



St Bernadette's RC Church, Bispham

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Christ The Universal King

On this last Sunday of the Church's year, we "round up" the celebration of the mysteries of salvation by saluting Christ as Lord of all; the beginning and the end.

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 The good shepherd watches over his flock with loving care, rescuing them from dangers.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 Where Christ has gone before, all who belong to him are to follow, so that he can gather us into the kingdom of his Father.

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 For those who have humbly served the fellow servants of the kingdom, a warm welcome awaits.



Sat 21st 5pm Mass William Mitchell (Birthday Remembrance)

Sun. 22nd 10am Mass Alan Bird

Mon. 23rd 9am Mass The People of the Parish
1:30pm Mass at Holy Family School Bruce Bristow

Tues. 24th 8:30am Mass Pat and Karen Gregory
9:30am Mass at St.B's School Constance Ellwood

Wed. 25th 9am Mass Brenda and Jeff
2:45pm Carleton Crematorium Service for Philip Thomson

Thurs. 26th 9am Mass John Haydon

Fri. 27th No Mass today

First Sunday of Advent

Sat 28th 5pm Mass Patricia Holland (Birthday Remembrance)

Sun. 29th 10am Mass The People of the Parish

We ask your prayers for all those who have died recently, especially Philip Thomson, John Hoyle and Marion Hocking all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time Bruce Bristow, Josie Drake, Lynn Downing, John Nugent, Rita Walton, Jack Connor, Evelyn Mary Melling, Billy Hughes and Patricia Gough 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, Tricia and Les Gibbie, Roland Hamer, Ken Hargreaves, Paul Huson, Ethel Marshall, Sue Melling, Gloria Morris, James Neary, Brian Payne, Eric Sharples, Sheila Stewart, Bob Taylor, and Alex Walker.

St. Bernadette's is NOT CLOSED

we are just going to have to do things differently for a while.

The Church is open for private prayer from 12noon to 1pm seven days a week

Sadly there will be no public masses for the time being, however I will be saying Mass in Church at the usual times and the Church will be locked, but the Porch will be open as usual throughout the day until 1pm at the end of private prayer. 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. The texts of the masses can be found online at <http://universalis.com/mass.htm>, and in your own missals, and with the newsletter emails.

This Sunday we hope to stream Mass live on the St. Bernadette's YouTube Channel.

It can then be accessed there for a week.

There will be a test Mass at 5pm tonight, and hopefully our first 'proper' Mass at 10am tomorrow. Please join us in prayer on the St.

Bernadette's Bispham Channel on the YouTube. Search 'YouTube St. Bernadette's Bispham' and hopefully we will pop up.

Religious Christmas Cards are available for sale in Church during private prayer hours.

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 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.

Newsletters 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 your self.

Stay safe, sensible
and keep up the prayers!

Let's pray Lockdown II has done its job
and we can celebrate Christmas
together.