

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £618 30p Thank you

White Flower Appeal (SPUC) £340 40p. Thank you

Altar Servers Cake Sale £160 Thank you

The Divine Mercy prayer Group meets on the First and Third Wednesday of the month in the Church at 1pm; why not join them?

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:

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Please put items for the newsletter through the presbytery door for inclusion, or send via email to Fr. Michael

Fr John will say Mass on Thursday 22nd February for the UCM, and asks you to please pray for this special intention. Thank you.

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. The support of all the churches is vital to the Food bank. Thank you.



Walsingham 3/5 May: we still have 6 single rooms and 1 twin room available £158 per person (contact Bernie or Tony Kirstein on 225 0227)

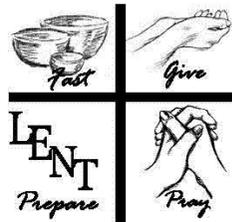
Walsingham day Pilgrimage: Saturday 5th May booking list now open £20 see poster at the back of the Church.

Hospital Chaplain + Christies number 0161 224 1895- Wythenshaw 0161 291 2297

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2018



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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

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MASS 7/ Creed 12;

Eucharistic Prayer 3 (28)

Lenten Message from Bishop John

A break from any routine is a good thing. We need our holidays from work or school. The change is restorative and helpful and then we can settle back into a routine after a rest with new energy and purpose. The Season of Lent does much the same thing for us in terms of our Christian Faith and belief. Lent is a time when we deliberately try to re-focus on what we believe and why. We remind ourselves about what we believe and the trust that we have in our God. Our lives are busy and every day can be so full of chores, decisions, routines and, while we try always to be doing the right thing, sometimes we are lacking that sense of putting our Faith into action in what we do. We can simply be too busy to recognise opportunities and make the best decisions. Lent is an invitation to us to stand back and to deliberately create a bit of time to ourselves to remind ourselves what motivates us and how we make the decisions of everyday. We remind ourselves of what God has done for us and how Jesus came to show us the way to live. For the forty days of Lent each year we try to give three things some extra importance: prayer, fasting and alms-giving. These are all big subjects which we interpret in personal ways.

Prayer: I have never met anyone who said that they were good at prayer and happy with their attempts to prayer. Lent gives us that opportunity to give prayer some time and our prayer can be as easy as simply talking to God about our concerns, our hopes and our needs. Pope Francis says that we pray well even if we simply look at God and let God look at us.

Fasting: Every major World Faith has a place for fasting as a good self-discipline that helps us to focus on our time of reflection and prayer. It can also help us to realise just how much we have, and to be grateful.

Alms-giving: This helps us to be realistic in recognising that there are so many people in our world who are poor and simply do not have the means to live. We can give something of all that we have to help them. It shows our care for a common good.

Lent can be a helpful time to anyone who wants to step back from the rush of life and make time to consider what we want our lives to be about and how we can be true to ourselves in all that we do.

Stay with Us Lord on Our Journey

+John

Pope Francis Tweet: To serve human life is to serve God and life at every stage: from the womb of the mother, to the suffering and sickness of old age.

This weeks' time table

+ Each day whenever possible Simple Stations of the Cross after Mass. +

Sunday, 18th February 6th First Sunday of Lent at 10am & 6pm

Monday, 19th February - Mass of Lent at 9.30am

Tuesday, 20th February - Mass of Lent

Exposition & Confessions from 6pm, Mass at 7pm

Wednesday, 21st February Wednesday Mass of Lent at 9-30am

Thursday, 22nd February Feast: Chair of Peter 9-30 am

Friday, 23rd February St Polycarp MASS 6-30am [Lenten Sacrifice] & 9-30am

Exposition from after 6-30am Mass till 9-20am;

Morning Prayer 9-10am, & Divine Mercy 3pm

Saturday, 24th February Mass of Lent at 12 noon:

Confessions from 11am with exposition.

Sunday, 25th February Second Sunday of Lent at 10am & 6pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS February: Say "NO" to corruption: That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

ROTAS THIS SUNDAY, 18th February 2018

10am Pat Jones, Christine Kelly, Trevor Richards.

6pm Caroline Fahey, Janice Banks, Shelagh Bridge.

Eucharistic Ministers 10am Bernard Grigaitis, Denis Keyworth, Liam McMahon

Bernie Roan, Jacqueline Turner, Clare Clegg.

6pm - Teresa McHugh, Kath Petty, Fiona McGarvey

Soft Church - Hilary & Tony Addyman

Offertory Children

Counting Team - Bridie Close, Brigid Flatley, Denis & Angela Keyworth, Pat Kemp.

Tea & Coffee - Angela Lord, Sandra McCormack, Bernadette Moorhouse.

Weekday Reader this week - Imelda Dean

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers Bernie Kirstein & Liam McMahon

Sick: please remember the sick and housebound of the parish and elsewhere: Marcella McNevin, Isla Forrest, Tess Kendrick, Richard Kujacz, Betty Serridge, Mary Boylan, Lawrence Hennigan, Fr David Foster, Norah Gibbons, Kathleen Connolly, Clare Hare, Pat Preston, Paula, Mary Grobicki, Breda Gallagher, Evelyn Lohan, Ann Lawless, Keith Nunnerley, Lee Hegarty, Richard O'Connor, Steven Moorhouse, Patrick Clarke, John Kujacz, Norah Gibbons, Louis Kitt, Pat and Harry Hallows, Bishop Drainey, Anna Lawless, Betty Smith, Oriel Kerr, Jack & Ann MacCarron, Clare Bainbridge.



Masses this week: Norah Gibbons, Lorna Beirne, Eileen McMahon, Marie & Suleiman, Teresa Wason, Richard O'Connor, Tom Burke, Jim Gallogly, For a sick person, Eddie Marron, William Mitton, Noreen Kelly, and Margaret Delaney.

Baptism: don't forget to pop in to see Father after Sunday Mass to begin the process.

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

CAFOD: Family Fast Day Friday 23 Feb: Next Friday, Lent Fast Day we are asked to **Fast, Pray & Give** to our brothers & sisters who don't have enough to eat - malnutrition still kills 3 million children a year. **CAFOD** helps parents to set up vegetable gardens to grow nutritious food for their children. Once again the **UK Govt** will double all our donations, £1 for £1, up to £5 million because the work of **CAFOD** is so highly regarded. Please take an envelope today, share whatever you can on **Friday** & return **next Sunday**. (Then on **Sunday, Mar 4**, we will have our **Cafod Sale** of Gifts, Books, and Marmalade etc more details soon) **THANK YOU**.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE (MANCHESTER) From 14th February to 25th March, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilisation. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city - and beyond. To join the prayerful, peaceful vigil outside the abortion facility in Fallowfield, Manchester please sign up www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/manchester-2/ or call 07810 791032.



Our Lady's Lamp burns for: John Joseph & Michael Lawrence thank you. There is a list at the at the back of Church: suggested donation £5.



Drop in Thursday 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.

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 2nd March, at St Margaret's Church, Burnage Lane at 7pm. You will be very welcome.

Congratulations to Ellen Breheny and Matthew Francis Dolan who married here last Saturday: we wish them every happiness.

LENTEN ALMS: as usual there is a box on the Sanctuary for you to place your Lenten alms. Each of us sets off with some special intention for Lent, and tradition is that whatever we save or sacrifice should be shared with the those less fortunate than us. This year our offerings will go to help the work to stop human trafficking. Every person has the right to human dignity no one should ever be traded or sold.