

Last week's collection **Total £547 Thank you**

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**: Contact: Clare Clegg (07389 192655).
ALL CLUBS AND GROUPS SUSPENDED

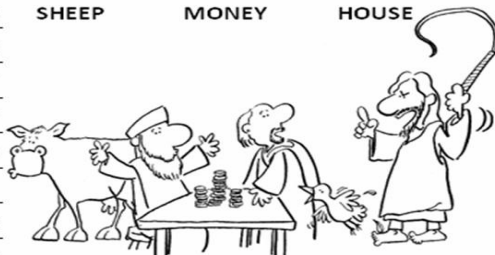
BURNAGE FOOD BANK; opening times are: Tuesday 12.30pm-2.30pm St Nicholas Church Hall, Kingsway, Burnage M19 1PL and Friday 3pm-5pm St Bernard's Church Hall, Burnage Lane, M19 1DR. www.burnagefoodbank.org.uk or tel: 07936698546; Flour, Lentils, tinned spinach needed.

Catechists' Zoom Gathering - CHANGE OF DATE - Thursday 11th March 2021: Due to the Diocesan Lenten Course, 'Let us dream', taking place on Wednesdays in Lent, we have decided to move the Catechists' Zoom Gathering to Thursday 11th March 2021 at 7:00pm for those who wish to attend both events. We have a wonderful evening planned with input from the Wisdom Group on 'Divine Interruptions', case studies of ways forward during this time, group discussion and practical resources to help you in your ministry now and when restrictions are lifted. Register by emailing formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk and you will receive the link

Hope in the Future Representatives Zoom Gathering - Tuesday 23rd March 2021, 7:00pm Parish and Deanery Hope in the Future Representatives are invited to attend a Zoom Gathering on Tuesday 23rd March at 7:00pm. There will be chance to share the challenges and opportunities of this time in your locality as well as to hear about plans for Stage 4. Register by emailing hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk and you will receive the link the day before.

The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation The series of online talks concludes this month. In the next talk on Thursday 11th March, "Signs of Passion", Pam Moon will examine the Turin Shroud. On Thursday 25th March Sr Emanuela Edwards will speak on "The Life to Come" and Michelangelo's Last Judgement:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

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Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 7TH MARCH 2021



Clergy: Mgr. Michael J Kujacz, Fr. John Coe, Fr. Kevin Gradwell.

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michaelkujacz@hotmail.com **STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY** **HOLY YEAR OF ST JOSEPH**

3rd Sunday of Lent

March: Month of St Joseph



This week, in our journey through the Old Testament, we reach Covenant Number Three: and this is the big one - the Covenant with Moses at Sinai. The Ten Commandments are (or should be) familiar to us all: they form our side of the agreement with God - if we stick to these rules and commands, then we are truly God's people, and he is truly our God. If we ignore them, or break them, then we break the Covenant or relationship. The Temple was, for the people of Israel, the place that guaranteed the permanence of this Covenant - God dwelling with man.

Jesus alerts us to the new Temple - himself - since he is the core of the New Covenant, God and Man in perfect unity. Only by the destruction of this new Temple, in his death, will he rise again as an eternal Temple, and the eternal guarantee of the New Covenant which we enjoy.

The First Reading today gives us the Ten Commandments. Concerning 'Keep the Sabbath day holy' we hear 'in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold but on the Sabbath day he rested.' The whole of creation is the work of our Creator God. What, I wonder, did our Creator God do on the eighth day, according to the spirit of the Genesis account? I think that, after his Sabbath rest, God carried on his enduring work of creation and, in Jesus, re-creation. God's task of bringing the whole of creation to its fulfilment is not ended. God has the broader vision but we can take necessary steps so that creation is not ended but fulfilled. What step can I take this Lent to live more simply and sustainably?

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Ambrose Barlow, Swinton, for Mgr Paul Smith their parish priest and for their primary schools and St. Ambrose Barlow High School, as well as the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph. As the Lenten journey continues, may they continue to walk with the Lord who has the message of eternal life.

Pope Francis Tweet: "We would not have had the courage to believe in a God who loves humanity, if we had not known Jesus. What kind of God is prepared to die for people? What kind of God loves always and patiently, without demanding to be loved in return?"

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for March: Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

This week's timetable

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| Third Sunday of Lent | 7th March | Morning Mass Evening Mass | 10am 6pm | Mass Mass |
| Monday | 8th March | Lent Weekday [St John of God] | 9-30am | Mass |
| Tuesday | 9th March | Lent Weekday [St Frances of Rome] | 6pm 7pm | Confessions & Exposition Mass |
| Wednesday | 10th March | Lent Weekday | 9-30am | Mass |
| Thursday | 11th March | Lent Weekday Requiem Pat Preston | 9-30am 1-30pm | Mass |
| Friday | 12th March | Lent Weekday Stations of the Cross | 9-30am 12 Noon | Mass |
| Saturday | 13th March | Lent Weekday | 11am 12 Noon | Confessions & Exposition Mass |
| Fourth Sunday of Lent | 14th March | Morning Mass Evening Mass | 10am 6pm | Mothers day Lady day |

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

Masses this week: Special Intentions, John Thomas Hannagan, Bridget Giffney, Louise Johnston, Mary Sexton, Eugene Nash, Michael Doherty, Mary Fannon, Sonny Nevin, Mick Sweeney, Willie McGough, Bernard Connolly, The Connolly girls, Joe Jones, Teresa & Michael Rock, Peggy and Colie Flaherty, Kathleen Curley

In your prayers please remember: Prince Philip, Christine Kelly, Paddy Lyons, Valerie Bridge, Hilary, Margaret Moran, Stephen Bostock, Oliver, Fr. Kevin Gradwell, Teresa Barrett, Sr. Theresa Moore, Margaret Hennigan, Philip Tobin, Elizabeth, Patricia Divine, Theresa Patrick, Clare Bainbridge, Mary Boylan, Ann McManus, Maurice O'Connell, Fr Frank Jennings, Alan Gibson, Brenda & Bill O'Hara, Marcella McNevin, Celia & Alf Meschi, Colm Harkin, Maureen Nash, Annette, Paddy Doherty, Ellen Leach, Vincent Gibson, Padraig Kavanagh, Canon Frank Deeney, Piers Henderson, Patrick Griffin, Michael Griffin, Michael Maguire, Audrey O'Neil, Carol Archer, James Hegerty, Audrey O'Neil, Monica Gallagher, Canon Michael Moore, Sarah Mitchell, Paddy Colbert, Gerard Cain, James Barrens, Michaela Rabbitt, Mary Callaghan, B Keaveney, Antony & Christopher Mullen, Janet Ackley, Trevor Teale, Carol Archer, Ann McKenna, Barbara Hegarty, Barry Keaveney, Katherine Mahon, Mary Wheatley, Steven Moorhouse, Tess Kenrick, Val Begley, Kevin Malpas, James Barren, Ged MacCarron, Cam Lusco, Breda Gallagher, Margaret Bayhi, Paul Cannon, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Denis Joyce, Mobishir Rawthore, Nancy Maguire, Kath Welch, Ann & David, Mary O'Neill, Fr Francis Austin, Sarah Byrns, Kitty Kinsella, Marian Parker, David Goddard, Ian Lomas, Arianna, Oliver Agnew, Pat Scott, Lisa McElwaine, Fr Leo Heakin, Sir Bobby Charlton, William Harkin, Lyndsey Kelly, John Phillips, Stefan Lachkovic, Karen & Billy Hennessy, Debbie Roberts, Dillon Ward, Brian Waugh, Michael Turner, Chris Forbes, Yas Poptani, Sr Pat Carney, Dorothy Harold, Christine, John Griffin, Fr Chris Lough, Jane Riley, Jacky Watts, Margaret Hills, Sheila Walsh, John Kirwin, Christopher Burke, Ann O'Connor, MJK, Anne Hutton, Sandra Lannatta, Kevin Hempself, George Hegarty, Margaret & Dave Watkins, Sue Atherton, Lizzie

Frost, Breda Orr, Orla McManus, Betty Ann Jones, Kathleen Curley, Anthony Mullen, Marion Moran, Ronald Bradshaw, Ann & John MacCarron, Fr Vincent Cavey, Mary Winterbourne, Mary Mulvihill, Phyllis Dowd, Celia Deignan, Eileen Kenny, Mary Jordan, Michael Carney, Maureen Walkin, Bernie Quezena, Lee Hegarty, Richard O'Connor, Patrick Clarke, Anna Lawless, Eddie McDonald.

Our Lady's Lamp for Christine Kelly & the Sacred Heart Lamp: for Christine Kelly New lists at the back of the Church to sign up: suggested donation £5. Thank you



Please arrange your Baptisms by Annie or Janice using the Parish website on: baptismstbernards@gmail.com ;please be aware that some social distancing rules will apply and limited numbers. We have now recommenced Baptisms.

PARISH LENT UP DATE: Just a reminder that next Sunday is Mother's Day/ Lady Day, and we will try to mark this in some special way.

A NOTE ABOUT HOLY WEEK: We are going to have to do Invitations just like at Christmas for the various Liturgies, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil (which will be much shorter than usual) and Easter Sunday morning, hopefully we will roll out the booking form next weekend!

+Extra confessions from 6-7pm on Tuesdays,

+Station's of the Cross on Friday's of Lent at 12 noon.

+Short Stations of the Cross after Mass on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday.

+Holy water, please bring a bottle with you and we will gladly bless it for you.

+You tube: we now have our own channel for our broadcasts at "St Bernard's Burnage", why not tune in?

+Once again may I say thank you to you for your generous support of the Parish it is much appreciated. God Bless mjk

CAFOD: as we pray daily online with the CAFOD Calendar or walk in solidarity with Abdella in Ethiopia we can hope for the day when all communities have access to clean, life-giving water. Many thanks for donations & Family Fast Day envelopes returned over the next few weeks (or any time in Lent through the presbytery door). We can also give online at www.cafod.org.uk/lent or £10 by text to LENT 70460. THANK YOU for everything you do.

Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass. Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will. Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom. I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.