

Archdiocese of Liverpool
Parish of
Our Lady of the Annunciation
and Saint Bernadette

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Parish Office at St Marie's:
Open Monday to Friday
from 9.00 am to 12 noon

Baptisms: By prior arrangement.
Information available at weekend
Masses. All baptisms take place
during Mass. St Bernadette's first
Sunday, St Marie's third Sunday
of the month.

Confessions: Saint Bernadette's:
Sunday 9.10 to 9.20 am. Saint
Marie's: Thursday 6.30 - 6.50 pm.
or by request.

Church opening: Please
remember that Saint Marie's
Church is open for private prayer
during weekdays between 9.00
am and 12 noon.

Funerals and Marriages: By
arrangement.

Visits to sick and housebound:
Please inform Fr John if you know
of sick or housebound
parishioners who would like Holy
Communion.

Hospital Visits: If you wish to
see a priest please let the hospital
staff know.

Mass Requests: Place in an
envelope and hand in to the
Sacristy or to the Parish Office.
Please indicate your preferred
church, if any. Please also specify
the reason for the intention, i.e.
recently deceased, anniversary
etc. For a particular day, please
request early.

Newsletter Notices: Please e-
mail to jointparishes@gmail.com
or hand in to the Parish Office by
Thursday morning.

Repository: Open at the back of
church after each weekend Mass.

St Marie's Hall: All bookings for
hall usage should be made in
advance with the Parish Office
during the parish office hours.

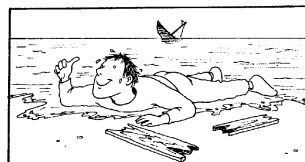
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Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

5 August 2018

STILL HUNGRY?

A group of pilgrims arrived at their hotel in Rome in the early hours of the morning, because their plane was delayed. Feeling sorry for them and wanting to get their stay off to a good start, the hotel manager provided them with Parma ham and melon for breakfast. He was dismayed when some of them sent it back to the kitchen complaining that "this bacon isn't cooked properly".
Pearls before swine?



You could argue that whatever the manger gave them would not have been enough to assuage their annoyance at arriving late. There was just no pleasing them. Just like the Israelites in the desert. Moses and Aaron had led them to freedom from the Pharaoh and all they could do was moan about the food: it was better when they were in Egypt. So God provides them food to satisfy them: manna and quails.

Before we point the finger at other people, we could stop and ask ourselves a few questions. Are we really satisfied with our lot in life? When we moan, what's it about? Deep down what is missing from our lives?

What is the main thing that would really improve our quality of existence?

Usually people answer these questions with money. If only I had so many millions, everything would be OK. If I had a better house, could pay off the bills, have a few luxuries, then I'd be content. But we only have to look at the rich and famous to see people whose lives can be empty and shallow. Drugs and alcohol become their attempt to try and fill in the void.

Jesus told the crowd that they would always be hungry, always have that deep down empty feeling inside them, unless they ate the food of life that the Father sends. What he means is that only God can satisfy our longings and yearnings. Only he can fill that inner gap we carry round with us and make sense of why we are here on earth. It is his teachings and our relationship with him that opens us up to the fullness of life. We may search frantically here and there for substitutes, but it is Jesus, the Word of God, who alone can satisfy our real needs. For he is the bread of life.

Mass Intentions this week

Eighteenth Sunday of the Year		Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat to our heart's content? (Exodus 16:3)	
Day	Church	Time	Intention
Saturday	St Marie's	5.30 pm	Mary Cheetham (Anniversary)
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	Frank Magrath (Birthday Rem)
	St Marie's	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Tess White (90 th birthday)
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Teresa Noonan
Thursday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service
	St Marie's	7.00 pm	Eucharistic Service
Friday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service
Nineteenth Sunday of the Year		Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. (1 Kings 19: 4)	
Saturday	St Marie's	5.30 pm	John Carney (Anniversary)
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	Tony Hilton (LD)
	St Marie's	11.00 am	People of the Parish

This weekend:

Sunday after 11.00 am Mass: **Tea and coffee** in St Marie's Hall.

Next weekend:

Saturday: Holy Hour at St Bernadette's at 10.30 am

Appeal at all Masses by St Barnabas Society.

Sunday after 11.00 am Mass: **Tea and coffee** in St Marie's Hall.

Thank you for your offerings
£1,492.54.

Sanctuary Lamps

St Marie's: Jenny Horrocks
(Birthday Remembrance)

St Bernadette's: Special Intention
(T&K)

Bonus Ball

No.10 - John Braddock - £86.

Holy Hour

Apologies that there was no Holy Hour this weekend. This was due to an oversight. Holy Hour will now take place at St Bernadette's on Saturday next at 10.30 am.

Gift Aid

For parishioners who have signed up to the gift aid scheme, all donations to the parish can be 'gift aided'. As well as the weekly envelopes and standing orders, this can include Mass offerings, sanctuary lamp intentions, special collections and one-off occasional gifts. Please notify the parish office when making the offering that you wish it to be 'gift-aided'. Anyone who pays tax on their wages, pension or savings can join the gift aid scheme. All you need to do is sign a form. It doesn't cost you anything and the parish receives an additional 25% from HMRC.

If any parishioner no longer pays tax, please inform the parish office as soon as possible. If anyone would like to know the total amount of their donation during the tax year, please contact the parish office.

For more information, please call Clare on 253775.

Education Service Staffing

If any retired teacher is interested in offering as little as two hours per month within the Cathedral Education Service staffing team, please contact Sean Murphy at the Cathedral, email s.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk.

Before Mass

Please be mindful of those who have arrived early for Mass in order to pray privately by keeping conversations to a minimum and maintaining, as best as possible, a respectful silence. Thank you.

Vocations news

Please pray for our seminarians who, at the end of the month, will either commence or recommence their seminary formation. One of the seminarians is Hugh Donleavy, who spent time in the parish who will begin his second year.

Please also pray for those who continue to attend the discernment days and spend time at the House of Discernment. For more information on discerning a call to the Priesthood, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director, 0151 727 2493.

Marriage Congratulations

Congratulations to Joe McGinn and Sara Taylor, whose wedding takes place at St Marie's on Saturday, 11 August at 1.00 pm. Please remember Joe and Sara in your prayers and all couples who are taking this important step.

Chain of Prayer

The rosary will be recited before Masses at St Marie's on the following dates:

Thursday 9 August at 6.30 pm.

Saturday 11 August at 5.00 pm.

Sunday 12 August at 10.30 am.

Wednesday 15 August at 6.30 pm.

Global Healing

On Creation Day, 1 September, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will be launching 'Global Healing', a film produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) as a foundation for a response to the Holy Father's encyclical, *Laudato Si* about the environment. Visit www.ourcommonhome.co.uk.

Catholic Pictorial

Free copies of the August edition of the Catholic Pictorial are available at the back of Church. Please take one to keep up with the news from around our Archdiocese, which includes an article on the three newly ordained priests for the Archdiocese.

How you can help:

Jude Christian Orphanage:

There is a fund raising event to raise money for the Jude Christian orphanage, Kitwe, Zambia at 33 Whitley Crescent, Wigan WN1 2PP, on Saturday, 18 August, 10.00 am-4.00 pm. Refreshments available. Tel. 01942 243197.

Amoris Laetitia

This week's extract from Pope Francis' recent document

"Love inspires a sincere esteem for every human being and the recognition of his or her own right to happiness. I love this person, and I see him or her with the eyes of God, who gives us everything 'for our enjoyment' (1 Tim 6:17). As a result, I feel a deep sense of happiness and peace" (Amoris Laetitia 96).

This week, compliment members of your family, and try to choose something meaningful/sincere that you may never have said to them before. Think about what it means to see someone with "the eyes of God."

Baptisms

This weekend, we welcome new members to our Catholic Church community when Jenna Grace Borkowicz, Jorgia Mae Borkowicz and Macy Vivienne Burke are baptised during the 9.30 am Mass. Congratulations!

Safeguarding Conference

There is one place available on the Liverpool Archdiocesan Safeguarding Conference to be held at LACE, Liverpool on Saturday, 1 September, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm. Please let Father John know if you are interested in attending. For more details contact Margaret Jennings, 401556. Closing date is Friday, 17 August.

Divorced and Separated

The Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Department is starting a series of six meetings on Wednesday 19 September for any person who is going through, or who has gone through, a relationship breakdown. The meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming. Contact Maureen O'Brien 07967 753371 or Jacqui Sellek 07793 825815.