

<u>St. Bernard's</u> Parish Newsletter



Palm Sunday

24th March 2024.

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March – Month of St Joseph



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.

We pray this week for the people of the parish of St. Joseph, Mossley, for Fr. James Clarke, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school.

Pope Francis Tweet: "Vast financial resources and innovative technologies that could be used to make Water a source of life and progress for all are being used to produce weapons. Never before has it been so urgent to invest in dialogue and peace."

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS for March: **For the new martyrs** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

So once more we arrive at Holy Week and we are given the opportunity to walk with the Lord, in his suffering, death and resurrection. It is a very special week and we would like to invite you to come and join us for the wonderful unique liturgical events which will take place, as well as having the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in stillness on Holy Thursday night as we watch before the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity to come to Confession. Don't miss out come and join us.



For the Sick and Housebound:

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick and elderly sisters and brothers. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We remember especially those receiving Holy Communion today. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

		This week's timetable				
PALM SUNDAY	24 th March	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass		
Monday	25 th March	Mass of Holy Week	9-30am	Mass		
Tuesday	26 th March	Mass of Holy Week	6pm 7pm	Exposition & +Confessions + Mass		
SPY WEDNESDAY	27 th March	Mass of Holy Week	9am*****	Mass		
MAUNDY THURSDAY	28 th March	Mass of The Lord's Supper. +Watching before the	7pm	Mass		
		Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall+	After Mass till 10-30pm	Compline		
GOOD FRIDAY	29 th March	Station's of the Cross CONFESSIONS during and after Liturgy, untill completed	10-30am			
		THE SOLEMN PASSION OF THE LORD	3pm			
HOLY SATURDAY	30 th March	+Volunteers needed please to prepare the Church+	10am			
		EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST MASS	7pm			
EASTER SUNDAY	31 st March	Morning Mass EVENING MASS	10am 6pm	Mass		

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers

March 24th 10am Byju Joseph & Benu Biju

6pm Comfort Mensa

MASSES THIS WEEK: Special Intentions, for the sick, Holy Souls, Liam McMahon, Jim Lister, Eileen Harkin, Bernadette Donnelly, Michael Gaughan, Tony Rock, Marilyn Gilfoyle, Kathleen Connors, Canon Edward Mathews, Packie Farna

In your prayers please remember: Teresa McHugh, Celia Gilligan, Tes Kenrick, Kathleen Fahey, Karen Teale, Fintan Griffin, Maggie Shackleton, Kevin & Noel Ford, John Hennessey, Tyrone Edwards, Canon David Ryder, Jimmy Burke, William Harkin, Lucy Rhodes, Amanda, Eileen Hendrick, Tom & Jimmy Taylor, Michael Barnes, Kevin Malpas, Carole Mealing, Margaret Duffy, Sr Ann Hamersly, HM the King, The Princess of Wales, Mary O'Brien, Mary O'Brien, Barbara Blair, Patrick Ward, Mary & Mike Bradney, Ted Reid, Kay & Ken George, Patrick McDonald, Alan Hixon, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Mary Boylan, Janet Burke, Thomas & Ann Marie McDonagh, Imelda Dean, Kath Welsh, Steven Moorhouse, Pat Kemp, Kathleen Gilroy, Fr Bernard Wilson, Celia Meschi, Marie Fahey, Abraham McCoy, Jean Buckley, Maureen McGrath, Ann Dury, James Cannon, William Allsop, Ellen Leach, Marie Fahy, Marcella McNevin, Sal & Cam Lusco, MJK, Alison O'Connor, Julia Mansfield, James Cannon, William Allsop, Gerard Kenrick, Fr Stephen Doyle, John Arthurs, Michael Turner, Des Reape, Breda Orr, Canon David Caine, Eileen &, Fr. Pat Deegan, Patrick & Bobby Durkin, Tina McGeehan, Mgr Paul Smith, Zoe Daniels, Maureen Nash, Michael Hothersall, Emma Louise, Caroline

Slevin, Bridget Golden, Michael Connolly, Christopher, Alfie Hooper, Fr Peter McGiveron, Amy McDonald, Denis Law, John McLoughlin, Fr Wilf Cooper, Gloria Oakley, Chris Williams, Margaret Stenson, Lauren Westian, Breda Duggan, Delia Regan, Lisa Nelson, Michael Hession, Ann & Peter Lomas, Gerard Clegg, Trevor Teale, Margaret Fisher, Natalie Forshaw, Fr Peter Maloney, Charlie McHugh, Stephen Bostock, Patrick Carragher.Jean Bradbury, Joan Tobin, Kevin Potts.

Our Lady's Lamp; for the sick and house bound : **the Sacred Heart Lamp;** for Pope Francis: New list at the back of the Church: *suggested donation £5. Thank you*

UPDATE; Just a note to keep you posted; I was blessed with excellent care and attention which resulted in a very successful surgery and I am very grateful to all those involved. As you know there are always unforeseen circumstances which have resulted in me starting a new 6 month round of Chemo. Thankfully this is going to be in tablet form and will run alongside the other treatment I am having for the other "you know what"! It is amazing how quickly new treatments are being developed and we are truly blessed in having the Christie Hospital on our door step. As yet I am not sure which one of the side effects will bother me, but I aim along with our clergy team to keep going and being optimistic that nothing can come between the love that God has for each and every one of us. I wish you a very Blessed Holy Week. **Mjk**



There is a Lenten Alms box on the altar to collect offerings from your little Lenten Sacrifices that you are making which will go to Francis House our local children's Hospice and respite care home. Last Week.

CAFOD: Many thanks for **Family Fast Day** envelopes returned today and over the next few weeks in support of **CAFOD's Lent Appeal**. Envelopes can be returned throughout Lent. **Final Weekend THANK YOU** for all that you do.

Missio (Red Boxes) Please do not forget to pick up your magazine from the back of church.If you have any donations please put them in an envelope or bag marked MISSIO and for the attention of Bernadette and put through the Presbytery letterbox .

EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE. Last chance to buy tickets this morning as the draw will take place in the Parish Hall after Mass. Good luck to all who have already bought tickets and thank you for your support.

PLEASE NOTE ALL GROUPS ARE NOW CLOSED FOR EASTER. RE - OPENING DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED .

Our St Patrick's Evening and Sunday Breakfast helped raise £439 for Parish Funds, thank you to all who supported and helped organise all fun and good food .

Walsingham Friday 3rd May . We will be leaving St Bernards at 7.45 am . Mass will be celebrated in the parish church of the Annunciation in Walsingham at 4pm.



DON'T FORGET CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR NEXT WEEKEND



Last week's collection total £589 Thank you

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



PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR BAPTISMS by introducing yourselves to Father after Sunday Mass, when details can be taken and our team can begin the process to organise this wonderful Sacrament for your child.

SAFEGUARDING; Our parish community is committed to Safeguarding to ensure the well being of all members of our community. All volunteers over the age of 18 must have a DBS check every 3 years. The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is Christine Robinson and she is very happy to assist you in completing any paperwork required. She usually attends the 10.00 Sunday Mass you wish speak contacted to to her or can be email if by at christine.robinson.safeguarding@outlook.com

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.

GIFT AID INFORMATION thank you to all the parishioners who regularly support our Gift Aid Offertory contributions each week either through envelopes or by weekly or monthly standing orders. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated. The current gift aid yellow envelopes finish on Easter Sunday 31st March. New gift aid envelopes (green this year) will be available in the next few weeks. If you have changed address or you are no longer a UK tax payer please inform Pat Jones as soon as possible. A gift aid return has to be sent into the diocese and all information has to be correct. If you would like to use a standing order in place of an envelope please let Pat know so that you don't have a box allocated to you. We currently have 15 standing order parishioners, it would be really helpful to have more! Pat will provide you with the necessary bank details to set up your standing order. If you are not currently a gift aider but would like to join please see Pat too. Thank you.

If you or someone you know is hospitalised at: Manchester Royal Infirmary: Manchester Royal Eye Hospital: Saint Mary's Maternity Hospital: Royal Manchester Children's Hospital: Trafford General Hospital Or The Christie Hospital Please telephone to see the Roman Catholic Priest Chaplain on: 0161 276 8792 and for Wythenshawe Hospital 0161 291 2297

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