

St Bernadette's RC Church, Bispham

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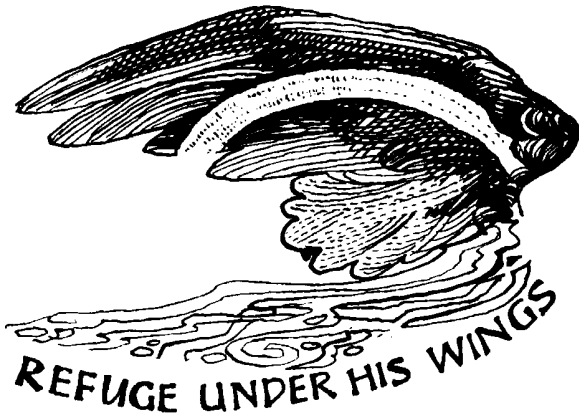
First Sunday of Lent

On this first Sunday of Lent we gather to hear the word of God and draw near to the table of life that we may believe the Good News.

First Reading Genesis 9:8-15 God makes a covenant with Noah and every living creature - the waters shall never again destroy the world.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22 The waters of the flood brought destruction. Peter describes how the waters of baptism are life-giving and bring salvation.

Gospel Mark 1:12-15 Jesus endures forty days of temptation in the wilderness before beginning his public ministry.



Sat 20th 5pm	Public Mass	People of the Parish
Sun. 21st 10am 12 noon	Public Mass	Ints. of Christine and Ken Hulme
	Private prayer and exposition.	
Mon. 22nd 9am	Mass	Special Intention Jackie Jeffs
1pm		Carleton Crematorium Service for Norman Graham Tasker
Tues. 23rd 12noon	Public Mass	Vera Brennan
Wed. 24th 9am	Mass	Intentions of Dominica Duffy
Thurs. 25th 12noon	Public Mass	The Swords Family
Fri. 26th	No Mass Today	

The Second Sunday of Lent

Sat 27th 5pm	Public Mass	Arthur Evans
Sun. 28th 10am 12 noon	Public Mass	People of the Parish
	Private prayer and exposition.	

We ask your prayers for all those who have died recently, especially George Desborough, Phil Holleran and Norman Graham Tasker **and all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time** especially, Patricia Smith, Vera Brennan, Tony Dowdall, John Connolly, Ray Hoyle, James Benson, Agnes Dowdall, Teresa Stapleford, John Corrigan, James Heap, Kelly Pape, John Michael Purcell, Dorothy West, Winifred Black and Elizabeth Connor **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.

Exposition and Private Prayer Sunday 12noon-1pm.

Stations of the Cross by St. Alphonsus
From St. Bernadette's

Is now available on our YouTube Channel

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'

In a Lenten spirit of almsgiving, four of our Parishioners have started a sponsored campaign to raise money for CAFOD, in particular to supply water to areas in need. Karen, Claire, Carla and Liz are pledging to walk 10,000 steps a day for Cafod's 'Walk for Water' challenge. They have set up a fundraising page and have already walked 25'000 steps and raised almost a £100. If anyone would like to sponsor them they'd be very grateful. Here's the link:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/karen-claire-carla-and-liz-are-walking-for-wa2021> and well done Ladies! Keep us posted as to how you are doing!

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.

Toiletries and food are always welcome at any time. People have been asking what food should be brought, and it's good to think about things that can make a meal – tinned meat, veg and so on. The staples of tea, coffee and long life milk are always welcome. Please remember that we can't use fresh produce.

Many thanks for your continued support to those in need.