



St Bernadette's RC Church, Bispham

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The Feast of the Ascension

Today we celebrate the glory of Christ, risen and ascended into heaven. Inspired by this rich promise of life, let us rejoice in Jesus Christ, who is the power and the glory of God.

First Reading Acts 1:1-11 St Luke begins his story with witnesses to the resurrection, the sending of the Spirit and the mission to the world.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23 St Paul spells out how utterly powerful is the Spirit of God that we have received.

Gospel Mark 16:15-20 The end of Mark's Gospel tells of the beginning of the Church and its mission.



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Sat 15th May	5pm	Public Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday 16th	10am	Public Mass	Jean Ryan
	12 noon	Private prayer and exposition.	
Mon. 17th	9am	Mass	Ian Smith
	1pm	Funeral Service for	George Rainey
Tues. 18th	12noon	Public Mass	Una McAnulty
Wed. 19th	9am	Mass	Peter Power
	2:30pm	Lytham Crematorium Service for	Teresa Grayshan
Thurs. 20th	11am	Carleton Crematorium Service for	Margaret Fox
	12 Noon	Public Mass	Janet Marr
Fri. 21st		No Mass Today	
Pentecost Sunday			
Sat 22nd May	5pm	Public Mass	Keith Tittle
Sunday 23rd	10am	Public Mass	People of the Parish
	12 noon	Private prayer and exposition.	

We ask your prayers for all those who have died recently, especially Jordan Banks, Stephen Haydon, Jimmy Meredith, Margaret Fox, George Rainey, and Teresa Grayshan and all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time especially, Alessandro Salafia, Jean Ryan, Jamie Hughes, William Rodway, Mary Hurley, Marie Ellwood, Ron Sharples, Margaret O'Hare and Douglas Marlowe 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, Joan Farnen, Tricia and Les Gibbie, Sarah Green, Roland Hamer, Ken Hargeaves, , Paul Huson, Mo Long, Ethel Marshall, Gloria Morris and Bob Taylor,

St. Bernadette's is NOT CLOSED

we are just going to have to do things differently for a while.

Private Prayer and Exposition this 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'

Castlerigg Manor, our Diocesan Youth Centre is starting a lottery to raise funds. It costs £3 a month, with the winner taking half the pot. For more details check out castleriggmanor.co.uk/lottery

The Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation that the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham has been chosen as one of the shrines worldwide to lead daily prayers for the end of the pandemic. More information on this is available from <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

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.

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 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.

A Prayer for the Ascension.

O God of earth and sky,
as Jesus came among us in Bethlehem
to raise us up to heaven,
so today we recall his departing from us at Jerusalem
to be in all places.

Though he is hidden from our sight,
enable us to abide in him
by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit,
until his mercy and grace fill your whole creation.
Amen.