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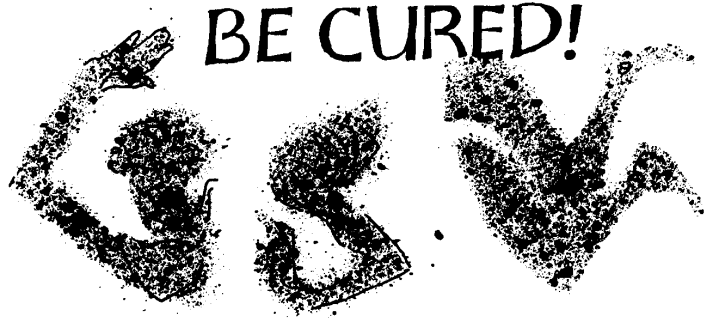
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We gather as followers of Jesus our Lord, who showed special concern for sick and vulnerable people.

First Reading *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46* Once a priest has diagnosed a person with leprosy, that person is regarded as unclean and must live apart from the community.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1* Think about others, imitate Christ and glorify God in all that you do.

Gospel *Mark 1:40-45* Jesus touches and cures a leper - regarded as an unclean person - and in so doing breaks a serious religious taboo.



Sat 13th		
5pm	Public Mass	Harry Greenwood
Sun. 14th		
10am	Public Mass	Vivien Reppé
No private prayer or exposition today.		
Mon. 15th		
9am	Mass	People of the Parish
Tues. 16th		
12noon	Public Mass	Peter Brennan (B'day Remembrance)
Wed. 17th Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence		
9am	Public Mass	Ints. of Ken and Sheila Hargreaves
7pm	Public Mass	Sheila Lofthouse
Thurs. 18th		
12noon	Public Mass	Special Ints. of Linda Rossi
2pm	Funeral Service for Margaret Berry	
Fri. 19th	No Mass Today	

The First Sunday of Lent

Sat 20th		
5pm	Public Mass	People of the Parish
Sun. 21st		
10am	Public Mass	Ints. of Christine and Ken Hulme
12 noon	Private prayer and exposition.	

We ask your prayers for all those who have died recently, especially Margaret Berry, George Desborough, Gillian Fisher, and Norman Graham Tasker and all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time especially, Audrey Stell, Kathleen Backhouse, Mary Boyle, David Armer, John Henry Cottam, Anne Watson, David Ainsworth, Ann Anderlik, Sheila Lofthouse, Annetta Gebhard, Shirley Ann White and for those in need of our prayers: those in hospital, the hospice, our priests at St. Winefride's, and Michael Barnes, Meg Brett, Catherine Broughton, Joseph Curran, Maria Curran, Joan Farnen, Tricia and Les Gibbie, Roland Hamer, Ken Hargreaves, Paul Huson, Mo Long, Ethel Marshall, Gloria Morris, Sheila Stewart, Bob Taylor, and Ann Walker

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

No Exposition or Private Prayer this week.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday,
the beginning of Lent.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed,
under strict covid regulations, at both Masses **9am and 7pm**

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'

This weekend Fr. P. is on a study course so we welcome Fr.
Tom Butler who will be saying our weekend Masses. Huge
thanks to him for this, and enabling Fr. P. to further his studies.

Many thanks to everyone who has donated to the 'Tech Fund' to
help our pupils with their online learning. Whilst donations
continue to come in the amazing total now stands at:

£3825

Absolutely incredible!

Huge thanks for your amazing generosity

Donations can still be made in person, or directly to the parish
bank account: Acc. No. 41334581 Sort Code 40-27-02 Parish of
St. Bernadette's. Many thanks for the donations already made,
and thank you in anticipation.

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. 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.

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 your mask 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.
