



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 17th March 2019

5.45pm Mass *Intentions of John Dunne*
Sunday 17th March – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
9.30am First Holy Communion Teaching 7
10.30am Mass *People of the Parish*
4.00pm Youth Mass and Social



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

Monday 18th March – Weekday of Lent

No Mass

**Tuesday 19th March – SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH,
HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9.30am Mass

Wednesday 20th March – Weekday of Lent

10.00am Funeral of Lionel Jones at South Bristol Crematorium

10.00am Coffee Morning

12.00pm Reading with God

Thursday 21st March – Weekday of Lent

7.00pm Mass *Peggy Brindley RIP*

Friday 22nd March – Weekday of Lent

No Mass

Saturday 23rd March – Weekday of Lent

9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10.00am Mass *Vocations to the Priesthood*

5.45pm Mass *Lionel Jones RIP*



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

PLEASE PRAY: For the repose of the souls of Lionel Jones, Eileen Osborne, Alfred Kingston and Mary Lewis. The funerals of Eileen, Alf and Mary will be on Tuesday 2nd April, 2.15pm, Thursday 4th April, 2pm and Friday 5th April, 2.15pm respectively

CAFOD FAMILY FAST: This weekend there will be a special collection for CAFOD.

HOMILY SERIES: We continue to reflect on the parish prayer in the light of the Scriptures and our mission as a parish. Week 2 of 4:

“Grant that your gifts and faith, hope and love will lead us in true discipleship”

SHINE: The next women's group meeting will be at St Gerard's on Thursday 14th and 28th March. Drop in between 6.30-8.30pm All will be welcome. For more information, please contact Andrea on 07460 598823.

QUIZINGO: Thank you all to who supported last week's social event, which raised over £500 for the building fund.

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

“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Isaiah 49:15 **“What's the worst that can happen.....”**”

“What's the worst that can happen?” was an advertising slogan for Dr Pepper. The idea of the marketing campaign was that, despite people not being sure about the taste of the drink, surely it wouldn't be a disaster to at least try it. After all, they might even like it! It's kind of reverse psychology. Being more open and welcoming, especially in a church context where we might have always felt that we had to be timid and private, might seem counter-intuitive. Surely we don't smile or talk in church? Of course, this is faulty thinking and the Gospel compels us to challenge ourselves to get away from it. Come on, what's the worse that can happen?”

FILM NIGHT: ‘About a Boy’ cert. 12 (98 mins) on Tuesday 2nd April at 7pm in the Parish Centre. People are welcome to bring snacks and drinks.

PRESCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE: St Bernadette's Primary school is looking into the possibility of opening a preschool and, as part of the process, needs to ascertain the needs of parents with young children in the local community. Patty Morley will be in the narthex with the questionnaire at the end of Mass.

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 7th April at 11.45am (straight after Mass).

REGULAR GIVING: Further to the appeal last week to consider more carefully our level of giving to support the parish, there will be an opportunity to sign Gift Aid declarations this week if you haven't done so already. Thank you for your support.

YOUTH MASS: Our younger members are invited to a Youth Mass this Sunday 17th 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 15th March from 6pm to 7.30pm.

ST BERNADETTE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL: 2020/21 admissions policy is now available on the school website www.stberns.bristol.sch.uk

LENT:

WALKING TOWARDS EASTER: Prayer and reflection from 10am to 3pm at Emmaus House, Sleep Lane, Saturday 23rd 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 24th March; Sunday 7th April and Sunday 14th 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 Thursday 21st March; Friday 29th March; Wednesday 3rd April; Thursday 11th 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: £174 (Gift Aid) + £182 (Cash) + £197 (S/O) + £94.60 (Average Tax back) = £647.60 Thank you.