



St Bernadette's RC Church, Bispham

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jesus came into the world not to condemn but to save what was lost. He was able to see the potential of the rebellious heart and point out the necessary steps for conversion. The particular shape that this conversion of life must take is unique and individual to each person.

First Reading Ezekiel 18:25-28 The ways of the Lord are fair, condemning the virtuous person who turns to sin, forgiving the sinner who turns to do what is right.

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11 When we are united in purpose and action, we share the mind of Christ who humbled himself even to death on the cross for our salvation.

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32 When a person sees the error of their ways and repents, God forgives them. Prostitutes and tax collectors will precede the self-righteous into the kingdom of God.

Sat 26th		
5pm	Public Mass	People of the Parish
Sun. 27th		
10am	Public Mass	Greg Bernacki

Mon. 28th		
9am	Mass	Edwina Fowler
10:30pm		Carleton Crematorium Service for Andrea Brown
Tues. 29th		
12 noon	Public Mass	Intentions of Paul Huson
Wed. 30th		
9am	Mass	Intentions of Ken Hargreaves
Thurs. 1st October		
12 noon	Public Mass	Mary Waters B'day Remembrance
3:30pm		Carleton Crematorium Service for Selina Smith
Fri. 2nd	No Mass Today	

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Sat 3rd		
5pm	Public Mass	People of the Parish
Sun. 4th		
10am	Public Mass	Joseph Poyner B'day Remembrance

We ask your prayers for all those who have died recently, especially Andrea Brown, and Selina Smith and **all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time** Thomas Nelson, Sylvia McArdle, Jim Pleets, Selina Wright, Laurence Naughton, Veronica Murphy, John Crook, Frank Crook, Ray Conboye, Dorothy Ashley, Betty Culshaw and John Donnellan **and for those in need of our prayers:** those in hospital, the hospice, our priests at St. Winefride's, and Michael Barnes, Meg Brett, Joseph Curran, Maria Curran, George Desborough, Patricia Hunt, Tricia and Les Gibbie, Roland Hamer, Ken Hargreaves, Paul Huson, Gloria Morris, James Neary, Brian Payne, Sheila Stewart, Bob Taylor, and Alex Walker.

Mass Intentions can still be left at the presbytery and these intentions can continue to be said. Everyone is dispensed from the Obligation of Sunday and Holyday mass for the time being. Please consider praying the mass at home with me at these times.

Food Sunday will continue, and likely to be more necessary than ever. Food can be brought to the Church Porch (which will be checked regularly) or the presbytery at any time.

Hospital On-Call Chaplains: Although hospital visiting is now severely restricted we are still operating a 24/7 on-call R.C. Chaplain's rota in Victoria Hospital. The active priests (including myself, on Saturday Nights through Sunday Morning) are on the rota. If you need a priest in an emergency please ring the ward and ask them to call the on-call duty R.C. chaplain.

Weekly Offerings. Given the financial ramifications of these times the diocese is asking our parishioners to consider and arrange keeping-up their weekly offertory donation, either by setting up a standing-order, or by putting your weekly donation into a marked envelope and posting it through the presbytery letter box or by bringing the total amount to church after the situation is resolved. You could also alternatively send us what you would normally put in the collection via bank transfer. Email us to take up this option.

Newspapers will continue to be printed every week, and emailed to everyone on the list, and copies left in the Church porch. Please take copies of the newsletter or print them out to give to people you know without email, as well as other prayer sheets and cards etc. that I will leave at the back of Church and send by email. The Church Porch will generally be open from 10am to 4pm. Please take and deliver newsletters to those you know with no email. Please observe social distancing, and only have one person in the porch at each time.

Book Exchange available in the Church Porch. Please help yourself.

Despite the new rulings of six only in houses etc.,
Masses in public in Church continue as normal,
with all the same Covid guidelines taking place

This Week
We will be Celebrating Mass
Saturday 5pm Sunday 10am
Tuesday 12noon
Thursday 12noon

There can be no more than fifty bubbles in Church, so there is plenty of room at each Mass.

If you find Sunday too busy
Thursday is actually the quietest Mass.

Please note the times of Mass, which allow for cleaning, and please follow all instructions for social distancing. Only sit in marked benches.

Tuesday Noon Mass is specially designated for our more vulnerable and elderly.

More information will be given throughout this week and before each service.

Please note that everyone is still dispensed from Sunday Obligation.

Wearing a mask is now obligatory
unless you have underlying medical conditions which prevent doing so.

Let the doors stay open!

Please stay at home if you are showing any symptoms of Covid 19. Mass is recorded and available on YouTube

This Saturday Sunday's Mass will be filmed and available via a link on YouTube.

After it has been uploaded, I will let you know the link via email.

The video will be up for a week, to be replaced by next Sunday's Mass.

The 2021 Diary has arrived, so mass intentions for particular days or anniversaries can now be booked. Mass intention envelopes are at the back of Church, and we will endeavour to oblige for requested dates.

Eileen's Sound-of-Music Sponsored Walk

I completed the walk with 5 costumes changes. It took 3 hours and 5 minutes including an ice-cream stop at Manfredi's at the top of Red Bank Road. (I don't recall Fraulein Maria stopping for an Ice Cream – Fr. P.) So far I have raised over £600. If you have any more donations I will be available to collect it after masses or you can drop it off at the sacristy/presbytery clearly marked 'sponsored walk'. Cheques payable to St Bernadette's Church. Thank you to Ian and everyone else for all your support

If you are a Minister or Reader and have settled in to coming to a regular Mass, could you let Fr. or Eileen know, so we can make up a rota for assisting. Many thanks.

Stay safe, sensible and keep up the prayers!