



# St Bernadette's RC Church, Bispham

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God's purposes embrace the whole world and peoples of every race and culture. We meet in his name to celebrate his unchanging love for all.

**First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6** The prophet Isaiah shares a glorious vision of God's light drawing people of all nations to worship and praise God together.

**Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6** St Paul explains that through Christ a new truth has dawned that God's purposes are not exclusive to one race but embrace all peoples and nations.

**Gospel Matthew 2:1-12** The familiar account of the wise men from a foreign country visiting the infant Jesus reminds us of God's concern and welcome for all humankind.



### The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

<b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		
<b>5pm</b>	<b>Public Mass</b>	Mary Hynes
<b>Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		
<b>10am</b>	<b>Public Mass</b>	The Bird Family
<b>12noon-1pm</b>	Private Prayer and Exposition	
<b>Mon. 4<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Frank Smith
<b>3:30pm</b>	Carleton Crematorium Service for Maria Hopgood	
<b>Tues. 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>12noon</b>	<b>Public Mass</b>	Int's of the McNamara family
<b>Wed. 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for May Kidd</b>	
<b>3pm</b>	Carleton Crematorium Service for James Smith	
<b>5pm</b>	<b>Reception Mass for Peter Brennan</b>	
<b>Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>12noon</b>	<b>Public Mass</b>	Special Intentions (E.T.B.)
<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Peter Brennan</b>	
<b>Fri. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass Today</b>	

### Second Sunday after Christmas

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

**We ask your prayers for all those who have died recently, especially Peter Brennan, May Kidd, James Smith, Maria Hopgood, and Brian Payne and all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time** Mary Boardman, Frank Smith, Garth Proctor, Jeremy Proctor, Fred Unsworth, John Cambridge, Celia Pilling, Thomas Purcell, Ann Brown, Patricia Evans, Maureen Price, Harold Hughes, James Breakell, Paul Rawstron and William Brown **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, Ethel Marshall, Gloria Morris, Eric Sharples, Sheila Stewart, Bob Taylor, and Alex Walker.

## The Epiphany of the Lord

**St. Bernadette's is NOT CLOSED**  
we are just going to have to do things differently for a while.

### 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'

Continued huge thanks to everyone involved with our Christmas services, readers, musicians, servers, stewards, videographer, seating planner, and everyone who came to our services or watched them on the YouTube. Given the circumstances I think we all did a great job, and duly celebrated the birth of Christ in a solemn and joyful way. Let's pray that normal service can be resumed next year!

Personal thanks from Father Peter for all the kind cards, gifts and offerings received during the festive season. Many thanks and blessings to you all. God bless you.

**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.

### A New Year Prayer.

O God,

your days are without beginning  
and without end.

We dedicate this coming year to you.

Give us such prosperity as you know is good for us,  
and make us abound in doing whatever is pleasing to  
you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

