

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total

Baptism information: See Baptism Team after Sunday Mass to register your child's details and begin the process. Further information contact Annie or Janice on: baptismsternards@gmail.com **Sacrament of Marriage:** 6 months' notice must be given, please see Father to make arrangements, please speak to Clergy **Marriage preparation course** is on the four Sundays in Feb. and in June at Our Lady's Moss Side: Book on line at marriage.stjosephsmanchester.co.uk: **Sacramental programme 2019/20:** Contact: Clare Clegg (07389 192655). **The Divine Mercy prayer Group** meets on the Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month in the Church at 1pm. *****Please note new days*****

Legion of Mary: Tuesday's after evening Mass in the Hall, new members welcome.

Young At Heart open Monday: we look forward to seeing you.

Toddlers Group: open Tuesday mornings; Further enquiries to Anne 431 7212

Drop in is open on Thursdays 10am till 2-30pm **ALL CLUBS AND GROUPS SUSPENDED**



Often people forget that Easter is not just a day, but a season - the longest in the Church's year, in fact! We are given fifty glorious days of Spring and Summer to prolong our baptismal joy, fifty glorious days of basking in the light of the risen Saviour. It seems a shame that after the efforts we put into Lent we don't celebrate Eastertide with the same enthusiasm. The readings of this Season have their origins in the instruction given to converts in the early Church: in Lent, the readings were the basis of catechesis on the forthcoming baptism; in Easter the readings are Mystagogy - a type of teaching where the newly baptised (neophytes) learn

through taking part in the celebration of the sacraments and hearing the word. On the Sundays we hear who Jesus is, and on weekdays hear about Baptism and the Eucharist. This Mystagogy is not just to nourish the neophytes, but to help all of us deepen our life in the risen Lord Jesus. This Sunday we are with the disciples in the Upper Room, where eight days after the Resurrection Jesus comes among them - as he comes among us.

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WEEK	DOORS	CLOSED
FEAR	PEACE	HANDS
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Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to michaelkujacz@hotmail.com by **Wednesday evening** please for inclusion the following Sunday: the Newsletter is usually published Friday Morning. **Signed Mass Cards** can be obtained from Bridie Close, 44 Shawbrook Rd, during the week or on Sundays from the Bookstall (back of Church) or the Piety Stall (Parish Hall).

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2020



Clergy: Mgr. Michael J Kujacz, Fr. John Coe

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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

2nd Sunday of Easter Home Sheets MASS 6/ Creed 11; Eucharistic Prayer 3(28)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Here are the steps of how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Step 1 - Using a regular set of Rosary beads, you begin at the cross by doing the sign of the cross.

(Optional Opening Prayer)

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Step 2 - On the three beads of the rosary pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed.

Step 3 - You begin each decade with the Our Father beads by praying this prayer:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement

for our sins and those of the whole world.

Step 4 - Complete the decade on the 10 Hail Mary beads by praying this prayer:

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Repeat Steps 3 and 4 for each decade on the rosary beads

Step 5 - Once you have prayed all 5 decades, you finish the Chaplet by praying the following prayer 3 times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

Let us pray for the people of the parish of The Holy Family, Denton, and for Father Christopher Dawson, their priest.

Pope Francis Tweet: " Let us pray together for the elderly, especially those who are isolated or in rest homes and are afraid of dying alone. They are our roots. They gave us the faith, tradition, and a sense of belonging. Let us pray that the Lord might be near to them."

Keep up to date on the website with the Parish Pump and Sacristy Chatter



THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for April: We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

This week's timetable

2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	19 th April	Morning Mass Evening Mass Divine Mercy Devotions	10am 6pm 2-45pm	+ Benediction
Monday	20 th April	Easter Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	21 st April	For Betty Serridge St. Anselm	9-30am 7pm	Mass Mass
Wednesday	22 nd April	For George Hughes Easter Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	23 rd April	Feast; St. George	9-30am	Mass
Friday	24 th April	Easter Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	25 th April	Feast; St. Mark	12 Noon	Mass
3rd Sunday of Easter	26 th April	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	

The **live-streaming of the celebration of Mass** will continue throughout Easter Time, and next Sunday we hope to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with our usual afternoon Liturgy.

Mass intentions and offerings should be put through the Presbytery Door. Up to date news and information can be found on the Parish Website: take a look at the Parish Pump and also the daily blog. Please store planned giving envelopes at home.

+Funerals this week: Tuesday Betty Serridge: Wednesday George Hughes: Thursday Anthony Shelton. [Please note special Masses for Betty & George this week]+

Masses this week: Special Intentions, Margaret Kettle, Analeen Hughes, Julie Finnegan, Ann McHale, Jackie McCusker.

In your prayers please remember: Michael Joyce, David Goddard, Mary Bancroft, Ian Lomas, Arianna, Oliver Agnew, Pat Preston, Pat Lawrence, Pat Scott, Fr Pat Deegan, Fr Peter Gooden, Teresa Barrett, Ann Richards, Lisa McElwaine, Fr Leo Heakin, William Harkin, Paddy Lyons, Lyndsey Kelly, John Phillips, Stefan Lachkovic, Clare Bainbridge, Steven Moorhouse, Karen & Billy Hennessy, Debbie Roberts, Dillon Ward, Brian Waugh, Ellen Leach, Robert Leeming, Jackie & Michael Turner, Chris Forbes, Maureen Nash, Denis Joyce, Breda Gallagher, Yas Poptani, Sr Pat Carney, Dorothy Harold, Christine, Marcella McNevin, Mary Boylan, Ged MacCarron, Pat Hallows, Celia & Alf Meschi, John & Michael Griffin, Fr Chris Lough, Jane Riley, Jacky Watts, Margaret Hills, Sheila Walsh, John Kirwin, Christopher Burke, Ann O'Connor, MJK, Doreen French, Anne Hutton, Tess Kenrick, Sandra Lannatta, Kevin Hemsell, George Hegarty, Margaret & Dave Watkins, Sue Atherton, Lizzie Frost, Anthony Gormley, Nancy Maguire, Breda Orr, Orla McManus, Betty Ann Jones, Nora Gibbons, Siobhan Drugan, Kathleen Curley, Anthony Mullen, Marion Moran, Ronald Bradshaw, Ann & John MacCarron, Anthony Gallagher, Fr Vincent Cavey, Mary Winterbourne, Mary Mulvihill, Phyllis Dowd,

Margaret Bayhi, Celia Deignan, Eileen Kenny, Mary Jordan, Kathleen Connolly, Michael Carney, Maureen Walkin, Bernie Quezema, Lee Hegarty, Richard O'Connor, Patrick Clarke, Anna Lawless, Eddie McDonald.

Sacramental Programme is suspended, and all planned dates cancelled.

Our Lady's Lamp for all Carers, the **Sacred Heart Lamp** for Divine Mercy Group :there are NEW lists at the at the back of Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you



NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: are now ready for collection over the next few Sundays. Whether you are a Gift Aider or a weekly giver using them can be a good reminder and a real commitment to our Parish of guaranteed income. Did you know you can also help boost our Parish Funds, by signing up for

Gift Aid, we can claim 25p for every £1 donated through our weekly collection, last year we were able to claim over £8000 which was a big boost and help; you have to be a UK tax payer to join the scheme. If you can please give it a go, thank you. And thank you to you all for your support and generosity during the last year. mjk

BURNAGE FOOD BANK; now short of Tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned custard For more information, take a leaflet from the porch, 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;

LIVE- STREAMING FROM THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY: In addition to the regular programme there will be the following: **AN EIGHT DAY RETREAT** Monsignor John Armitage will lead an Eight Day Retreat. This will start after Compline at 8pm on Sunday 19th April and finish on Sunday 26th April. Details of the retreat programme are given on the Shrine website: www.walsingham.org.uk **CATECHESIS:** The Shrine is very grateful to Father Stephen Wang for allowing us to use his Sycamore Program. We shall be showing the 20 half hour videos, starting on Monday 27th April. They will be shown at 10.30am and 4.00pm each day.



"The man who is wise, therefore, will see his life as more like a reservoir than a canal. The canal simultaneously pours out what it receives; the reservoir retains the water till it is filled, then discharges the overflow without loss to itself ... Today there are many in the Church who act like canals, the reservoirs are far too rare ... You too must learn to await this fullness before pouring out your gifts, do not try to be more generous than God." "Blessed," he says, "are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God" (Mt 5:9). Consider carefully that it is not the people who call for peace but those who make peace who are commended. For there are those who talk but do nothing (Mt 23:3). For just as it is not the hearers of the law but the doers who are righteous (Rom 2:13), so it is not those who preach peace but the authors of peace who are blessed." — **Bernard of Clairvaux**

Pope Francis writes: "There is another stone that often seals the heart shut: the stone of sin. Sin seduces; it promises things easy and quick, prosperity and success, but then leaves behind only solitude and death. Sin is looking for life among the dead, for the meaning of life in things that pass away. Why do you seek the living among the dead? Why not make up your mind to abandon that sin which, like a stone before the entrance to your heart, keeps God's light from entering in? Why not prefer Jesus, the true light (cf. Jn1:9), to the glitter of wealth, career, pride and pleasure? Why not tell the empty things of this world that you no longer live for them, but for the Lord of life? God asks us to view life as He views it, for in each of us He never ceases to see an irrepressible kernel of beauty. In sin, He sees sons and daughters to be restored; in death, brothers and sisters to be reborn; in desolation, hearts to be revived. Do not fear, then: the Lord loves your life, even when you are afraid to look at it and take it in hand. In Easter He shows you how much He loves that life: even to the point of living it completely, experiencing anguish, abandonment, death and hell, in order to emerge triumphant to tell you: "You are not alone; put your trust in me!"