

**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](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**

**Healing Through Community:** *The trustees of the diocese are pleased to provide continued support for our partnership project - "Healing through Community". The project will be funded for at least another three years. Our partnership with Survivors Manchester and Manchester Rape Crisis has been in place for over 18 months and has already proved to be of great value to our parishes and wider communities. We have learned a lot about listening and giving appropriate helpful response to survivors over the last twenty years and this is a major step in the right direction where we may Learn more and respond effectively.*

If you are aware of people in distress, you might wish to direct them to this project. They can call the National Male Survivor Helpline on 0808 800 5005 or Manchester Rape Crisis on 0161 273 4500. The Safeguarding Office is also available for any safeguarding queries or referrals by both yourselves and parishioners. Their number is 0161 817 2206.

**Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation:** *Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the source of all consolation and hope. Be the refuge and guardian of all who suffer from abuse and violence. Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit. Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life. Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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).

# ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020



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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

Palm Sunday Home Sheets MASS 6/ Creed 11; Eucharistic Prayer 3(28)

### ***Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!***

On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story  the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.



Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Mary and St. Anselm, Whitworth and Bacup, and for Fr. Chris McGrane, their parish priest, together with their parish primary schools.

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

**Pope Francis Tweet:** "There are some who are already thinking about after the epidemic, and all the problems that will arise regarding poverty, work, hunger. Let us Pray Together for all the people who are helping today, but who are also thinking about how to help all of us tomorrow."

Here is the beautiful opening prayer from the recent Mass shared with us "**In time of Pandemic**" Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

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

This week's timetable

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	<b>Mass</b>
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass of Holy Week	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup> April	+For Rose Mitton+ Mass of Holy Week	9-30am** 7pm	Mass* Mass
SPY Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass of Holy Week	9-30am	Mass
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7pm**	Mass
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	+Traditional Stations of the Cross+ The Lord's Passion	10am 3pm	Mass
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER VIGIL MASS	7pm	Mass
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> April	Morning Mass	10am	<b>Mass</b>

**Blessed Palms will be available in the front porch from 11am onwards; pick them up as you have your daily exercise!**

**Holy Week at Home:** please follow our Holy Week if you can on the Internet, those of you who have EWTN will be able to follow the week from Rome.

**Palm Sunday:** why not celebrate it by putting some greenery or a branch in your front window? For those who can collect, there will be blessed palms in the front porch.

**Holy Thursday:** at some stage in the evening gather quietly around your table, and if you are sharing it with someone pour water over each other's hands, as a sign of service, prayer the Our Father, and make the spiritual Communion.

**Good Friday:** make your home crucifix the centre of your day, perhaps put candles at either side, and of following the Liturgy, at the special moment honour your cross, with millions around the World with these words, "We adore you Oh Christ and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

**Holy Saturday:** Spend the day quietly, put aside a period to be still and in His presence, "O come and mourn with me awhile....."

**Easter Vigil:** Keep the vigil at home, by engaging the readings, which you will find on the website in the AT HOME series. Light a candle and place it in your window; Lumen Christi!

**Easter Day:** be joyful, send greetings, not the day to be miserable or fed up; "Christ is Risen", Eat Easter Eggs and listen out for St Bernard's celebration bells after Mass.

The **live-streaming of the celebration of Mass** and Holy Week Liturgy will continue this week, it is amazing how many "hits" we are getting, other Parishes are also streaming, and the EWTN channel has Mass on a few times each day as well as devotions. Another fine example of this is from The National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham which has a full liturgical programme and this will be available to all via the Internet ([www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk))

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.

**Masses this week:** Special Intentions, George Hughes, Dr John Kelly, NHS carers, Rose Mitton.

**In your prayers please remember:** Dr John Kelly, 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, 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 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 Our Parish Sick the **Sacred Heart Lamp** for all Carers, 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](http://www.burnagefoodbank.org.uk) or tel: 07936698546;

**From a sermon by Saint Gregory Nazianzen:** "We must now pass through the first veil and approach the second, turning our eyes towards the Holy of Holies. I will say more: we must sacrifice ourselves to God, each day and in everything we do, accepting all that happens to us for the sake of the Word, imitating his passion by our sufferings, and honouring his blood by shedding our own. We must be ready to be crucified.

If you are a Simon of Cyrene, take up your cross and follow Christ. If you are crucified beside him like one of the thieves, now, like the good thief, acknowledge your God. For your sake, and because of your sin, Christ himself was regarded as a sinner; for his sake, therefore, you must cease to sin. Worship him who was hung on the cross because of you, even if you are hanging there yourself. Derive some benefit from the very shame; purchase salvation with your death. Enter paradise with Jesus, and discover how far you have fallen. Contemplate the glories there, and leave the other scoffing thief to die outside in his blasphemy.

If you are a Joseph of Arimathea, go to the one who ordered his crucifixion, and ask for Christ's body. Make your own the expiation for the sins of the whole world. If you are a Nicodemus, like the man who worshipped God by night, bring spices and prepare Christ's body for burial. If you are one of the Marys, or Salome, or Joanna, weep in the early morning. Be the first to see the stone rolled back, and even the angels perhaps, and Jesus himself."