sup>        10am Imelda Dean & Jackie Turner

6pm Shaun O'Donnell

**MASSES THIS WEEK:** Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Pope Benedict, Ida Fleming, Kathleen & Jack Sheridan, Paddy Lyons, Walter Moorhouse, Brian Clarke, Lauren Westian, Breda Duggan, Mary Callaghan, Packie Farnan, Furey's, Noel & Ann & Family, In thanks to St Jude and St John Paul II.

In your prayers please remember: Hughie Gallagher, Nino, Ted Reid, Alan Hixon, Janet Burke, Steven Moorhouse, Carolyn Brown, Delilah Bardsley, Archbishop Kelly, Louis Clegg, David Fallard, Angela Close, John Lloyd, Fr Bernard Sparks, Lauren Westian, Breda Duggan, Maggie Shackleton, Mary Saunders, John MacCarron, Abraham McCoy, Delia Regan, Celia Gilligan, Bernard Howell, Christopher Beirne, Lisa Nelson, Lucy Murphy, Mary Windsor, Patricia Bibbon, Pauline Zogaroli, John Monaghan, Arianna, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, 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, Margaret Moran, Fr David O'Kane, Alan Wilcock, Isla Murray, Marcella McNevin, Sir Bobby Charlton, Gloria Oakley, Trevor Teale, Margaret Fisher, Natalie Forshaw, Ellen Leach, Peter Nockles, 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, Gerard Clark, Patrick Carragher, Martin Conway, Teresa Barrett, Katie Griffin, Sal & Cam Lusco, Lilly Keane, Bridget O'Brien, Nellie McHale, Fr Leo Heakin, Michael Turner, Tony Rock, Deborah Kemp, Mark, Fr Bob Morrow, Angela Forbes, Nancy Maguire, Therese Thompson, MJK, Clare Bainbridge, Fr Frank Austin, Annette Irving, Bernard, Sheila Taylor, Sr Philomena, Briege McAssey, Christine Moores, Nora Connolly, Duncan, Chris Loftus, Marie Stylianou, Oliver, Canon Mort Stanley, Eamonn Coyle, Henry McDaid, Patricia Divine, Theresa Patrick, Fr Bernard Higham, Ged McCarrow, Fr Frank Austin, Patrick Griffin, Michael Griffin, Barry Keaveney, Katherine Mahon, Mary Wheatley, Denis Law, James Barren, Kathleen Curley, Anthony Mullen, Marion Moran, Mary Winterbourne, Mary Mulvihill.

**Our Lady's Lamp for Hall Family: the Sacred Heart Lamp for Joe Moran: New list at the back of the Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you**

**ADVENT PROJECT;** Last year we fed 840 children, what can we do this year?

"The Mary's Meal project" this Advent, shows us that £15 is enough to feed a child for a year in some parts of the world. Boxes are available at the back of Church today, to be returned just after Christmas. Or you may wish to make a donation please put in an envelope and post through the presbytery door, marked "Mary's Meals" Please begin to bring your boxes in, Thank you

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

**CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE AND GIFTS** .....maybe you have a surplus and would consider donating them for a parish fundraiser in the spring; next Sunday there will be a box at the back of church. Thanks



*Some thoughts of Pope Benedict XVI* "The Church is not self-made, it was created by God and is continuously formed by Him. This finds expression in the Sacraments, above all in that of Baptism: I enter into the Church not by a bureaucratic act, but with the help of this Sacrament.

In our heart, in the heart of each of you, let there be always the joyous certainty that the Lord is near, that he does not abandon us, that he is near to us, and that he surrounds us with his love.

The Gospel purifies and renews: it bears fruit wherever the community of believers hears and welcomes the grace of God in truth and lives in charity. This is my faith; this is my joy."

Saturday 22 April day out to Windermere and Ambleside leaving 8.30 am Returning for 5. 30 pm if you wish to book a seat please enclose £15 in a sealed envelope and post it through Father's letter box marked "day out Lakes" Any questions leave a message on Ann Tipper's answering machine 442 5259

Walsingham Friday 19th May to Sunday 21st Staying 2 nights in a twin en-suite room on half board £215. Sorry no singles . On the Saturday Bishop John will be leading the pilgrimage. Contact Ann Tipper 442 5259 Only 2 rooms remain

Day coach to Walsingham for the Diocesan pilgrimage Saturday 20th May; Joining Bishop John. Leaving 6am returning 10pm. Cost £22 per person . Please enclose the payment in a sealed envelope marked Walsingham. We need 45 to travel so please book ASAP ..... if we don't reach our target of 45 by Easter Sunday we may have to cancel but all monies paid will be returned . Children under 16 years go half price £12. Ann Tipper or Tony Kirstein can answer any questions 442 5259.

**ALL PARISH GROUPS REOPEN THIS WEEK; ALL MOST WELCOME.**