

Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday in the Ninth Week of Ordinary Time Year 2, Feast of St. Norbert

Good Morning from St. Bernadette's.

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well, and following all the advice from the government and the medics about what we should be doing in this time of crisis.

And I hope everyone is praying together for our all our intentions in this time of need.

The Gospel for this Saturday's Mass, Mark 12:38-44, is the story of the 'Widow's Mite', where Our Lord praises a scorned widow who has given her small offering which is everything she had, compared to the other givers who financially gave more money, but actually less of what they have.

*Almighty God,  
who through your Son Jesus Christ,  
has called us into a living relationship,  
transform the poverty of our love and service  
into the glorious fragrance of your love,  
that our whole lives may be pleasing in your sight.  
We present ourselves to you  
as an offering of all that we are and all that we have.  
May we daily be transformed by the Spirit at work within us,  
that our whole lives may be worship which is pleasing and acceptable to you.  
Though the same, Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

For our hymn today, let's sing 'All That I Am,' with a very jolly choir from Singapore in this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3Xona5g76k>

Yesterday we remembered St. Boniface, who, though British, preached and ministered throughout Germany. Today we think about St. Norbert, who was an eleventh century German religious minister, who, though preaching and teaching and was very devout, also loved the high life. He served in the court of the German Emperor, and took advantage of everything he could, living a luxurious lifestyle. However after a brush with death, being almost killed by a lightning bolt whilst riding his horse in a storm, Norbert reevaluated his lifestyle, and became against the worldly attitude he had once embodied. This made him unpopular with local clerics, who responded with insults and condemnation. But Norbert was not turning back. He gave all of his wealth to the poor, reducing himself to a barefoot and begging pilgrim who possessed nothing except the means to celebrate Mass. He was eventually given permission to found a religious order, and after travelling around preaching and teaching, was eventually chosen to become the Archbishop of Magdeburg in Germany. After

further adventures, and even assassination attempts, Norbert died in his diocese, on June 6, 1134, though his body was later taken to Prague, where it is still displayed in a glass fronted tomb. Pope Gregory XIII canonized St. Norbert in 1582. As well as being Patron Saint of the Czech Republic, his name is also invoked during childbirth for safe delivery.

*O God,  
who made the Bishop Saint Norbert a servant of your Church  
outstanding in his prayer and pastoral zeal,  
grant, we ask, that by the help of his intercession,  
the flock of the faithful may always find shepherds after your own heart  
and be fed in the pastures of salvation.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Whilst writing these messages for nearly three months now (three months?), there have been a few misprints and spelling mistakes, and the teachers at school have taken me to task about my excessive and arbitrary use of Capital Letters, and my punctuation. It set me foraging for some favourite famous misprints from Church bulletins, which I thought I'd share:

*Next weekend's Fasting & Prayer Conference in Whitby includes all meals.*

*Sunday morning sermon: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' Sunday evening sermon:*

*Searching for Jesus.'*

*Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth  
keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*

*Don't let worry kill you off- let the Church help.*

*For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.*

*Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.*

*Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a  
friendship that began in their school days.*

*At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen  
to our choir practice.*

*Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and  
to the deterioration of some older ones.*

*Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you  
want remembered.*

*Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.*

and finally:

*Father has upped his weekly offering to the Church. Up yours.*

Any more suggestions for how I can raise money for a statue of St. Bernadette for the school Memorial Peace Garden?

I'm very impressed with the pictures of Tobias so far! Cadbury's Cream Eggs are now in the porch, sheltered from the sun opposite the R.I.P. board, and you are all welcome to take one. Don't forget, to take an egg, you have to place a picture of Tobias on the noticeboard above the basket of eggs. Put your name on it and there will be a prize for the one Tobias thinks is the best. I've been asked to keep this running for another week, so the result will be announced next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June!

This weekend is Food Sunday. Many thanks for everything that has been donated, and thanks in anticipation for what will come. Can I also thank a parishioner who was able to give me a pair of size 10 trainers for one of my homeless guys. All your contributions are very much appreciated.

I attach the not-so-much-news-newsletter, for you to know for whom I'm celebrating Mass this week, as well as the Bidding Prayers. The texts for today's Mass can be found by clicking

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/uploads/www.rpbooks.co.uk/12TheMostHolyTrinity.pdf>

This is an official link given to us by Redemptorist Publications as they are not sending out paper copies at this time. Paper copies of all of the above are available in the porch for you to take, and perhaps take to friends and neighbours.

I have just recorded tomorrow's Mass for the Feast of the Holy Trinity, and it will be available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6QctJirdk4&feature=youtu.be> after Ian has uploaded it. Once again, big cheers to our videographer and technical director. I attach a photo taken this morning, so you can see how we manage the set up. The 'change of scene' from the altar to the pulpit is very hi-tech – using a lazy susan from Ikea, which I normally use for Chinese meals! Our Two hymns were 'Be Still For The Presence Of The Lord,' and 'As I Kneel Before You,' for a hymn to Our Lady at the end.

Once again many thanks for all your return mails. Apologies if I don't reply immediately, sometimes they seem to get lost (or kind of bunched up). Any suggestions for ways to keep our faith and spirits up at this time are most welcome!

And remember, St. Bernadette's is not closed, though the building is; we're just doing things differently for a while, until we are allowed to gather together once more, more stronger, more faithful, more loving, more creative, and more grateful for the amazing community that is St. Bernadette's.

With love and faith in Jesus.

Fr. P.

#### Watching YouTube on a Smart TV

1. You must have a Smart TV, that is one that is connected to the Internet. There is not a normal TV channel called YouTube.
2. Click the remote control to find the SOURCE – this should also show you things like a cable box, or a DVD player or recorder that is also connected to your TV through things like the USB ports or the HDMI ports.
3. On the SOURCE area, find APPS which is the place to see things like the catch up channels that work through the internet such as All4 or the BBC iPlayer.
4. On APPS, look for YOU TUBE.
5. On YOU TUBE, look for the search part and type in St Bernadette's Bispham Church as the search. It didn't show up on our TV until I had started to type the u of church.
6. You should be seeing a picture of the altar at our church with the words 'Fr Peter celebrating Mass 10 May 2020'. The date will change as I upload different MASS each week.

I hope that works. That is how I found it on our TV, starting from scratch.