



# 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*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

5.45pm Mass *Franco Maresca RIP*

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

10.30am Mass

3.00pm Advent Holy Hour – Adoration, Rosary, Benediction

**DURING ADVENT, THERE WILL BE ADORATION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT FROM 8.15AM BEFORE  
WEEKDAY MASSES (OR AS INDICATED)**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Memorial of Saint Francis, Xavier, Priest**

No Mass

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Memorial of Saint Osmund, Bishop**

9.30am Mass *Andrew Wilkinson and family and staff*

10.00am Church Cleaning

7.00pm Beloved Disciples Part 2 (re-run of part 1 at 6.30pm)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Weekday of Advent**

9.30am Mass *Deceased members of the Lowe Family*

10.00am Coffee Morning

12.00pm Reading with God

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Weekday of Advent**

NO MASS

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

9.30am Mass *Deceased Members of Nooney & Hitchcock Families*

12.00pm Soup Lunch

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December – SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10.00am Mass *Vocations to the Priesthood*

5.45pm Mass *Thanksgiving to Our Lady*

**BUILDING PROJECT SECOND COLLECTION:** This Sunday there will be a second collection for building project.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019:** If your child is in year 3 or above we will soon be inviting them to enrol on our First Holy Communion programme. For more information please come to the parents' information evening on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

**SOUP LUNCHES:** Our next soup lunch is this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December in support of the Julian Trust Night Shelter.



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

**ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING:** Fr Matt would like to meet with all altar servers on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 11am to 12.30pm. Reflections; practice and pizza to finish!

**CALLING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE:** We would like to invite all young people (Year 7 and above) to come and join us in the parish centre on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm, where we would like to ask your help in planning and leading the Young Children's Crib Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. We'd also like to get your thoughts about starting a new youth group.

**ST BERNADETTE'S GOT TALENT SHOWCASE:** Thanks to all the children who took part in the showcase on Friday. A lovely evening was had by all. Many thanks to Maria for all her hard work in making this evening happen.

**BELOVED DISCIPLES:** Our inspiring DVD course for the over sixties continues this Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm to 8pm in the parish centre. The course will help all our 'older' members to feel new value and serve the Church with fresh confidence. With inspiring speakers, David Wells and David Payne, the DVD sessions are just 30 minutes long with a break after 15 minutes for discussion. Includes some great testimonies.

*Not just for older folk. This is for anyone who wants an insight. Come and have a look!*

**Note: We will re-run Part 1 at 6.30pm**

### ADVENT

**CALLING ALL WEEKDAY MASS ATTENDEES:** During Advent, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.15am before all weekday Masses, or as indicated. Please take the opportunity to spend this extra time with the Lord.

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS LEAFLETS:** Please take home a copy of what is happening over Advent & Christmas. Please take some to pass on to family and friends who perhaps don't come to St Bernadette's very often.

**WALK WITH ME:** 'Walk with Me: A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2018'. Special booklets with short reflections are now available. Also, children's Advent and Christmas calendars. Donations welcome.

**REPOSITORY:** Lots of great Christmas stock in the shop.

**A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH THE ANGELS:** Churches Together in Whitchurch and Hengrove invite you to come and join us at St Bernadette's for an evening of carols, music and verse. Music from the Salvation Army Band, community Amplius Choir and choirs of children from our local primary schools. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm. Homemade life-size angels will join us too! Do make one yourself if you can. Mince pies and seasonal beverages to follow.

### ADVENT HOLY HOURS:

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Adoration, Rosary and Benediction

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Adoration and special Advents prayers, litanies and Benediction

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>: Adoration and a reflection on the Great 'O' Antiphons

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** Fr Michael Healy will join Fr Matt in offering us all the opportunity to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Do not worry if you haven't been for a long time. The priests will help you. Take this opportunity to celebrate this beautiful Sacrament and allow the Lord to help you to grow in grace. Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:** £220 (Gift Aid) + £202.76 (Cash) + £197 (S/O) + £94.60 (Average Tax back) = £694.36 Thank you.