

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £643.06 Thank you
 Ecclesistical Education retiring collection so far £352


Cake Sale raised £135, thank you

The Divine Mercy prayer Group meets on the First and Third Wednesday of the month in the Church at 1pm

TODDLERS GROUP. The group is open. 9.30am --11.30am every Tuesday; Further enquiries to Anne 431 7212.

Young at Heart, open every Monday 11-30pm:

P	L	E	N	W	T	E	Y	E	P	VINE	BRANCH	FRUIT	PRUNES
Y	O	G	O	E	N	U	R	P	S	WORD	HOME	PLENTY	THROWN
T	L	R	N	T	H	R	O	W	N	FIRE	BURNT	GLORY	DISCIPLES
N	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	S				
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Please put items for the newsletter through the presbytery door for inclusion, or send via email to Fr. Michael

BURNAGE FOOD BANK provides emergency food for local people in crisis, whether on benefits or in work. For more information, take a leaflet from the porch, www.burnagefoodbank.org.uk or tel: 07936698546; 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.

CAFOD: You can read the latest news from our **Parish Ethiopian Project** on the **CAFOD** board. See how life is changing for the better for the villagers of **Sebeya** thanks to the canal irrigation project. **God Bless & Thank You for all you do for CAFOD.**

CARITAS: The latest edition of **The Beacon** is now in the porch & online. Read all about the Mayor's visit to Cornerstone, about welcoming parishes, about the children's projects in school & Muslims & Catholics United. Can you spot the St. Bernard's parishioners in the photo?



Walsingham Weekend on Thursday 3rd May we will leave S Bernard's after 9-30am Mass. You should all have your information details, if not please contact Ann or Tony Kirstein.

Walsingham Day Pilgrimage; Saturday 5th May, coach will leave St. Bernard's Church at 6am prompt. (Contact Tony Kirstein on 225 0227)

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ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 29TH APRIL 2018

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

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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

5th Sunday of Easter P 264

MASS 7/ Creed 12;

Eucharistic Prayer 2(24)



Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to "belong" to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

Prayer with the National Eucharistic Congress in mind:

Dear Jesus, as I receive you today in Holy Communion, I pray for everyone in my family, my parish, and across our diocese. May they, and I, grow steadily in our love of you, and in our understanding of your wonderful gift of yourself to us in the Eucharist. Amen

This Thursday we are hosting voting in the local elections, so the Parish Hall will be closed for our usual activities. As I have mentioned before, our local elections are important because they affect our local communities. I thank all the candidates for offering themselves for service to Burnage, and hope that you will take the opportunity to use your vote wisely this Thursday. Remember there are many people in the world who would love to have the opportunity to vote in free and fair, democratic elections and can't!

Please note Ascension day this year will be on Thursday 10th May and is a Holy day

Pope Francis Tweet: Life only fully makes sense when it is given as a gift. It becomes tasteless when it is lived for itself alone.

This week's timetable

5 th Sunday of Easter	29 th April	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	
Monday	30 th April	Easter weekday	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	1 st May	Feast: St Joseph the Worker	6pm 7pm	Exposition Mass
Wednesday	2 nd May	St Athanasius	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	3 rd May	Feast: Ss Philip & James, Apostles	9-30am	Mass
Friday	4 th May	Feast: English Martyrs	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	5 th May	Easter weekday	11am 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
6 th Sunday of Easter	6 th May	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	

ROTAS THIS SUNDAY, 29th April 2018

10am Clare Clegg, Christine Robinson, Audrey Stedford

6pm John Press, Stany Rodrigues, Caroline Fahy

Eucharistic Ministers 10am (3) Tony Kirstein, Terry O'Neill, Barbara Philips, Ann Richards, Jacqueline Turner, Berni Roan, Christine Kelly

6pm - Preetha Byju, Kathy Petty, Comfort Mensah

Soft Church - Hilary & Tony Addyman

Offertory Helen Clarke, T Fahey

Counting Team - Helen Clarke, Margaret Moran, Pauline Hixon, Dymphna Dumpleton

Tea & Coffee - Bridie Close Bernadette Moorhouse Clare Clegg

Weekday Reader this week - Imelda Dean

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers: Binu Biju, Clare Clegg



Masses this week: Joan Cross, Albert Bayhi, Mitchell Family, John Cross, James & Luke O'Hanlon, Peter Kennedy, Mary McMahon, Sr Aquinas, Maureen Walkin, Bernie Quezena, Monica Farron, Olive Goldrick, Norah Gibbons, Josie Doherty, Eileen Harkin, Ages Halligan, Eamon Fahey, Ann Marie Grobicki, Fr Pat Keane, Peter Miley, Charles' intention, Fr. Michael's Intentions.

Sick: please remember the sick and housebound of the parish and elsewhere: Marcella McNevin, Kathryn, Cam Lusco, Margaret Bayhi, Nathan, baby Sadie Victoria Penn, Fr Kevin Gradwell, Nancy Nicholls, Lyndsey Kelly-Smith, Kath Thompson, Isla Forrest, Tess Kendrick, Ted Cross, Christopher Hyde-Smith, Betty Serridge, Mary & John Phillips, Celia Deignan, Nancy Maguire, Mary Bancroft, Mary Boylan, Lawrence Hennigan, Canon Kevin Kenny, Fr David Foster, Norah Gibbons, Kathleen

Connolly, Clare Hare, Pat Preston, Paula, Stefan Lachkovic, Mary Grobicki, Breda Gallagher, Evelyn Lohan, Ann Lawless, Oriel Kerr, Betty Foster, Maureen Walkin, Bernie Quezema, Keith Nunnerley, Martin Noone, Bill Lisgo, Lee Hegarty, Richard O'Connor, Steven Moorhouse, Clare Bainbridge, Patrick Clarke, John Kujacz, Norah Gibbons, Louis Kitt, Pat Hallows, Anna Lawless, Eddie McDonald, Jack & Ann MacCarron.

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Edward William Parke who has died aged 80: may the Good Shepherd lead him home. +

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for May: That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

NEW BAPTISM INFORMATION: See Father or Baptism Team after Sunday Mass to register your child's details and begin the process. Further information see the Parish website:

<https://stbernards-burnage.homeip.net/notices/baptism.html>

Sacrament of Marriage: 6 months' notice must be given, please see Father to make arrangements.

#Sacrament of Confirmation: if any adult 16+ has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact Clare Clegg [clareclegg2@gmail.com] for preparation and information.#



Our Lady's Lamp for James and Luke O'Halon & the Sacred Heart Lamp burns for Brigid Collins thank you. There is a list at the at the back of Church: suggested donation £5.

The GIFT AID claim will be going in shortly, if anyone has any queries, please contact Bernard Grigaitis as soon as possible. Any help and support you can give will be much appreciated; I got the gas bill for the Church, Hall and presbytery this week it was just over £5000, wow! A few weeks ago 10 boxes of planned giving envelopes disappeared from the back of Church, if you know anything about this please let us know as it just may have been a mistake: on the other hand if anyone should come calling at your door collecting money for St Bernard's with envelopes in their hand, please call the police.

AFTERNOON TEA - SATURDAY 12TH MAY PARISH HALL



Tickets are now on sale at £4.00 each, available in the Parish Hall after Sunday morning mass or The Young at Heart (Monday) or The Drop In (Thursday). Weather permitting there will also be plant and fancy goods stalls outside. Can you help? - By donating a plant or two that we could sell on our stall or baking a cake or two - if so please bring along to the hall before 12 noon on the day. Thank you for your continued support. All

proceeds to the church heating fund. All enquiries to Bernadette 07796 786849



The Drop In: Thursdays after Mass in the parish hall open till 3pm, come and join us and be welcome. Homemade soup and bread and homemade treats at 12pm, lovely warm atmosphere: come and join us and be welcome. **Special note, closed this Thursday as the Parish Hall is being used for the local elections.**