

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £697 41p Thank you

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**: Presentation Day: 2nd February: 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 open on Thursdays 10am till 2-30pm


BURNAGE FOOD BANK; now short of Tinned fruit, tinned custard, and tinned rice pudding 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;

What is the Word of God?

We often identify the Bible as the Word of God. This is not wrong, but God speaks to our hearts in many different ways. For instance, he speaks to us in prayer and through our conscience, and often through other people. Hence, the Word of God covers much more than a printed book. Nevertheless, the Bible is the privileged collection of communications between God and his people. These stories and poems have nourished the lives of the people of Israel and the Christian Church right through the centuries, and they continue to nourish us today. They tell the story of God's love and our salvation from ancient times onwards. The scriptural texts offer us both challenge and encouragement for our lives, and are especially valuable to us through the hope they offer us at dark moments.

2020 Diocesan Almanacs on sale in the shop

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Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to michaelkujacz@hotmail.com by Wednesday evening for inclusion the following Sunday 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).

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ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2020



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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

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MASS 6/ Creed 11;

Eucharistic Prayer 3(28)

"He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled."



We will spend most of the Sundays of the coming year in the company of Saint Matthew. His Gospel (like the others has its own characteristics. He is writing for a Jewish audience, and so is always at pains to stress one thing: that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah. He does this by

reference to Jesus' teaching and miracles, and very often by quoting the prophecies of the Old Testament to show that Jesus was their fulfilment. Today is a perfect example. Zebulon and Naphtali was an old name for the area round Capernaum by the side of the Lake of Galilee, a busy fishing and trading area, with many Gentile towns and settlements: it is here, rather than in the dangerous town of Nazareth, that Jesus settles and begins his ministry. This is where the proclamation of the Kingdom of God begins, as was foretold, and the first followers are invited to join Jesus.

This week we pray for the people of the parish of The Good Samaritan, Burnley, for Fr. David Featherstone, their parish priest, and Fr. Kevin Tierney. We pray for their parish primary schools and for Blessed Trinity High School, for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph and for the chaplaincy to Burney General Hospital.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for January: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Pope Francis Tweet: "The Lord has so much compassion; He involves Himself in our problems. Let us often repeat this simple prayer: Lord, I am a sinner, have mercy on me, have compassion for me."

Sunday of the Word of God: Pope Francis hopes that this Sunday will be a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.

This week's timetable

3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	26 th January	Morning Mass United Service Evening Mass	10am 2.30pm. 6pm	Parish Hall
Monday	27 th January	Mass of Weekday (St Angela Merici)	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	28 th January	St Thomas Aquinas	6pm 7pm	Exposition Mass
Wednesday	29 th January	Mass of Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	30 th January	Mass of Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Friday	31 st January	St John Bosco	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	1 st February	Mass of Our Lady	11am 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
The Presentation of the Lord	2 nd February	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	

ROTAS THIS SUNDAY 26th January 2019

10am: Audrey Stedford, Diane Donald, Tony Black

6pm: John Press, Stany Rodrigues, Brenda O'Hara

Eucharistic Ministers 10 am Liam McMahon, Clare Clegg, Stephen Bourke, Christine Kelly, Christine Blackburn, Bernadette Kirstein, Geraldine Fury

6pm Binu Biju, Fiona McGarvey, Teresa McHugh

Soft Church - Hilary & Tony Addyman

Little Church- Bernie & Jackie

Offertory 10am: Margaret Moran, Helen Clarke

Counting Team: Ann Masterson, Jackie Turner, Jessica Turner, Berni Roan, Noreen Linton

Tea & Coffee: CAFOD/CARITAS

Weekday Reader this week: Beirne Kirstein

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers Volunteers please each day

Masses this week: Special Intentions, Maria Pollit, Sick daughter, Brendan & Bernard Lyster, Rose O'Brien, Patrick Kavanagh, Susan Hurson, Michael McGee, Jim Lister, Anna Corcoran, Tom Cassidy, John Heneghan, John Flaherty, Mary Bostock, Erin Twomey, Doreen French.

In your prayers please remember: Ian Lomas, Ellen Leach, Arianna, Oliver Agnew, Pat Preston, Mary Phillips, Rose Mitton, Ann Richards, William Harkin, Lyndsey Kelly, Dillon Ward, Brian Waugh, Robert Leeming, Michael Turner, Chris Forbes, Louis Clegg, Maureen Nash, Denis Joyce, Breda Gallagher, Betty Serridge, Yas Poptani, Sr Pat Carney, Marcella McNevin, George Hughes, Maureen Nash, Mary Boylan, Ged MacCarron, Pat Hallows, Eddie Hawley, Celia & Alf Meschi, Michael Griffin, Jane Riley, Jacky Watts, Margaret Hills, Ita Kirsey, Sheila Walsh, John Kirwin, Christopher Burke, Ann O'Connor, MJK, Doreen French, Noreen Hopper, John Lohan, Anne Hutton, Tess Kenrick, Teresa Barrett, Sandra Lannatta, Kevin Hempself, Paddy Lyons, George Hegarty, Margaret & Dave Watkins, Sue Atherton, Lizzie Frost, Anthony Gormley, Stefan Lachkovic, Steven Moorhouse, Nancy Maguire, Breda Orr, Orla McManus, Betty Ann Jones, Nora Gibbons, Siobhan Drugan, Kathleen Curley, Anthony Mullen, Marion Moran, Ronald Bradshaw, Ann & John MacCarron, John Phillips, Anthony Gallagher, Clare Bainbridge, Fr Vincent Cavey, Mary Winterbourne, Mary Mulvihill,



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

The St Pio Prayer Group will meet at 8pm this Wednesday January 29th at 14 Astor Road, Burnage. Everyone welcome.

Our Lady's Lamp for Harper Family and the **Sacred Heart Lamp** no intention there are NEW lists at the at the back of Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you



Today Jan 26 is **CARITAS SUNDAY**. This year **CARITAS** Diocese of Salford is asking all parishes to support the goal of a 2020 with **#NobodyLeftBehind**. We are asked to pray for the work of **CARITAS**, to think of volunteering ourselves & to give generously to the second collection. This enables **CARITAS** to **Welcome Refugees, Support Vulnerable Families & House the Homeless**, especially through **Cornerstone**, our local service. A special **CARITAS SUNDAY** edition of **The Beacon** is in the porch for us to read & share. **Thank You.**



Christian Unity Week, special events; TODAY

Sunday 26th January: **St Bernard's** United Service at 2.30pm. (In Parish Hall)

Hope in the Future, Living the Sunday Eucharist: Eighth Instalment: 26th January
8: INTRODUCTORY RITES: The Gloria: Last week we talked about the Penitential Act: in Advent and Lent that is the main focus of the introductory rites (as is suitable for those seasons), but on every other Sunday of the year it is followed by an explosion of praise and joy - the hymn (and it is a hymn!) "Glory to God in the highest!" This is one of the oldest texts in the Mass, originally in Greek but (it is said) translated into Latin by Saint Hilary in the fourth century. It started life as a Christmas hymn (with the obviously reference to the song of the angels to the shepherds of Bethlehem), and then a hymn reserved for Masses with bishops, but gradually spread to Easter and major feasts and Sundays: this tells us that it is meant to be joyful! The hymn is all about proclaiming how wonderful, how amazing our God is, how deserving of our praise and worship and glorification! After praise of the Father, we sing specifically of the work of Jesus, the "Lamb of God", born for us and sacrificed for us, before ending with abundant praise of the Most Holy Trinity! It is hardly surprising that this hymn should be sung, but that presents a couple of problems. It is a long irregular text, which can be challenging to sing, though many settings exist - including (and not to be overlooked) Latin plainsong settings. Some parishes use the first lines as a refrain for the congregation, with the "verses" recited by all or sung by a choir or soloist. Each parish will have to approach this according to their own abilities. But this great Sunday hymn should challenge us: how much effort are we willing to put into singing the praises of God? Do we see this as an integral part of our Sunday meeting with the Lord, or just something which "makes Mass longer"? Oh, and one final thought: how much sense does it make to **say** a joyful song? Do we *recite* "Happy birthday to you"? Or *solemnly* say "Should auld acquaintance be forgot..." on New Year's Eve?

Hope in the Future Meeting Update on Wednesday 5th February at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome.



"Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us."