

## Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £535 67 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](mailto: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](http://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

St Bernard's School: The Governors wish to appoint three enthusiastic, caring, committed and versatile individuals to join our hardworking staff team. Further information regarding the following vacancies is available on the school website, <https://www.st-bernards.manchester.sch.uk/about/vacancies-2/>  
**2x Learning Support Assistant** (TA1) 15hrs per week, term time only fixed term contract until December 31st 2020 : **Admin Support Assistant** (Grade 2), 35 hrs a week, term time only

*Hope in the Future, Living the Sunday Eucharist 22<sup>nd</sup> March (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)*  
**15:LITURGY OF THE WORD: Gospel Acclamation:** *The worst thing as parish can do with the Liturgy of the Word is make it flat and boring - one voice, nothing sung, no variety! The Church has designed the Liturgy of the Word to have a rhythm and a dynamism (which it inherits from the earlier worship and prayer of Israel) in order to allow the Word to be "alive and active". Nowhere is this more true than the acclamation before the Gospel and its accompanying actions: the Introduction to the Lectionary is uncharacteristically dogmatic about this saying "it MUST be sung ...by the whole congregation together" (GIL 23) - the Missal goes even further, saying that if it is not sung, it may be omitted completely! Accompanying this song is a communal **gesture** - standing. Standing is a mark of respect, acknowledging that someone important is going to speak to us - remember at Primary School solemnly getting to your feet when the Head teacher walked in? Who is more important than Jesus, about to address us in the Gospel? Also accompanying the song is an **action** - the Gospel procession, which may involve a Gospel Book, candles or torches and incense - all of which should speak to us (without words) about the solemnity of what is about to happen. The normal acclamation is the word "Alleluia!", a Hebrew word simply meaning "Praise God!", which has been sung for thousands of years. In Lent, however, we "fast from" that word, saving it for the joyous moment of the Easter Vigil: even though we do not sing "Alleluia", we still sing, praising the God who speak to us.*

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# ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2020



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

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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Mass sheets MASS 6/ Creed 11; Eucharistic Prayer 3(28)

***He went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored***



When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about light - true light, that defeats the blindness of sin. Again, this would have been offered to those preparing for Baptism, but speaks to all of us who have been baptised, inviting us to be renewed in the light of Christ at Easter. Remember that one of the oldest titles of the newly baptised was "neophyte", which means "newly

enlightened" There is a subtle link between the readings on this Sunday: in the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path - 'no evil would I fear' as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light: it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of light. All this is summed up in the Gospel, the marvellous story of the healing (by being 'anointed' with spittle) of the man born blind. Jesus is the light of the world

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Marie, Haslingden, their parish primary schools and Fr. Martin Broadley, their parish priest.



Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless all women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and all the ladies of our Parish: let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters and family

members, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen



**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS** for March: We pray that the Church in China may preserve in its faithfulness in the Gospel and grow in unity.

Pope Francis Tweet: " Our God is near and asks us to be near to one another. Perhaps right now we cannot draw near physically to others for fear of contagion, but we can reawaken in ourselves a habit of drawing near to others through prayer and mutual help."

This week's timetable

Fourth Sunday of Lent	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mother's Day
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Weekday	7pm	Mass
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Solemnity: The Annunciation	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Weekday	12 Noon	Mass
Fifth Sunday of Lent	29 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	

**CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES: Liturgical Advice in the light of the COVID-19 Pandemic:** This advice will be reviewed and developed as necessary weekly.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, having consulted the Ordinaries of the Dioceses, has agreed that the cessation of public liturgies should begin from Friday evening 20th March 2020. Because of the situation the Church finds herself in, the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy day of Obligation is removed, until further notice. **Celebrations of Holy Mass** Priests (parish priest and assistant priests) who hold parochial office should continue to celebrate Mass in a church within their parish without the faithful on a daily basis. Other priests (i.e. retired from office or entrusted with a non-parochial ministry) may celebrate Mass without the faithful in a church, chapel or their private home. The continuing celebration of Mass ensures that the faithful can join in spiritual communion with the priests of the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states (1364): As often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which 'Christ our Pasch has been sacrificed' is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out. Daily liturgical resources for those at home, including those for making a "Spiritual Communion" with the priest, will be available on the CBCEW website. Information about the **live-streaming of the celebration of Mass** will be made available in our Parish so that the faithful can participate in the prayers of the priest at Mass at home. A fine example of this is from The National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will continue its full liturgical programme and this will be available to all via the Internet ([www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk))

St Bernard's Burnage alternative schedule

Sunday's 11am until 5pm	Full Church open for visits & candles, Stations
Monday 10-30-5pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Narthex open for visits & Devotions
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Saturday 12-30pm until 5pm	Full Church open for visits & candles, Stations

Mass intentions and offerings should be put through the Presbytery Door.

Weekly Newsletters will be available in the Narthex

Up to date news and information can be found on the Parish Website

If visiting please keep to the prescribed social protocol.

Please store planned giving envelopes at home.

**Masses this week:** Special Intentions, Bridget Marron, Bernard Trill, Eileen Harkin, Packie Farnan, In hon of St Jude, Holy Souls, Mary Sexton, Jim Lister, Josie Rogers, Attracta Cowley, Margaret Quinn, Billy & Karen Hennessy.

**In your prayers please remember:** Rose Mitton, David Goddard, Mary Bancroft, Ian Lomas, Arianna, Oliver Agnew, Pat Preston, Pat Lawrence, Pat Scott, Fr Pat Deegan, Fr Peter Gooden, Betty Serridge, Teresa Barrett, Ann Richards, Lisa McElwaine, Fr Leo Heakin, William Harkin, Lyndsey Kelly, John Phillips, Stefan Lachkovic, Clare Bainbridge, Steven Moorhouse, Dillon Ward, Brian Waugh, Ellen Leach, Robert Leeming, Jackie & Michael Turner, Paddy Lyons, Chris Forbes, Maureen Nash, Denis Joyce, Breda Gallagher, Yas Poptani, Sr Pat Carney, Dorothy Harold, Christine, Marcella McNevin, George Hughes, Mary Boylan, Denis Joyce, Ged MacCarron, Pat Hallows, Celia & Alf Meschi, John & Michael Griffin, Fr Chris Lough, Jane Riley, Jacky Watts, Margaret Hills, Sheila Walsh, John Kirwin, Christopher Hurke, Ann O'Connor, MJK, Doreen French, Anne Hutton, Tess Kenrick, Sandra Lannatta, Kevin Hempself, 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 Quezena, 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 Packie Farnan the **Sacred Heart Lamp** for those with Corona Virus & all carers and Scientists : there are NEW lists at the at the back of Church: suggested donation £5. Thank you

**Mission Magazines** are now available for promoters to collect from the back of Church. In the last year our parish has raised £2397.38 for Missio .Thank you for your continued support of the red boxes and direct donations.



**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](http://www.burnagefoodbank.org.uk) or tel: 07936698546;

**Prayer of Pope Francis for our days: Protect,** O Holy Guardian, this our nation. **Enlighten** those responsible for the common good, so that they might know — like you do — how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility. **Grant** intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters. **Sustain** those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick. **Bless,** O St Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness. **Accompany,** O St Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest. **Preserve the** elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement. **Comfort those** who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor. With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic. Amen

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**Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to [michaelkujacz@hotmail.com](mailto: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).