

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

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Standish

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Until further notice, the parish
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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: Sunday morning in
St Marie's from 9.10-9.20.

Church opening: Because
churches need to be staffed while
open, St Marie's and St
Bernadette's Churches will be
open only for Mass times.

Funerals and Marriages: By
arrangement.

Visits to sick and housebound:

Please inform Fr Joseph 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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24th Sunday of the Year

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CREATING VICTIMS

Today's gospel teaches us one of the
most important lessons of our faith.

Jesus makes no bones about it: if we
want to be forgiven then we must first
forgive others. "I can never forgive
him/her" cannot be part of the

Christian's vocabulary.

Forgiveness is so
central to Christianity
that it is the reason
why we baptise. We
believe in one baptism
for the forgiveness of
sins, says our Creed.

And the principal

reason we follow Christ is so that we
might experience the forgiveness of
God and be set free to lead the lives that
God intended us to enjoy. The Church
is the community of God's forgiven.

If we refuse to forgive then we create
victims. The first victim is us. When we
withhold forgiveness we take refuge in
self-pity. We see ourselves as the one
who is hurt and injured and we end up
wading in bitterness, anger and
resentment. How could anyone do this
to me of all people? Me? We allow
ourselves to dwell on the memory of
hurt and injury and this begins to affect
the way we view life, for anger and
resentment only eat away at the heart.



Lack of forgiveness is a heavy burden
to carry.

And the second victim we create is
the person we refuse to forgive. We
keep them chained up with the guilt of
what they have done and we prevent

them from moving on
in their relationship
with us. To receive
forgiveness is a joyful
thing that brings peace
of mind, and if we
hold back on forgiving
someone then we are
not playing our part in

helping them to move on.

Sometimes people forgive in such a
way that they humiliate the other
person. They are so high-handed that
they make the person crawl before they
are forgiven. They forgive with their
lips but not with their hearts. Yet
forgiveness is not something that we
possess off our own bat. Forgiveness
belongs to God, the same God who has
forgiven each of us and who demands
that we do the same in return.

Living in a place of unforgiveness is a
life-depriving and dreadful experience.
"And that is how my heavenly Father
will deal with you unless you each
forgive your brother and sister from
your heart."

Mass Intentions this week

24 th Sunday of the Year		Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. (Ecclesiasticus 28: 2)	
Day	Church	Time	Intention
Saturday	St Marie's	5.30 pm	Edna Josephine Hounslea (B'day Rem)
Sunday	St Marie's St Marie's	9.30 am 11.00 am	Siney Family & Friends The People of the Parish
Monday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Tony Tennant
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Dec. Members of the Stonehouse Family
Thursday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	L.I.S.C.F.
Friday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Carole Hudson
25 th Sunday of the Year		Yes, the heavens are as high above the earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:9)	
Saturday	St Marie's	5.30 pm	Jean Winstanley
Sunday	St Marie's St Marie's	9.30 am 11.00 am	The People of the Parish Ivana Hedley
Daily Mass uploaded to YouTube. Visit https://tinyurl.com/y2thuent			

QR code

To help during the pandemic when parish mass books are not able to be used, scan the QR code on your smartphone which will take you straight to a website where the texts of the readings can be found.



Mass times

We are in extraordinary times and so we would like to give everyone the best chance possible to come to hear Mass at our churches. Because of that, over the next few weeks, there will be changes to Mass times at both St Bernadette's and St Marie's.

From Monday, 14 September, Mass each day at St Bernadette's will be celebrated at 9.15 am.

With effect from the weekend of 26/27 September, Saturday evening Mass at St Bernadette's will commence at 5.00 pm and Mass at St Marie's will commence at 6.00 pm. Masses on Sunday morning will be celebrated at St Bernadette's at 9.30 am and at St Marie's at 11.00 am.

From Monday, 28 September, Masses on Mondays and Fridays will return to St Marie's at 9.15 am. Masses at St Bernadette's will continue to be celebrated on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.15 am.

Leaving gifts

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection for Father John, which amounted to £3,690. Father John was presented with gifts totalling £410 and a cheque for £3,280. Father John has expressed his grateful thanks for the parishioners' generosity, their warm wishes, gifts, cards and greetings. For those unable to attend Fr John's final weekend Masses, these can be accessed on Youtube via the link <https://tinyurl.com/y5oambx8>

Living Faith

The quarterly Living Faith books are available as you leave Mass.

Special Collections

This weekend, there will be a special collection at all Masse for Holy Places, which but for lockdown would have taken place on Good Friday. Next week, there will be a special collection for Home Mission.

From our Pastoral Associate

The last week has been busy putting together the daily videos for our cross-parish Novena for Our Lady of Walsingham. Beginning on 15 September, we will be able to pray online via YouTube together at 7.30 pm for nine consecutive evenings. Parishioners from all parishes are leading reflections and our music. It really is a joy to see parishioners sharing their time, gifts and talents for something that crosses parish boundaries. To access the daily novena prayer (lasts 10-15 mins), search on YouTube just before 7.30 pm for the channel SJR Pastoral Area – Liverpool Archdiocese and you should be able to access videos as they are posted each day. Hope you can join us!

Joanne Wallace, Pastoral Associate

Our Lady of Walsingham

Please join us online for our Novena in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham beginning on Tuesday 15 September at 7.30 pm. Parishioners and musicians from across the parishes of Our Lady of the Annunciation and St Bernadette and St. Teresa, Upholland will be leading the reflections and music. To pray the Novena with us, search on YouTube for SJR Pastoral Area -Liverpool Archdiocese just before 7.30 pm. The links will also be posted on parish social media.

Confessions

Confessions will be heard on a Sunday morning from 9.10-9.20 in St Marie's. Please ensure all precautions and protocols are adhered to when waiting to receive the sacrament. Due to the restricted airflow in the confessional, Confessions will be heard on St Joseph's altar.

Knights Rosary

The Knights recite the Rosary on a Thursday evening at 7.30 pm. To receive an email invitation to join, please contact Steve Lester, steve.lester@zen.co.uk

Resources

The Pastoral Formation team continues to produce resources based on the Sunday readings to support individual prayer and family life through this time and can be found at www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com Extra reflections and Pray Through Play are available at: www.thegodwhospeaks2020.org.uk

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Catholic Pictorial

Copies of the September edition of the Catholic Pictorial are available as you leave Mass, online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2hd4qyh>

Offertory collections

Thank you to parishioners who have set up standing orders for their weekly offerings and to those who have made offerings to the Church. If you have signed up to gift aid your offerings, that will continue. If you wish to make your offerings by standing order, a Standing Order mandate is attached (e copy only). Hard copies are available as you enter Church

For parishioners who are continuing to use the offertory envelopes and haven't yet collected them, they are available as you leave Mass.

Marriage Matters

The call to forgive

How can I love my spouse and bring life? We are called to set aside resentment, to listen gently to our beloved, seeking understanding. In today's gospel the servant who is forgiven refuses to forgive the man who owes him. God forgives us everything, but are we willing to let go of the hurts we have experienced via our spouse?

Mass intentions

Mass intentions can be handed to stewards as you leave Mass or delivered to the parish office. Thank you.



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Standing Order Mandate

Name of parish

Our Lady of the Annunciation & St Bernadette 001

Name and address of your own bank

To

The Manager

Address

Please pay to

Bank Name

HSBC plc

Address

99-101 Lord Street
LIVERPOOL
L2 6PG

Sort code

40-29-12

Parish bank account number

for the credit of

Account name

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Trust St Marie's and St Bernadette (001)
Parish Account

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