



St Bernadette's RC Church, Bispham

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The Third Sunday of Advent

In a spirit of profound joy and gratitude to God we gather to celebrate our Eucharist. It is the presence of the Messiah among us, Jesus Christ, that fills our hearts with hope on this day of Advent.

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 In the joy of the Lord, the prophet Isaiah calls on the people to help build a new kingdom of justice and peace for all.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 St Paul exhorts the community to be happy and grateful in the Lord, as they await the return of Jesus.

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28 The prophetic mission of John the Baptist is to point to the saving presence of the Messiah, who already stands among the people.



Sat 12th 5pm	Public Mass	William Mitchell (B'day Remembrance)
Sun. 13th 10am	Public Mass	Protection of unborn children
Mon. 14th 9am	Mass	People of the Parish
Tues. 15th 9:15am	Mass at St.B's School	
12 noon	Public Mass	Betty Cornall
Wed. 16th 9am	Mass	Nora Griffin
Thurs. 17th 12 noon	Public Mass	Patricia France
Fri. 18th	No Mass today	
Third Sunday of Advent		
Sat 19th 5pm	Public Mass	People of the Parish
Sun. 20th 10am	Public Mass	Patricia Hunt

We ask your prayers for all those who have died recently, especially all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time Nick Carroll, Vera Charnock, John Barnes, Mary Hynes, Betty Cornall, Joan Brisco, Canon Marsden and John David Purcell, Patricia Kerrigan and Elizabeth Connor Taylor **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 on Sunday

Mass will be streamed live on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 10am. and then available for the week. If you wish to watch 'live' please tune in five minutes beforehand.

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.

Christmas Services Timetable

Christmas Eve

12noon Children's Service

All children, and adults, are invited to dress up as a character from the Christmas story.

5pm Candlelit Mass

8pm Candlelit Mass

Christmas Day

10am Mass

Please sign up your bubbles for a particular Mass, at Masses this week, or by emailing the parish office.

You must be booked in to attend Mass. Please note that 5pm mass is now full.