

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

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

Pastoral Associate:
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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: 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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Pentecost Sunday

9 June 2019

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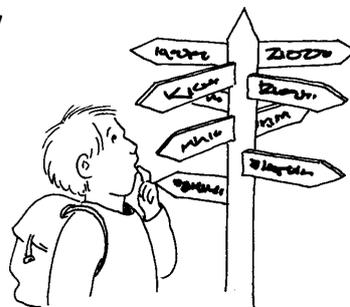
The Acts of the Apostles
gives us a long list of the
countries that people came
from on the first

Pentecost. Jerusalem was full of people
from strange-sounding places with
languages all of their own.

Traditionally we have pointed to the
fact that all of these people were able to
understand the preaching of the apostles
after they had received the gift of the
Spirit. And this "gift of tongues" is seen
as a way that the Spirit can help us to
reach out to people who otherwise would
not be able to grasp the message of Jesus.

Now that the Church has "grown up"
we have people who can translate the
gospel into every known language.
Today it's not a question of helping
people who can't speak Aramaic. It's
about more than foreign languages.
Maybe the challenge of today is to find
tongues that can speak to other diverse
situations in which people are prevented
from knowing the gospel. Perhaps the
gift today is to be able to reach out to
groups who feel alienated by society and
by their surroundings.

Preaching to the converted is used as a
phrase to designate futility. In reality, the
converted need preaching too. But



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Pentecost is a challenge
to each of us to connect
with those whose contact
with Christ and the

Church is minimal or non-existent.

In a society where religion is
considered either quaint or dangerous
(the village churchyard versus the
fundamentalist preacher), either socially
divisive or part of a supposed national
identity (anti-abortion versus Songs of
Praise), Pentecost throws down the
gauntlet to us to "speak" to the hearts and
minds of our fellow citizens.

Do we allow a caricature of
Christianity to be pilloried on the radio
and TV by those who consider it
intellectually untenable? Do we bow to
the assertion that belief in God is ruled
out by scientific advances? Do we stand
by as people parody what they
mistakenly think our faith is all about?

Or do we take up the Pentecost
challenge to find new ways of speaking
to men and women of all nations, races
and conditions about the God who is at
the centre of our lives and who alone can
makes sense of our human existence?

We have the gift of tongues, but are we
using it?

Mass Intentions this week

Pentecost Sunday		They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. (Acts 2: 4)	
Day	Church	Time	Intention
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.30 pm	Bernard Martin (LD)
	St Marie's	6.45 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	Broughton Catholic Charitable Society
	St Marie's	11.00 am	KSC Centenary
Monday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Father K Snape (Ordination Anniv Rem)
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	William Lawrence & Lilian Simpson (Anniv)
Thursday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Father John Ashton
	St Marie's	7.00 pm	Eucharistic Service
Friday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Cliff Halliwell (Birthday Remembrance)
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity		I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. (John 16: 12)	
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.30 pm	Stuart Ryding
	St Marie's	6.45 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	Joe Spicer (LD)
	St Marie's	11.00 am	Leo Price (Anniversary)

This weekend:

CAFOD collection at all Masses.

Sunday: **Synod Listening session** in St Marie's Hall at 12.15 pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served prior to the session.

Sunday: **Ecumenical Pentecost celebrations** in Liverpool, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm. For pilgrimage site, visit www.lifeandhope.org.uk/pilgrimage

Sunday: **Pentecost Ecumenical Service** at St Wilfrid's, Standish at 6.30 pm.

Next week:

Monday: **Knights of St Columba** Council meeting at St Marie's at 8.00 pm. Men wishing to learn about the Knights are invited to attend.

Friday: **Synod Listening session** in St Marie's Hall at 10.00 am.

Next weekend:

Second Collection at all Masses to support 'Day for Life'. To gift aid your donation, please use the envelope provided in the offertory envelope box.

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

Thank you for your offerings
£1,499.01.

Priests' Training Fund
£816.32. Thank you.

Sanctuary Lamps

St Bernadette's: Ann Veronica Herbert (Anniversary)

St Marie's: Martha Wilson (sick).

At the back of church...

- APF Mill Hill Mission books.

Catholic Pictorial

Free copies of the June edition of the Catholic Pictorial are available at the back of Church. Please take one to keep up to date with the news from around our Archdiocese.

Offertory collections

A number of parishioners have now changed from offertory envelopes to direct payments to the parish bank account, reducing the amount of cash to be counted and banked. Thank you.

Annual Mass

Parishioners are invited to the annual concelebrated Mass in honour of St John Rigby at Harrock Hall, Wrightington on Friday, 21 June at 7.00 pm. Principal celebrant will be Archbishop Malcolm McMahon.

Synod 2020

The two remaining Synod 2020 listening sessions, to which parishioners are invited, will be held in St Marie's Hall on Sunday, 9 June at 12.15 pm and Friday, 14 June at 10.00 am. Tea, coffee and biscuits beforehand.

Parishioners are also invited to complete a short questionnaire, available from the back of church, the information from which will be collated by the parish Synod Members alongside the information from the listening sessions. The aim is to get as many opinions as possible from across the parish in preparation for Synod 2020. Please do try to get involved in the process in what will be a very important period for the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese.

Knights of St Columba

Mass at 11.00 am at St Marie's this Sunday, the feast of St Columba, will be offered to celebrate the Knights of St Columba centenary year.

Something to pray about

We can join Pope Francis in his prayer intention for June:

Evangelisation – Priests:

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are the most poor.

Marriage Matters

The Holy Spirit is always there to help us

On our wedding day we were full of life and joy and visibly reflected the presence of the Holy Spirit in us. But He has also been present at other times in our lives: difficult times such as rejection by others, financial difficulties, mental and physical illness. By asking for His strength, He has kept us strong and close.

Bonus Ball

No.42 - J McGugan - £53.

New to the Parish?

You're very welcome. Come and say hello. If you would like to contribute your skills and talents to help the parish, you would be most welcome.

From our Pastoral Associate

I often wonder what it would have been like to be one of the Apostles hiding, waiting anxiously for the one they were told was being sent: the fear, the uncertainty, the anxiety over what the future would hold. These are emotions we can all relate to in our personal lives and within the Church! Yet, the Holy Spirit descends on them and fills them with a confidence and urgency to go out and spread the Good News. We also need to pray for the Holy Spirit to move within our lives, to renew, guide and energise us especially as we journey towards Synod 2020.

For more information about the Synod Process, speak to your parish members, attend the Synod Listening sessions or visit the website www.synod2020.co.uk. "Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us!"

Jo Wallace

'Come Celebrate the Child'

The annual Archdiocesan family celebration Mass is at Saints Peter & Paul Catholic College, Highfield Road, Widnes, WA8 7DW on Sunday, 30 June at 3.00 pm. Activities begin at 1.00 pm. Please bring a picnic. For more information, contact the Safeguarding Office at LACE on 0151 522 1043 or email safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk

Thank you party

Parish helpers are invited to attend a 'Thank you' afternoon tea party in St Marie's Hall on Sunday, 14 July at 3.00 pm. Prosecco, tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided. Please sign the list at the back of Church if you intend to be present.

St Bernadette's Nursery

St Bernadette's nursery has vacancies from September for children aged from three years. Nursery hours, 9.00am to 3.00pm. Access to 'breakfast club' and 'after school club'. For further information and to arrange a visit, contact the school, 401125.

Our Lady of the Annunciation and Saint Bernadette
Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2018

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Offertories	85,106	Running costs	105,225
Fund raising	6,543	School levy	3,046
Weddings, Funerals & Baptisms	16,714	Assessment Fund	11,428
Masses	2,305		
Other income	<u>31,505</u>	Surplus for year	<u>+ 22,474</u>
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