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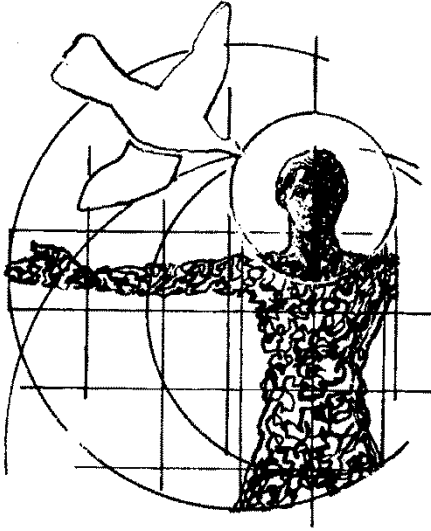
9th/10th January 2021

God is love, and God's love never ends. We meet today to celebrate this love and to recommit ourselves to God's loving purposes.

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 God's servant is reassured of his calling, which is the humble service of God and humanity.

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38 Peter realises that God accepts people of all nationalities as his children, and explains to a non-Jewish audience the beginnings of Jesus' ministry.

Gospel Mark 1:7-11 John the Baptist's prophecy that the coming Messiah would baptise others with God's Spirit begins to be fulfilled as the Spirit descends on Jesus at his baptism.



Sat 9th 5pm	Public Mass	Margaret Woods
Sun. 10th 10am	Public Mass	People of the Parish
12noon-1pm	Private Prayer and Exposition	

Mon. 11th 9am	Mass	Theresa Carroll
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Tues. 12th 12noon	Public Mass	Catherine Best
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Wed. 13th 9am	Mass	Michael Carroll
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Thurs. 14th 9:45am	Requiem Mass for Brian Payne	
12noon	Public Mass	James Breakell

Fri. 15th **No Mass Today**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 16th 5pm	Public Mass	George McCann
Sun. 17th 10am	Public Mass	Thomas Brammer
12noon-1pm	Private Prayer and Exposition	

We ask your prayers for all those who have died recently, especially Brian Payne and all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time Margaret Gourley, Warren Bamber, Anne Hebden, Mary Cullinane, Colleen Bierne, John Bailey, Francis Curtis, Catherine Best, Cath Clark, Anthony Stubenrauch, John Moores, George McCann 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, Joan Farnen, Tricia and Les Gibbie, Roland Hamer, Ken Hargreaves, Paul Huson, Mo Long, Ethel Marshall, Gloria Morris, 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 Baptism of the Lord

Exposition and Private Prayer Sunday 12noon-1pm

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'

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 1pm. 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.

The 200 Club, which is now being reimagined as 'The 100 Club'. The 100 club is a fun way of raising money for the parish. Members pay £52 for the year (can be paid in full or by instalments) which gives them a chance of winning a monthly prize of up to £100. For every £1 donated 55p goes directly to parish funds. Throughout 2020 Pam Davey and family have been diligently keeping the 200 club draw going. The winners for the first six months were publicised in the church porch. And soon the last six months will be published as well. Unfortunately due to current situation income for the club has depleted and as a consequence so has the prize fund. For those who wish to renew membership, your renewal form will be available at the back of the church this weekend. If you would like to take part in the draw as a new member for 2021 fill in the attached form and return it with payment by cheque or cash to the presbytery by 20th January. (Eileen is usually in the office Monday and Thursday from 9-12). On line bank transfers can be taken if you are paying the full amount and a proof of payment is attached to your subscription form. (There should be a page to print on your on line bank screen once you have made the payment). Payment details are as follows; St Bernadette's Church, Account no. 41334581. Sort code 40-27-02, Reference 100 Club. A very big thank you to Pam and her family for keeping the draw going in these difficult times. Thank you for all who have taken part through the years. And fingers crossed you may be a winner next month.

There is a call in certain quarters for all Churches to close whilst in Tier 4. In order that we are able to stay open please comply with all social distancing rules when visiting Church, i.e. two metres apart, with no socializing with members from outside your bubble. Wear you rmask at all times whilst on Church premises, and sanitize your hands on entering and exiting. Only by showing we are as safe as we can be will we be allowed to remain open. Many thanks.