



# St. Bernard's Parish Newsletter



Pentecost Sunday

19<sup>th</sup> May

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**Come Holy Spirit**

**May: Month of Mary**



We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it marks the handing on of Jesus' ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

**Let us pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Middleton, together with Canon Tadhg Mullins, their parish priest. We pray for their parish**

**primary schools, for Cardinal Langley High School, for the Daughters of Divine Charity and the Sisters of the Cross and Passion**

**Pope Francis Tweet:** "We are called to be missionaries of Peace. This choice will give us peace. It means making space in our hearts for all, and believing that differences are not obstacles, that others are our brothers and sisters, and that the peace Jesus brought into the world is meant for all."

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY:** We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

**For the Sick and Housebound** that they may know they are not forgotten and today we pray for their peace and comfort and the Blessing of the Lord upon them and their carers: We remember especially those receiving Holy Communion today. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





**Mass with anointing of the Sick:** Saturday 1st June at 12 Noon. If you have family or friends or neighbours who would like to receive this wonderful Sacrament then bring them along. **If you now anyone who would like transport, please let Rev. Luke know and we will try to organise drivers.** After Mass there will be light refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Vocations to the Diocesan priesthood Training Fund is now open for the last Sunday: to make a private donation, Cheques made payable to St Bernard's and envelope marked EEF, thank you.

**CAFOD:** Sudan Crisis Appeal: Since April 2023 the escalating conflict in Sudan has meant that 8 million people have been driven from their homes into refugee camps. They cannot return to their land or rebuild their villages. CAFOD is providing food, water & emergency education. We are asked to pray for peace in Sudan & to help our brothers & sisters in any way we can. Please go to [www.cafod.org.uk/sudan](http://www.cafod.org.uk/sudan) for more information. **THANK YOU**

**There will a White Flower collection, for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, at St. Bernard's, after the 10a.m. and 6p.m. Holy Masses, THIS SUNDAY.**

**Prayers for Peace in our World:** Why not join us at 7pm in Church on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during May as we pray the Rosary and have devotions in honour of Our Lady in this her Special Month.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** over the years we have had a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers, who weekly clean the church on a Rota basis, but the years have caught up with many of them and others have gone home to God: we thank them for their service and dedication. Now we need to put together 4 teams of men and women, willing to come once a month, daytime or evening to keep our Church, spick and span! Can you please help, if you can mention it to Bernie Kirstein or Rev Luke, Many Thanks.

**SPRING FAIR;** Many thanks to all who attended the fair ,we hope you had an enjoyable time.

### **TODAY IS CURRY SUNDAY!**

Pop into the Parish Hall after mass where you will be able to buy a takeaway portion of Butter Chicken & fried rice curry for only £5. Samosas and spring rolls also available at 50p each.  
Enjoy.

**SUMMER DRAW;** Due to popular demand we are having another draw with lots of cash prizes to be won. Tickets & details available soon.

**A big big thank-you** for supporting our Mad hatter's tea party last Saturday. It was a really fun time and we raised £400 towards the Lourdes fund. A special thank you to Martins on Burnage lane especially Becky the manager for the lovely sandwiches: We also wish to thank Loftus funeral directors for the kind donation towards the the tea, coffee and soft drinks.

**Walsingham** last weekend was a great success and amazingly we have already filled the pilgrimage for next year ! We will be advertising in September for the day pilgrimage....don't miss out !

**There will be a "Cemetery Mass"** at St Josephs R C Cemetery Moston on Monday 27th May, 11am and again on Monday 26th August: if it is a "wet day "the Mass will be celebrated in St Dunstan's church.

**Last week's collection total £1423 with Standing orders Thank you**

**Groups now open: - Monday - Young At Heart 11.30am to 1.30pm**

**Tuesday - Toddler's Group 9.30am to 11.30am.** Places are available for parents/ carer and toddler(s) Please contact Anne Cummins 07305 392612.

**Thursday - Drop Inn 10.00am to 1.30pm**

**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 3years. 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 if you wish to speak to her or can be contacted by email 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.

**The annual Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walk is** set to return for another year of prayerful celebration. Taking place on Monday 27th May, the walk will begin at 10am from Manchester Cathedral Gardens, and the group will process to St Peter's Square for an Act of Worship. Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome to attend!

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your generosity in prayer and donations! I am now over the 80 mile mark and up-to-now we have raised a staggering **£2120** for our young people to volunteer in Lourdes! **AMAZING!**  
Even my own Grandmother said; *[and I quote]*  
"The walking is doing you good Luke...  
you've lost a chin!!" HA!  
Be assured of my prayers as I complete the final few miles. God is good. **Rev Luke.**

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