



# St Bernadette's RC Church, Bispham

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The First Sunday of Advent

During this time of Advent, the Church invites us to focus on Jesus Christ our Redeemer. As we prepare to commemorate his birth we commit ourselves to opening our hearts and minds and renewing our hope.

**First Reading *Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:3-8*** God is the potter and we are the clay, moulded into life with tenderness and care so that God's plan is fulfilled.

**Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*** Paul recognises and thanks God for the gifts of the Spirit that are present in the church in Corinth.

**Gospel *Mark 13:33-37*** Jesus Christ is the Good News. The hopes of the prophets are fulfilled in him.



<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>5pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Patricia Holland (Birthday Remembrance)
<b>Sun. 29<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	The People of the Parish
<b>Mon. 30<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Irene Johnstone
<b>Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>		
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Teresa Berk
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	at St.B's School Agnes Eccles
<b>Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		
<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Veronica Greenwood (Birthday Remembrance)
<b>2pm</b>		Carleton Crematorium Service for Rose Bradshaw
<b>Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		
<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Evelyn Mary Melling
<b>Fri. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass today</b>	

## Second Sunday of Advent

<b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>5pm</b>	<b>Public Mass</b>	Elsie Greenwood
<b>Sun. 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>10am</b>	<b>Public Mass</b>	John and Josephine Drake

**We ask your prayers for all those who have died recently, especially Rose Bradshaw, Marion Hocking, Frank Davies, David Hoyle and Agnes Eccles and all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time** Agnes Marlow, Mary Kiernan, Margaret Ireland, John Drake, Fr. Dan Darragan, Joan Barot, Sarah Gribben, George McGuire, Margaret Wright, Lily Crook, JohnMcMahon, Terence Redikin, William Benton and Joe Hull **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.

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## St. Bernadette's is NOT CLOSED

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

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

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**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.

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Mass will be streamed live on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 10am.

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. Mass will be available for the week.

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

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**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.

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## Christmas Services Proposed Timetable

### Christmas Eve

12noon Children's Service

5pm Candlelit Mass

8pm Candlelit Mass

### Christmas Day

10am Mass

Please note that you will be asked to sign up for a particular Mass