



# CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST BERNADETTE

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*Seeking to revel in the Father's love; to proclaim Jesus as Lord; and to be alive in the Holy Spirit*

## TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

5.45pm Mass *Doreen Osborne RIP*

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September – TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

10.30am Mass *Sheila Tilley RIP*

3.00pm Explanatory Mass

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

10.00am Coffee Morning CANCELLED

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom,  
Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September – FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

10.00am - 4.00pm Bristol Open Doors

No Mass

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**

10.00am -4.00pm Bristol Open Doors

5.45pm Mass

**FATHER MICHAEL HEALY:** We welcome Fr Michael who will be saying Mass in Fr Matt's absence on Saturday evening.

**SHOE BOX APPEAL:** As we have done for the past couple of years, we are supporting the 'Shoe Box' appeal again. Shoe boxes cost 40p and will be available after Mass from the 8<sup>th</sup> September. The closing date for boxes to be returned is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Check out the noticeboard for more info.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:** For many years Gerry Panter has been our Parish Safeguarding Representative and has done a great job of this. Unfortunately, Gerry is not well at present and we are keeping him in our prayers. We are currently appointing two new Safeguarding Representatives for the parish and their names will be announced soon, once they have gone through an induction with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. In the meantime, if you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, please contact Fr Matt or Ray Connolly, Parish Rep at St Gerard's on 07894705336. We thank Gerry for his commitment to this important role over the years and assure him of our prayers.

**CAFOD KERALA FUND:** Thank you for the generous second collection of £320 last weekend.



**Confessions:**  
*Sat 5pm – 5.30pm  
or on request*

**COFFEE MORNING:** Cancelled this week. Thank you for another £100 donated to the Building Fund from the coffee morning attendees.

**BRISTOL OPEN DOORS:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 4pm, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 10am – 4pm and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 12 – 4pm. Would all volunteers please check the noticeboard. Please drop in and see the church differently during these special open days!

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** 15 parishioners, plus another 4 from other parishes will be travelling to Lourdes on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> for a 5 day pilgrimage to our parish's spiritual home. In this fiftieth anniversary year, it is great to go and visit Our Lady of Lourdes and those places associated with Saint Bernadette, our special saint and great intercessor. We will keep the parish in our prayers, of course. Some prayer intention slips have been left at Our Lady's altar. If you have a specific intention, please write it down, leave it in the box, and we will bring these to the Lord when we celebrate Mass at the Grotto.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Today is Education Sunday and there will be a second collection to help fund the important work of the Catholic Education Service that supports all Catholic Schools in England and Wales, in providing the best possible Catholic education for the children at our schools. Please give generously to this appeal. If you are interested in supporting the Catholic education of our children by becoming a School Governor, please contact Bill McEntee of the Clifton Diocese at bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or 0117 9025599 or visit the Clifton diocesan schools' website <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance>

**LETTER FROM POPE FRANCIS:** The letter from Pope Francis to the whole Church regarding the abuse scandals is available at the back of the Church. Please take a copy.

### ADOREMUS 2018

**EXPLANATORY MASS:** Fr Matt will celebrate an 'Explanatory Mass' this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 3pm to 4pm which will include some commentary about the parts of the Mass and the significance of the gestures etc.

**TREASURING THE LITURGY:** Special exhibition at the cathedral. Check out noticeboard for more details.

**FILM NIGHT:** The next film to be shown, following Fr Matt's 'Bulletin Series', will be 'Tangerines' on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm. Cert 15.

**WOMEN'S GROUP – WELCOME EVENING:** Runs every two weeks at St Gerard's for discussions; activity planning; faith-sharing; peer support. There is a 'Welcome Evening' on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 7pm to 8.30pm for those women who would like to find out more. A short announcement about this group will be made after this weekend's Masses too. More details on notice board too.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE 3 CHOIRS CONCERT:** To celebrate our Golden Jubilee, three choirs are coming for a performance at St Bernadette's on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm. The evening will feature the award winning 'Wessex Male Voice Choir', the award winning local choir, 'Vox in Frox', and the award winning young adult choir, 'Rechoir'. A super evening is planned and tickets are just £10 and on sale after Mass. All proceeds to the building project.

**DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** There will be another opportunity for the parishes of South Bristol Deanery to come together for the Rite of Reconciliation of several penitents with General Confession and Absolution. Taking place at St Dunstan's, Keynsham on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, all are invited to come and experience the mercy of God.

**HEARTS ON FIRE:** The next 'Hearts on Fire' Churches Together gathering will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm here at St Bernadette's. Prayer, praise and a great speaker.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:** £192.10 (Gift Aid) + £275.37 (Cash) + £197 (S/O) + £94.60 (Average Tax back) = £759.07 Thank you.