

Archdiocese of Liverpool
Parish of
Our Lady of the Annunciation
and Saint Bernadette

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Parish Office at Saint Marie's:

Open Monday to Friday
from 9.00 am to 12 noon

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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: Saint Bernadette's:
Sunday 9.10 to 9.20 am. Saint
Marie's: Thursday 6.30 - 6.50 pm.
or by request.

Church opening: Please
remember that Saint Marie's
Church is open for private prayer
during weekdays between 9.00
am and 12 noon.

Funerals and Marriages: By
arrangement.

Visits to sick and housebound:
Please inform Fr John 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 the
Sacristy or to the Parish Office.
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: Please e-
mail to jointparishes@gmail.com or
hand in to the Parish Office by
Thursday morning.

Repository: Open at the back of
church after each weekend Mass.

St Marie's Hall: All bookings for
hall usage should be made in
advance with the Parish Office
during the parish office hours.

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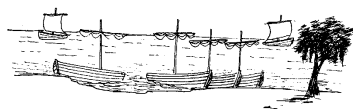
DEEPER WATER

We all like to feel comfortable and we all have our own little ways of doing things that we've got used to. That's because by nature we're creatures of habit. We don't like to be put out or troubled by having to learn new ways. We like a quiet life.

Religious people sometimes use their faith in the same way. It becomes a comfort and a crutch, a way of doing things that makes them feel secure and unthreatened. Faith becomes the spiritual insurance policy that guarantees peace of mind.

But at the heart of faith is risk. Faith involves making that leap, walking along the path with no signs, trusting when you know that everything could go wrong. Faith is an invitation not to remain where we are but to seek ever new and more enriching pastures, to stretch ourselves, to be challenged in ways that we cannot even suspect but which will carry their own rewards. Christian faith, in particular, is not an anaesthetic but an adventure.

In today's gospel we see Jesus telling Simon Peter to put out the boats into deeper water. Normally you don't catch many fish by the edge of a lake; you have



to be bold and move into the middle. And, sure enough, having fished all night long and caught nothing, it was when the disciples obeyed Jesus' request to put out into deeper water that they not only caught fish but netted a catch that astounded them.

The deeper the water the more uncomfortable people feel, because you can't touch the bottom. But the deeper the water the greater the catch. Our sluggishness encourages us to remain static in faith. We're content to catch fish when Jesus promises us that we could be catching people, encouraging men and women to come to Christ. We're prepared to do the basic minimum in our faith, to enjoy the view close to the shore, when Jesus promises us a magnificent experience on the high seas.

Today's liturgy challenges us to be bolder in our relationship with God and with others, to grow in faith and trust, to move to areas in our lives that are as yet uncharted. Yes, we're bound to have doubts about our safety. But God does not promise us a calm passage...just a safe landing.

Mass Intentions this week

Fifth Sunday of the Year		Simon Peter fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man." (Luke 5:8)	
Day	Church	Time	Intention
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.30 pm	Kathleen Halliwell (LD)
	St Marie's	6.45 pm	Tom Leyland (Anniversary)
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	People of the Parish
	St Marie's	11.00 am	Norman & Cecilia Johnstone (Anniv)
Monday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Winifred Lonsdale
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Mary Kathleen Cusani
Thursday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Winnie Sturgeon (Birthday Remem)
	St Marie's	7.00 pm	Peter Cammack
Friday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Stephen Grundy
Sixth Sunday of the Year		But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. (Luke 6:24)	
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.30 pm	Parry Gordon (Birthday Remembrance)
	St Marie's	6.45 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	John Ryan
	St Marie's	11.00 am	David Marsh (Anniversary)

This weekend:

Sunday after 11.00 am Mass: **Tea and coffee** in St Marie's Hall.

This week:

Monday: **Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes** at Christ the King, Queen's Drive, Childwall at 7.30 pm.

Monday: **Knights of St Columba** Council meeting at St Marie's at 8.00 pm. Men wishing to learn about the Knights are invited to attend.

Next weekend:

Sunday after 11.00 am Mass: **Tea and coffee** in St Marie's Hall.

Sunday: **'Celebratory Mass' of Marriage and Family Life** at the Cathedral, Liverpool at 11.00 am.

Thank you for your offerings
£1,550.48.

Bonus Ball

No.20 - Rollover - £15.

St Marie's Sanctuary Lamp

In thanksgiving

A prayer for Yemen

Giver of Life, who hears the cries from Yemen; of mothers choosing between medicine or food, of parents grieving children lost to starvation, of those who have given up everything in hunger. Hear our cries for hope, for change, for peace.

In your mercy, break political deadlocks, soften hardened hearts, change closed minds, open unhearing ears.

Let people come before power, let life be holy again, let your justice and peace, shape the nation of Yemen and the lives of all people. Amen.

Marriage Preparation

Marriage Preparation course dates for 2019 are now available. Due to high demand, courses are only for couples who live or who are going to be married in the Archdiocese. Visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/marriagepreparation or contact Maureen O'Brien, email, m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk or tel. 0151 522 1044.

World Day of Prayer

An ecumenical service prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia for World Day of Prayer will be held at St Anne's, Shevington on Friday 1 March at 2.00 pm. It is a great opportunity for our community to come together in prayer and praise.

Singing for the Brain

Singing for the Brain is an initiative organised by the Alzheimer's Society which involves bringing dementia patients and carers together in regular singing groups. The groups are a socially stimulating activity for people with dementia and memory loss, helping them to build new relationships, retain skills, and boost confidence.

It is intended to hold a Singing for the Brain afternoon on the second Monday of every month in the church hall at St Joseph's, Wrightington from 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm, commencing in March. To run the group, volunteers are needed to meet, greet and complete a register, serve drinks, sit and chat or boost the singing.

If you are able to help or know anyone who would benefit from this, please contact Tom and Ann Banks, 400036 or email, ann.flatley.banks@gmail.com.

Divorced/separated support

The next course for divorced and separated Catholics starts this month. The course is for any person who is going through, or has gone through, a relationship breakdown. See the poster in the Church porch or contact: Maureen 07967753371 or Jacqui 07793825815.

Defibrillator training

Three years ago at the request of St Marie's Bowling club, approval was given to position a defibrillator on St Marie's Church wall close to the Church car park. Training was given on the use of the defibrillator by North West Ambulance Service. Some further training on how to operate the defibrillator will be given in St Marie's Hall on Saturday, 9 March at 11.00 am. All are welcome to attend.

Marriage Matters

Follow your dream
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'
Isaiah was sustained by his vision of God in glory; Paul by his vision of Jesus. On our wedding days we had a dream for our future together. The grace of God has sustained that vision through many struggles. Let's always seek to follow our dream.

Catholic Singles

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498.

CAFOD

Thank you to all who supported the February self-denial last weekend. At St Bernadette's, the amount collected was £302.60. With amounts gift aided, adding 25% to the value, the total raised was £344.97. A cheque for £1,000 has been sent to CAFOD.

The collection at St Marie's raised £335. With amounts gift aided, the total raised was £393.25.

Grand National Draw

Grand National Draw tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses.

A word from our Pastoral Associate...

Well, it has been an exciting (and tiring) first month in role! I have now been able to introduce myself at all the Masses in the parishes I serve. Attending Masses has been a lovely opportunity to meet and chat to parishioners who have lots of questions about my role! I spent my 2nd week at LACE for Archdiocese Induction and am also studying for a Diploma in Pastoral Leadership. Here is a snapshot of my first month: I made some new friends at the Thursday Club, attended the Joint Parishes meeting, delivered a session to Y2 children on 'Books we use in Mass', planned and led prayer session for Week of Christian Unity, led singing at St. Marie's chalking of the door and opening of MUGA, attended a Youth Group session and have been planning ideas with Fr John for how we welcome families into Mass, as well as arranging a joint meeting for children's liturgy catechists in all of the parishes I serve.

In addition to this, I was also at the Cathedral for the Synod 2020 Opening Ceremony, with my fellow Pastoral Associates. Please continue to keep us all in your prayers as we travel "together on the road" of this Pastoral Associate Project.

Joanne Wallace