

Archdiocese of Liverpool
Parish of

Our Lady of the Annunciation
and Saint Bernadette

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www.myparishapp.com

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Until further notice, the parish
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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: St Bernadette's
9.00 -9.20 am & St Marie's 10.40-
10.50 am on Sunday mornings.

Church opening: Because
churches need to be staffed while
open, St Marie's and St
Bernadette's Churches will be
open only for Mass times.

Funerals and Marriages: By
arrangement.

Visits to sick and housebound:
Please inform Fr Joseph 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 Stewards
on leaving mass or delivered to the
Parish Office through the front door.
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: E-mail to
jointparishes@gmail.com or hand in
to the Parish Office by Thursday
morning please.

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28th Sunday of the Year

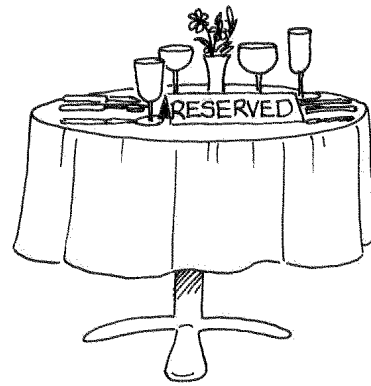
11 October 2020

RESERVING A TABLE

Two beautiful images of our God are put before us today. The first tells us that God has already prepared a sumptuous banquet of food and fine wine for us. The second is that on the day we are called to share in this everlasting feast he will wipe away every tear from our eyes and take away all our shame.

Everyone likes a good feast, but rich food and drink were especially welcomed by people who lived in the arid desert. So, Isaiah's words from God were eagerly received by the Jewish people whose nation had been overrun by a foreign power and who had been taken captive into exile. Despite all their present troubles God promises them that in the end they will be triumphant and that he will never abandon them.

The eucharist that Christians celebrate every Sunday is the "starter course" of this promised banquet. What God has promised us for eternity in heaven has already begun. The eucharist is the sacred meal shared by those who have been baptised into Christ's death and who now await a full share in his resurrection. The rich food and fine wine is the body and



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blood of Christ who is really present among us when we gather in his name.

So, our liturgy puts us in contact with the eternal presence of God and is not something that we do alone. Here on earth we join the heavenly

liturgy of saints and angels who already see God face to face and are moved to constant praise. And that's why God has already begun to wipe away the tears from our eyes, for in our worship we are joined in communion with those who have gone before us and whom we once mourned and grieved for. But liturgy is not simply what our parish or community is doing. Liturgy is cosmic. We join our voices with choirs of angels and saints of all time in our hymn of praise. Scripture tells us that those of our family and friends who have died are not dead for ever but are indeed alive in Christ. Liturgy joins together the communion of saints on both sides of the grave.

A banquet of rich food and fine wine...our tears dried...our shame taken away...and this is only the starter. Why not reserve a table?

Mass Intentions this week

28 th Sunday of the Year		The Lord will prepare a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines... he will destroy Death for ever and wipe away the tears from every cheek (Isaiah 25:6-8)	
Day	Church	Time	Intention
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.00 pm	Robert Grady
	St Marie's	6.00 pm	Harry and Wyn Pryce (Anniv)
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	People of the Parish
	St Marie's	11.00 am	Ellen Knight
Monday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Kathleen Lee (LD)
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Tony Cosgrove (B'day Rememb)
Thursday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Joseph Lawton (Anniv)
Friday	St Marie's	9.15 am	In Thanksgiving for the Safe Arrival of Charlie James Webster
29 th Sunday of the Year		Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. (Matthew 22:21)	
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.00 pm	John Galvin (Anniv)
	St Marie's	6.00 pm	Joseph & Margaret Webster (Anniv)
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	Thanksgiving to the Infant of Prague
	St Marie's	11.00 am	People of the Parish

QR code

To help during the pandemic when parish mass books are not able to be used, scan the QR code on your smartphone which will take you straight to a website where the texts of the readings can be found.



Thank you for your offerings
£1,046.00

St Marie's Sanctuary Lamp
Edward Fairhurst (Anniversary)

At this time, **we say farewell to:**

Theresa Mary Shaw
Until we meet again....

CAFOD Fast Day

The collection takes place this weekend. Special envelopes were given last weekend, and there are extras at the back of church. Please place them or any cash in the baskets as you enter church. If you wish, you can donate by a text from your mobile details can be found on the poster at the back of church. Please use the Gift Aid slip if you can – 25p can be claimed for each £1 donated.

APF World Missions

Next weekend there will be a special collection for missionaries from all continents. Pope Francis says " *The Church continues the mission of Jesus and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and transform hearts, societies and culture*".

Knights Rosary

The Knights recite the Rosary on a Thursday evening at 7.30 pm. To receive an email invitation to join,

please contact Steve Lester,
steve.lester@zen.co.uk

Offertory collections

Thank you to parishioners who have set up standing orders for their weekly offerings and to those who have made offerings to the Church. If you have signed up to gift aid your offerings, that will continue. If you wish to make your offerings by standing order, a Standing Order mandate is attached (e copy only). Hard copies are available as you enter Church

For parishioners who are continuing to use the offertory envelopes and haven't yet collected them, they are available as you leave Mass.

Marriage Matters

The call to forgive

How can I love my spouse and bring life? We are called to set aside resentment, to listen gently to our beloved, seeking understanding. In today's gospel the servant who is forgiven refuses to forgive the man who owes him. God forgives us everything, but are we willing to let go of the hurts we have experienced via our spouse?

Catholic Pictorial

The October edition is available on leaving church. This is also available online.

RECRUITMENT

An opportunity is available for a highly skilled and experienced administrator to work in the parish office at St Marie's Presbytery, Standish. This is a part time, permanent post working Monday, Thursday and Friday each week, 9.00am – 12.00pm.

To apply, visit:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Parish-Administrator-St-Maries-Presbytery-Standish> Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack. Deadline 14 October.

Stewards

Thank you to the many volunteers who have been stewarding at recent Masses at both our churches. We still need more volunteers are urgently needed at both churches. For St Marie's, especially for Saturday night Mass, please contact Margaret

Gaffney mtgaffney@btinternet.com and for St Bernadette's especially for Sunday morning, please contact Tony Quinn. Please follow the directions of the stewards who are following the Covid 19 directions to ensure we keep safe. You will be asked to wear a mask, sanitise on entering, safely distance and exit via the Sacristy and through the Presbytery front door at St Marie's. At St Bernadette's you will be asked to exit through the right hand side door, which is near the altar.

From our Pastoral Associate

I don't know about you, but this year has passed me by in a blur and now here we are in October! October is the month of the Rosary and it seems that this year more than ever we could do with the protection of Our Lady. I am currently working with our primary schools to record and edit together an audio resource voiced by our children, so that throughout October and beyond, families can pray a decade of the Rosary together at home. The aim is to share the resource with all our school families as well as our parish communities, so that praying the Rosary becomes part of our daily routine. *Our Lady of the Rosary pray for us!*
J Wallace

Synod 2020 Update

Next weekend, 17 and 18 October, we celebrate the third Synod Sunday in the Archdiocese. Originally this was to be the weekend of our Synod 2020 event but the COVID-19 pandemic means this will now take place in June 2021.

On Synod Sunday the summary proposals on our four Synod Themes will be published which you will be able to find on the Synod Website. Over the following weeks our local Synod Members will be inviting your responses to these proposals as we continue to discern the Church God is calling us to be.

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Standing Order Mandate

Name of parish

Our Lady of the Annunciation & St Bernadette 001

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The Manager

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LIVERPOOL
L2 6PG

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