

Archdiocese of Liverpool  
Parish of

Our Lady of the Annunciation  
and Saint Bernadette

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*Serving the Churches of:*

**St Marie of the Annunciation**  
Standish

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**St Bernadette** Shevington  
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**Download our parish app at**  
[www.myparishapp.com](http://www.myparishapp.com)

**Parish Office at Saint Marie's:**  
Until further notice, the parish  
office is accessible via email at  
[jointparishes@gmail.com](mailto:jointparishes@gmail.com)

**Pastoral Associate:**

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**Baptisms:** Cannot take place at  
present.

**Church opening:** Because  
churches need to be staffed while  
open, St Marie's and St  
Bernadette's Churches will be  
open only private prayer at the  
times shown overleaf.

**Funerals:** By arrangement.

**Marriages:** Cannot take place at  
the moment.

**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 Stewards  
on leaving church or delivered to  
the Parish Office through the front  
door. They can also be booked by  
telephone or email. 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:** E-mail to  
[jointparishes@gmail.com](mailto:jointparishes@gmail.com) or hand in  
to the Parish Office by Thursday  
morning please.

**Repository:** Closed at present.

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## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year: Remembrance Sunday

8 November 2020

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### A HA'PETH OF TAR

A child at school said she didn't like the five wise bridesmaids because they were mean and wouldn't share their oil with the foolish ones!

Understandable enough, except it misses the point of Jesus' parable. The story is really about wisdom and perseverance. The foolish five could not have been complete strangers to the groom. They had to be friends.

They had received the invitation; they had made preparations; they had turned up and were looking forward to the festivities. What they had not done was to think through the consequences of their actions.

It could be argued that they had concentrated only on the hats and dresses, on the externals. Yet they did not have the wisdom to see that they were not equipped to do what was demanded of them. They couldn't provide light when it was needed.

In our own journey with God we run the risk of coasting. We have been let

into that wisdom which allows us to know and follow Jesus. But we can easily take things for granted. We can rely on a routine practice of our religion

that loses the sparkle, the excitement and the privilege of being called by God. We've kept the lamps of our baptism, but our commitment is running low on oil and our wicks are looking decidedly

worse for wear.

It's not usually gross negligence that we're guilty of. It's more likely to be that we grow lax about our commitment and lazy in doing something about those little things that would make us better Christians. We begin to take the pearl of our religion for granted and we put things off until tomorrow. For the sake of a ha'peth of tar we can find ourselves drifting.

If we want to be at tomorrow's wedding, today's the last day for buying the oil.



### Mass Intentions this week

32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year		So stay awake because you do not know either the day or the hour. (Matthew 25:13)
Day	Church	Intention
Saturday	St Bernadette's	Kimberley Gavin
	St Marie's	People of the Parish
Sunday	St Bernadette's	William Darwin (FM)
	St Marie's	Ivana Hedley
Monday	St Marie's	Juilet Hellings (LD)
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	Patrick Daniel Woods
Thursday	St Bernadette's	Pious List
	St Bernadette's	11.30 am Requiem: Clementine D'Souza-Bannon
Friday	St Marie's	Winifred Darwin (FM)
33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year		To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. (Matthew 25:15)
Saturday	St Bernadette's	George Templeton
	St Marie's	People of the Parish
Sunday	St Bernadette's	James Gavin
	St Marie's	John Carey & John Paul Andrew Carey (Anniv)

**Father Joseph will be saying these Masses privately on the days shown**

## Churches open for Private prayer

As you will know, from Thursday 5 November we will not be able to have Masses in our churches. At the moment this is until 1<sup>st</sup> December. However, we propose to open the churches for private prayer at the approximate times that the Masses would have been said. These times are as follows:

### Monday

St Marie's 9.00 am to 10.00 am

### Tuesday

St Bernadette's 9.00 am to 10.00 am

### Thursday

St Bernadette's 9.00 am to 10.00 am

### Friday

St Marie's 9.00 am to 10.00 am

### Saturday

St Bernadette's 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm

St Marie's 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

### Sunday

St Bernadette's 9.30 am to 10.30 am

St Marie's 11.00 am to 12 noon.

There will be volunteers to steward, sanitise and clean when people leave.

## Masses

Our Parish Priest will be saying privately all the Masses which have been booked. You can continue to request Masses by email, telephone, by envelope in the baskets at the back of church, the pious list box or through the presbytery door.

## Sunday Streaming of Masses at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

Whilst Masses are not being said publicly in our Parish, at the moment, Liverpool Cathedral Mass will be Broadcast at 11.00 am on Sundays.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOiDR9mRmfnAu05Yg3ifyMw?app=desktop>

## Stewards

Thank you to the many volunteers who have been stewarding at both our churches. We still need more volunteers at St Marie's, especially for Saturday night prayer, please contact Margaret Gaffney.

**Thank you** for your offerings  
£1,270.55.

## World Communications

£55.80.

## 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](mailto:steve.lester@zen.co.uk)

## At this time, we say farewell to:

Clementine D'Souza-Bannon

Until we meet again....

## 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.

## Marriage Matters *Always be*

*Ready* Jesus said we should always be ready for His second coming, ready to meet Him. Being 'ready' doesn't mean spending all the time doing religious things. For married couples, being 'ready' means being ready to listen to each other, sharing thoughts and feelings. Keep your 'love tank' full by thinking of ways he or she can be surprised by love.

## SYNOD 2020 PROPOSALS

We invite you to read and reflect on the summary proposals and affirmations, which can be viewed on [www.synod2020/proposals](http://www.synod2020/proposals). Please try to find time this week to look at the affirmations and proposals for Theme 2. Which are you most drawn to? You need to choose 2 affirmations and 5 proposals. You can send your response either by email to [j.wallace@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:j.wallace@rcaol.org.uk) or leave a written response in the Synod box at the back of church, marking your response 'Synod proposals, Theme 2'. Alternatively, you can send feedback via parish Facebook messenger.

## From our Pastoral Associate

Once again, we head into lockdown and will face a few weeks ahead without public worship. For the last 2 weeks, I have had a child isolating at home and it can be hard to see where it will all end. But in only a few

weeks, we will be looking towards Advent and all the hope and promise that brings. We can still be together in faith, if not physically and our online pastoral area Advent service planning is well under way. Please do get involved with our virtual service this year by sending in your video clips of 'lighting a candle' off-camera and passing the light on to another imaginary person. Please pass the candle from your right hand-side to your left. Please film in landscape (phone on its side). There is an example at <https://tinyurl.com/y2bt2fkg> of how it will look. Also, if you can send in a 20 second video of just the lit candle with its flame flickering, that can be used too. Send all videos to [j.wallace@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:j.wallace@rcaol.org.uk) by 15<sup>th</sup> November.

*J Wallace*

## .Pious List

November, the month of the Holy Souls, and in which we remember our deceased loved ones, is with us now. Envelopes are available at the back of church for you to place the names of your loved ones and return then either in the offertory basket, in the Pious list box on the altar, or through the presbytery letter box. They will all be placed in the Pious List box on the Sanctuary. Holy Mass will be offered for them during, and possibly after, the month of November.

## Remembrance Sunday Is this Sunday 8 November.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.



# Archdiocese of Liverpool

## 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**

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**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**

Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan  
Trust St Marie's and St Bernadette (001)  
Parish Account

**Account Number**

61545 922

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