



# 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 LENT 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

5.45pm Mass Mick Wall RIP

7.00pm Quizingo

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30am First Holy Communion Teaching 6

10.30am Mass *People of the Parish*

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ONE HOUR BEFORE ALL WEEKDAY MASSES. MORNING PRAYER 15-20 MINUTES BEFORE MASS

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Weekday of Lent

No Mass

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Weekday of Lent

9.30am Mass *Derek Bath RIP*

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Weekday of Lent

9.30am Mass *Tony O'Connor (Ints)*

10.00am Coffee Morning

12.00pm Reading with God

7.00pm Reconciliation Service with Bishop Declan

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Weekday of Lent

9.30am Mass *Ken Griffett RIP*

12.00pm Funeral Service - Vera O'Hara RIP

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Weekday of Lent, CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

12.00pm Churches Together Lent Soup Lunch

6.00pm Youth Group Session

6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer

7.00pm Mass *Peggy Brindley RIP*

#### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Weekday of Lent

9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10.00am Mass *Vocations to the Priesthood*

5.45pm Mass

**ALLEN JENKINS RIP:** Allen's funeral will be at St Gerard's on Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 12.45pm

**HOMILY SERIES:** Over the next four weeks we will reflect on the parish prayer in the light of the Scriptures and our mission as a parish. Week 1 of 4:

*"Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon our parish to deepen in us a thirst and passion for mission"*

**CAROLE STAFFORD:** Please pray for Carole Stafford who has been coming to St Bernadette's for many years and will be baptised and confirmed at Easter! Carole attended the Rite of Election at the cathedral this weekend, where she joined with all the other men and women of the diocese who will become full members of the Catholic Church this Easter.



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



**COMMUNITY MATTERS!** Fr Matt reflects on simple ways to build meaningful community and to create an atmosphere of welcome and belonging:

**"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."**  
Isaiah 43:1 **"Sometimes you want to go....."**

Do you recall the theme song to 'Cheers', that hugely popular US sitcom set in a bar called Cheers in Boston? It was, "Where Everybody Knows Your Name". If you remember, the regulars of the bar would share their experiences and lives with each other while drinking or working at the bar, always with witty plots and well-scripted one-liners. Surely there is a hunger in our hearts to find a place where we feel welcomed and accepted for who we are; a place where everyone knows our name; or at least a place where everyone makes the effort to try to get to know it! Jesus calls us to reach out and to draw people to Him. Jesus wants us to bring others to him. What kind of place of worship will we bring them into though? A place where we are solely preoccupied with our own devotion and only greeting those whom we know? Or, perhaps a place where we realise that stepping out of our comfort zone will bring others, and ourselves, new life?

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST:** This Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. A special collection next weekend. Please put donations in the envelopes provided and the collection will be taken up next weekend.

**PARISH OPEN MEETING:** You are invited to come to a meeting in the parish centre to discuss the way forward for the parish, especially as Fr Matt takes responsibility for St Dunstan's, Keynsham. Inevitably our Mass times will have to change, and greater responsibility will need to be taken by the whole parish. This is also an opportunity to discuss and share our vision for the future. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11.45am (straight after Mass).

**REGULAR GIVING:** Please take home and read and consider the letter attached to the bulletin regarding regular giving and Gift Aid. There will be an opportunity to sign Gift Aid declarations next week if you haven't done so already. Thank you for your support.

**YOUTH MASS:** Our younger members are invited to a Youth Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm to celebrate their 'Significance' in our parish and the Church today. Mass will be followed by pizza and snacks in the parish centre. For those Youth Group members (Year 7 and above), who would like to help plan this celebration, there will be a session in the parish centre on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 6pm to 7.30pm.

### LENT:

**CAFOD LENTEN SOUP LUNCH:** this Friday from 12.00pm in the Parish Centre.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE WITH BISHOP DECLAN:** Bishop Declan is coming to the parish this Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm to lead a service of reconciliation. As well as the bishop, there will be 4 other priests available for Confession. This is one of 5 such services taking place around the diocese this Lent.

**WALKING TOWARDS EASTER:** Prayer and reflection from 10am to 3pm at Emmaus House, Sleep Lane, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The day will be led by Christine Roberts, an experienced spiritual director and group leader. Please bring a packed lunch. Hot drinks provided. Donations welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** There will be Stations of the Cross on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March; Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm. This will be preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3pm.

**LENT EVENING MASSES:** In response to a request for those who work to come to Mass on an evening in Lent, there will be Mass in the church during Lent on the following days at 7pm, preceded by an hour's Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00pm and Evening Prayer at 6.45pm. The dates are: **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March; Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March; Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March; Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April; Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed one hour before all weekday Masses during Lent. Please join us for Morning Prayer twenty minutes before Mass too.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:** £341.00 (Gift Aid) + £232.79 (Cash) + £197 (S/O) + £94.60 (Average Tax back) = £865.39 Thank you.