

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

## 2nd Sunday of Christmas

3 January 2021

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**Parish Office at Saint Marie's:**  
Until further notice, the parish  
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**Confessions:** St Bernadette's  
9.00 -9.20 am & St Marie's 10.40-  
10.50 am on Sunday mornings.

**Baptisms:** Enquire about the  
possibility.

**Funerals:** By arrangement.

**Marriages:** Enquire with Father  
Joseph.

**Visits to sick and housebound:**  
Please enquire about the current  
situation.

**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 church or delivered to  
the Parish Office through the front  
door. They can also be booked by  
telephone or email. 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](mailto:jointparishes@gmail.com) or hand in  
to the Parish Office by Thursday  
morning please.

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**Read:** "The Word made Flesh In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth."

**Reflect:** The Gospel reading for this Second Sunday after Christmas is the same as that for Christmas Day itself. Perhaps, after all the celebrations of Christmas, there is room for a more sober thought. The climax is not at the end of the reading, but is in the centre: 'to those who believe he gave power to become sons of God'. On either side of this verse are rejection by his own people, and acceptance by those who see his Glory. This theme of acceptance and rejection runs right through the gospel of John, some accepting (the disciples, Nicodemus, the Man Born Blind), some rejecting (the Pharisees, the leaders of the Jews). The disciples accept at the Marriage Feast at Cana; the leaders of the Jews immediately afterwards reject at the Cleansing of the Temple. You cannot remain neutral; you must either accept or reject. It is a great trial-scene, and we judge ourselves by our reaction to Jesus. The Father has given all judgment to the Son, but the Son judges no one. The last dread scene is when the Jewish leaders pass sentence on themselves before Pilate and before Jesus crowned as king and seated as judge; they reject God's kingship by saying, 'We have no king but Caesar'. There is no need for sentence to be passed, for we pass our own sentence on ourselves. Does it make sense to say that we judge ourselves?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

[www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)

### Mass Intentions this week

Second Sunday of Christmas		"The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory."	
Day	Church	Time	Intention
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.00 pm	Joe Hilton (B'day Rememb)
	St Marie's	6.00 pm	Kevin Carey (B'day Rememb)
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	Jean Lawton (Anniv)
	St Marie's	11.00 am	People of the (Parish)
Monday	St Marie's	9.15 am	L.I.S.C.F
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Anthony Cosgrove
Thursday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Clem D'Souza
Friday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Ivan Hedley
<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>		Listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen and your soul will live. (Isaiah 55:2-3)	
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.00 pm	Andrew Woods (Anniv)
	St Marie's	6.00 pm	June Danson (Anniv)
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	People of the Parish
	St Marie's	11.00 am	Roy Johnson (Anniv)

## 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  
Including Christmas £1,625.30

## St Bernadette's Sanctuary Lamp

Private Intentions J & D

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](mailto:steve.lester@zen.co.uk).

## Donations

There have recently been some very generous donations to Church Funds. Thank you.

## Crib Appeal 2020

Please help Nugent Care to continue the work of its founder, Father James Nugent, by giving your support to the 2020 crib collection. All proceeds will be used to help those in need across the Archdiocese.

## Solemnity of the Epiphany

On 6 January, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Epiphany or manifestation, which traditionally falls on 6 January, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God the Son as a human being in Jesus Christ. Western Christians commemorate principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Baby Jesus, and thus Jesus's physical manifestation to the Gentiles.

## Marriage Matters Christmas Day

*The Gift of Unity* At this joyful time of the year, let us look with delight at one another, remembering that we have each been entrusted, by God, with the grace he meant for each other when we got married. God's gift has made us one body and the gift of our children is this grace made flesh bringing joy into our hearts.

## Cardinal Heenan House

There are Staff Vacancies at the Residential Care Home, specialising in care for people living with dementia. Required are bank care staff, a kitchen domestic & a part time cook. Contact: Kerry Ellison, Manager, Cardinal Heenan House, Roby Mill, Upholland, Skelmersdale, WN8 0QR.

## Development Fund

Subscriptions are due in January. Existing Members – keep up the good work and as a reward get a chance to win one of the generous prizes. Can we entice some **new members** to join? If you pay by cash or cheque (payable to St Marie's), place in an envelope marked "Development Fund monthly draw", with your name. Include in the envelope your name, address and telephone number and whether you are an existing or new member. If you need your payment to be picked up this can be arranged if you ring the office on 01257 423291. The amount paid out in prizes may be reviewed, as it depends on the level of subscriptions received.

## Christian Unity Week

18 - 25 January 2021. St Wilfrid's will host 5 day simply led Noon Prayer sessions.

## Parish App

Did you know there is a button on the parish app for you to read the Pope's daily message? You can also watch celebrations of Mass via the app and there are texts of numerous prayer and the readings for the day on there too. If you've not used it recently, do have a look and see what's there and if you've not downloaded it, it's available on the App store and Google Play Store.

## At the back of church...

- 'Living Faith' booklets for adults, and children, January – March
- New Rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers.
- Copies of the January edition of the Catholic Pictorial are available as you leave Mass.
- Access the online edition at <https://bit.ly/30qfl3r>

## Catholic Universe

To subscribe direct, visit [www.thecatholicuniverse.com/shop](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com/shop) or Telephone 0161 820 5722 to arrange delivery.

## SPUC – White Flower Appeal

This year SPUC has the annual White Flower Appeal on 9/10 January 2021. The parish will send a donation on your behalf. However, if you wish to make your own donation and prefer to give by cheque, please send it to FREEPOST SPUC, Unit B, 3 Whitacre Mews, Stannary Street, London, SE11 4AB. Cheques payable to SPUC. Or visit <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Donate> to donate online.

## Good News Church is still open for Mass!

Even though we went into Tier 4 on Friday 31 December 2020, the good news is that communal worship can still take place in our churches. Therefore, we continue to celebrate Mass whilst taking all the necessary precautions. Happy New Year!



# Archdiocese of Liverpool

## Standing Order Mandate

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Our Lady of the Annunciation & St Bernadette 001

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The Manager

**Address**

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LIVERPOOL  
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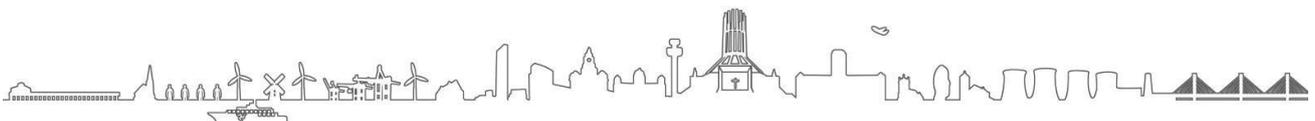
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