



St. Bernard's

Parish Newsletter

Celebrating 85 Wonderful Years



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15th Sunday of Ordinary Time: P 102

July: Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time 12 th July	10am Morning Mass 6pm Evening Mass	
Monday 13 th July	9-30am Weekday Mass	<i>St. Henry</i>
Tuesday 14 th July	6pm Exposition 7pm Weekday Mass	
Wednesday 15 th July	9-30am Weekday Mass	<i>St. Bonaventure</i>
Thursday 16 th July	9-30am Weekday Mass	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>
Friday 17 th July	9-30am Weekday Mass	.
Saturday 18 th July	11am Exposition & Confessions 12noon Mass of Our Lady	
16th Sunday of Ordinary Time 19 th July	10am Morning Mass 6pm Evening Mass	

MASSES THIS WEEK

Special Intentions, the sick, Holy Souls, Maureen Daniels, Sr. Dymphna, Sr. Alice, Kay McGovern, Hughie McLoskeil, Peter McGalan, Eileen Reid, Peter Freely, Marie Brennan, Nicky Frame, Mag & Christy Murphy, Bernadette McLoughlin, Rose McNally, Adrian Hennessey, Joan Tobin, Packie Farnan, Jim & Noreen, Jean & Paul, Sami & Berta, Sulieman & Marie, Muriel Egan. Angela O'Kane & Family, Robert Doyle, Eboigbe Family.

Our Parish Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for; Kay McGovern.

Please sign up at the back of Church, and if you can pledge a £5 offering, thank you.

For the Sick and Housebound: God of all goodness, Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. When they feel alone, send them someone to listen and to care. When they are confused, provide reassurance and direction. When they are in pain, ease their suffering. When they despair, give them hope. May they experience your healing presence through the most Blessed Sacrament today. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen



The Gospel today is the beginning of a new section in Matthew, called 'The Parabolic Discourse' - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story, and gradually the true meaning becomes clearer and clearer. Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. In itself it is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus's audience - people who lived in an agricultural economy. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed

that is thrown out and received in different ways - the ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the word is one who allows it to lodge in the heart, but also produces a visible result. What is the harvest we should yield, when we have heard the word?

Pope Leo Tweet: "Root your hearts in the firm foundation of God's love for you. Discover the Heart of Christ, and do not be afraid to build your lives upon Him (1 Jn 4:16). In doing so, you will not only find the fullness you seek, but you will also be able to share with those around you the warmth of God's love and the reconciling power of His grace."

The Holy Fathers Intentions for July: That sports may be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

This week we pray for the parish of Our Lady of Dolours, Kersal, and for Father Vincent Coyne, OSM, their parish priest, and for the Servite Friars. We pray for their parish primary school and St. Monica's High School, together with the Sisters of Nazareth and the Faithful Companions of Jesus.

In your prayers please remember: Angela May, Nula Khawaja, Canon John Udris, Peter Cookson, Steven Clarke, Tess Kenrick, Kath Welsh, Kath Worsley, Teresa Wall, Fr. Chris Lough, Moira Brown, Thomas Hegarty, Jo Lyons, Harrison Turner, JJ Coyle, Sylvia, Annie Shepherd, Angela & Dennis Keyworth, Liz Burke, John Durkin, Paul Jarman, Mick Rock, Angela O'Kane, Michael Warriner, Carol Somerville, Vincent Doyle, Joan & Derrick Baylon, Pat Kemp, Steven Moorhouse, Carole Mealing, Mary Boylan, Celia Gilligan, Patty Robertson, Olivia, Bernadette Moorhouse, Paul & Daisy, Margaret Webster, Anthony Ward, Mark, Linda, Sean Trudy, Imelda Dean, Natalie Bryan, Elsie Downey, Noreen Linton, Joe Griffin, Michael Turner, Peter Bostock, Canon David Ryder, Sharon Johnstones, Alan Moorhouse, Penelope Vidal-Walsh, Kathleen Fahey, Daisy, Clare Clegg, Bishop Brain, Michael Morgan, HM the King, Albert & Gillian Oatley, Marguerita Gallagher, Marylyn Clegg, Anthony Ward, Joseph O'Donnell, Mary Black, Maureen Nash, Katie Griffin, Mr. Sharples, John McLoughlin, Summer Keaveny, Tom, Des Reape, Kath Dinan, Michael McCoy, Anthony Coogan, Mary Holt, Honor Squiers, Joan Roberts, Michael Barnes, Margaret Smullen, The Princess of Wales, Mary O'Brien, Barbara Blair, Patrick Ward, Mary & Mike Bradney, Ted Reid, Alan Hixon, Janet Burke, Kathleen Gilroy, Marie Fahy, MJK, Alison O'Connor, Julia & Nick Mansfield, James Cannon, William Allsop, Fr. Pat Deegan, Patrick & Bobby Durkin, Tina McGeehan, Caroline Slevin, Fr Peter McGiveron, Fr Wilf Cooper, Michael Hession, Margaret Fisher, Natalie Forshaw, Charlie McHugh, Sr. M. Gabriel, Sr. Cecilia, Sr. Dolores, Jean Bradbury, Sue Johnson.

Eucharistic Ministers

12th July 10am Jackie Turner & Margaret Gregory **6pm** Shaun O'Donnell

19th July 10am Terry O'Neill & Pauline Nixon **6pm** Kath Petty

Drop In will be closed on Thursday 16th July, so parishioners can attend the funeral of Joan Waterhouse, May she Rest in Perfect Peace. We will reopen as normal on 23rd July.

UPDATE: I am glad to report that the work on the Church roof has more or less been completed, a couple of tiles need sorting. The lighting in Church has also been completed, as the darker days come along, we will make some cosmetic alterations. At long last, progress has been made on the installation of a defibrillator which will be placed outside the Church to serve both buildings and the community. However, we are still waiting to hear from the insurance people and the Diocese on final arrangements, when we hear you will hear.

On a personal note, while driving to Southampton the other week I got a phone call to let me know that after a good period of management, the cancer has decided to have another go, this time in my remaining kidney with a little growth and a big one on the top of my head, *it couldn't find the brain!* I insisted on going to Lourdes and so I will begin a new Chemo course and a tedious and debilitating series of Radium treatment beginning August 10th. I have tried my best to keep my George Clooney looks over the last couple of years. However, it does mean I may finish up looking rather like Yul Brynner!!! I may be off colour over the next month or so, but knowing you all and Fr Luke's presence, all will be well. Your prayers would be appreciated and know you are all daily remembered in mine. *Thank you for all you do. MJK*

SUMMER DRAW

Whilst tickets are still available at the back of church, there are quite a number yet to be returned.

PLEASE NOTE THE 1st & 2nd DRAWS WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SUNDAY AFTER MORNING MASS.

So please make your return before then so you will be entered in the draws and save any disappointment.

THE MAIN DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY 26th JULY.

All prizes will be in cash.

Many thanks to all who have bought tickets and good luck in the draws.

All proceeds are to go to church funds.

Southern Cemetery Mass

Our Annual Cemetery Mass will take place outside the Roman Catholic Cemetery Chapel on **Monday 31st August at 12 noon**. Everyone is warmly invited to join us as we pray for all our faithful departed. Please bring a chair if you require one. *In the event of wet weather, Mass will be celebrated at St Ambrose instead.* Please come along and keep this tradition going!

Lourdes intentions

If you would like your prayers and intentions remembered at the Grotto, please write them down and place them in the basket by Our Lady's Altar before the pilgrimage.

If you would like to make a donation towards candles to be lit in Lourdes, please place your offering in an envelope clearly marked "Lourdes Candle" and post it through the Presbytery door.

Please be assured of our prayers for all our parishioners while we are in Lourdes.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Principal Patron of the Diocese of Salford

This Thursday, 16th July, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the Principal Patron of the Diocese of Salford. It is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for our diocesan family and to seek the intercession of Our Blessed Lady for our parishes, schools, clergy and all the faithful.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Principal Patron of the Diocese of Salford,
Pray for us!**

Last week's collection £623, Thank you for your Generosity!

Monday

Young At Heart 11.30am to 1.30pm

Tuesday Evening

Legion of Mary after 7pm Mass in the Parish Hall;

Thursday

Closed this week - reopen as normal on 23rd July.

Sacrament of Marriage

6 months notice must be given, please see Father to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please introduce yourselves to Father after Sunday Mass, your details will be taken and our team can begin the process to organize 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

Love knitting, crocheting, sewing or making?

Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford is looking for people who can either make items to sell in aid of the charity, or groups of people from our parishes who can be paired with local schools to help knit hats and scarves for pupils to wear in their Big Sleep Out fundraisers. If you can help, please get in touch with the team at fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2250.

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.

Manchester Royal Infirmary Please telephone to see the Roman Catholic Priest Chaplain on: 0161 276 8792 and for Wythenshaw Hospital 0161 291 2297

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