

26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Father Peter and Parishioners,

On behalf of all the staff and children in St Bernadette's, I would like to express my deep appreciation for the many acts of kindness, portrayed by the parish, throughout this unsettling time. As a school, we have always been blessed with the wonderful connection that enables parents, grandparents and friends of St Bernadette's Church to forge links for the benefit of many.

Father Peter, thank you for being such a tower of strength to us all in St Bernadette's school. Your many daily messages and recent daily prayers have been much comfort. Your challenge, which raised a huge amount of money for the local Catholic schools, (donated by many parishioners) has enabled us to provide extra support for our vulnerable families when they needed it most. Thank you to all the parishioners who continue to provide extra weekly food for our vulnerable families; I am overwhelmed by the kind donations. Recently, Miss Greenhalgh shared with the staff a joyous montage of comments and messages, shared between the parishioners of St Bernadette's, reflecting on all the wonderful work being done within our school – thank you to all concerned as those heartfelt messages were most gratefully received; I have put the collection on our Faith page within the school website.

Thank you to the parishioner who on behalf of the late Karen and Pat, selflessly donated money so we were able to buy a statue of St Bernadette for our newly revamped prayer garden. Hopefully, when

we all return to school, we will be able to gather in there to reflect and give thanks to God.

Finally, we have all been witness to intense sadness but we have also been humbled by the kindness, positivity, unity, generosity and an appreciation of life. As we all continue to pray for our community, who have been directly affected by Covid-19, we can all take comfort in Father Peter's words, that soon we will, *"gather together once more, more stronger, more faithful, more loving, more creative, and more grateful for the amazing community that is St. Bernadette's."*

God bless – take care

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