

Sixth Sunday of the Year

12 February 2012

If you want to...

It seems that Jesus couldn't go very long without curing people. There's no doubt that he was a healer but he was not a doctor and he never claimed to be setting himself up as a physician. Yet he does want us to enjoy three types of healing:

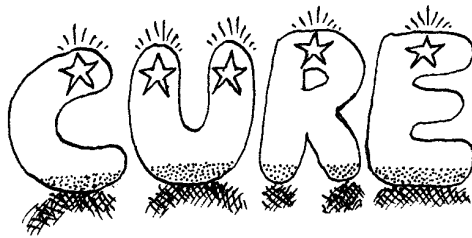
Physical: Following Jesus's example and command the Church continues to call upon God's healing power to restore its sick members to health. This is not magic. It is the simple request that the person may not be laid low by illness, but may be sustained to bear the trials and hardships of sickness without being overwhelmed. We cannot say why some people recover through prayer and anointing while others do not. Only God knows. Yet we remain faithful to the age-old practice of prayer for the sick.

Psychological: Isolation is a negative thing. We were made to belong, to be part of God's family and to be in the

company of supportive friends and family. Sickness can cut us off from feeling that we are part of things. When Jesus cured the leper he restored him once more to where he belonged, to the community, to his family and friends. 'Go and show yourself to the priests' was Jesus's way of asserting that the man was to be recognised as fully part of the community.

Spiritual: Health is about wholeness and wholeness is about knowing that we are made in God's image: to be holy, loving and creative. Spiritual healing recognises that our actions sometimes obscure this image within us. To know that we are forgiven, that we are ransomed and restored in Christ, allows us to live the inner life that God intends for us. It lets us be at peace even in the midst of suffering. And more importantly it affirms us as integral members of the Body of Christ.

Maybe that's why Jesus told the leper, 'Of course I want to cure you!'



Mass Intentions this week

Day	Church	Time	Intention
6 th Sunday of the Year			A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to, you can cure me.' (Mark 1:40)
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.30 pm	Mary Almond
	St Marie's	7.00 pm	Roy Johnson (Anniversary)
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	Ruby Wedding (Margaret & Tony Quinn)
	St Marie's	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Andrew Ledwith
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	John Mineter (LD)
Wednesday	St Marie's	7.00 pm	Winnie Sturgeon (Anniversary)
Thursday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Successful Operation (DM)
Friday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Frank Durkin
7 th Sunday of the Year			No need to recall the past, to think about what was done before... It is I who must blot out everything, and not remember your sins. (Isaiah 43:18.25.)
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
	St Marie's	7.00 pm	Golden Jubilee: Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	Jacqui Rushton (Anniversary)
	St Marie's	11.00 am	John H Platt

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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: Sun 9.10-9.20 am.

St Marie's: Wed 6.30 - 6.50 pm.

or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Mass Requests: Place in an envelope and hand in to the Sacristy or to the Parish Office at St Marie's. 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.

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.

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

Newsletter Notices: Please e-mail to jointparishes@gmail.com or hand in to the Parish Office by Thursday morning.

The Grapevine: If anyone has any ideas or items for submission to the magazine please e-mail stbernadettesgrapevine@gmail.com

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

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This weekend:

Sunday after 11.00 am Mass: **Tea and coffee** in the Hall.

Sunday: **Service for the celebration of Marriage and Family** at St Mary's, Leyland at 3.00 pm. Principal Celebrant, Archbishop Patrick Kelly.

Sunday: Archdiocesan Mass for **World Day of Prayer for the Sick** in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool at 3.00 pm. Celebrant, Bishop Tom Williams.

This week

Tuesday: Meeting of the **Lay Apostleship of Christ the Returning King** in the Meeting Room at St Marie's at 7.30 pm to say the rosary and share intercessory prayer for our world, nation, parish and homes. Anne's monthly message will be read out. This is an open meeting. All welcome. Please note venue.

Wednesday: **Jesus Call To Justice, From Guilt To Joy**, an evening conversation about the Pastoral Area with the Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Commission at St John Rigby Catechetical Centre, St Richard's, Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale at 7.30 pm. Refreshments from 7.00 pm. Contact Steve Atherton, 0151 522 1080 or Arthur Egerton, 01695 23480

Wednesday: **St Bernadette's Children's Liturgy Group** 'Come and join us, see what we do and how' event at 17 Newgate Avenue, Appley Bridge at 7.45 pm for anyone interested in becoming a leader or helper of the Group. Contact Mary B, 253380 or 07790 964846 or e-mail marybhill17@btinternet.com.

Next weekend:

Sunday after 11.00 am Mass: **Tea and coffee** in the Hall.

Sunday: **Songs of Praise** at St Bernadette's at 3.00 pm.

Sunday: **Annual Civic Mass** in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool at 3.00 pm. The Mass will also mark the Golden Jubilee of the ordination of Archbishop Patrick Kelly as a priest. All are welcome.

Thank you for your offerings
£1,259.15.

Bonus Ball

No.46 - Rollover - £16.

Thank you party

Helpers at St Bernadette's and St Marie's are invited to attend a 'Thank

you' party in St Marie's Church Hall on Tuesday, 21 February at 7.30 pm.

All helpers are requested to sign the list at the back of Church if they intend to be present.

Catholic Evangelisation Services

The next session of the 'Walking in the Spirit' DVD course will be held in St Marie's Hall on Monday 20 February at 7.30 pm. The title of the session is 'Equipped by the Spirit'. All are welcome.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The parish is to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Monday 4 June in the Church grounds. There will be stalls, food, drink, children's entertainer, bouncy castle etc. Food & drinks will be free. The celebration will end with the lighting of a beacon and a small firework display.

To fund the celebration, a number of fundraising events will be held, which please support.

Recovering and Moving on after Divorce

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Formation Department is offering a series of six weekly meetings to offer support to Catholics who are divorced or separated or experiencing the breakdown of a long term relationship. Christians of any other denomination, or of none, are very welcome. The groups are small and confidential. There is no charge.

Meetings commence on Monday 20 February, 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm, Aigburth Area, Liverpool 17. Contact Frances on 0151 727 2195.

There is also a one day meeting on Saturday, 18 February for people who would find difficulty in attending the six meetings. This will use some of the material from the full course.

CAFOD

Thank you to all St Bernadette's parishioners who supported February's self denial collection. The amount raised was £110.50, of which £77 was gift aided, raising an extra £19.25, making a grand total of £129.75.

RCIA Support for Journey VII

An evening for parish RCIA teams to reflect on the importance of using the liturgical cycle in their formation processes at Holy Rosary, Altway,

Aintree on Tuesday 13 March at 7.30 pm. Refreshments from 7.00 pm.

There is no charge. Bookings on a 'first come, first served basis'.

Contact Julie Cassidy, 0151 522 1040 or e-mail j.cassidy@rcaol.co.uk.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday 2 March and the service in Shevington will be at St Bernadette's at 7.30 pm. The speaker is Margaret Jennings. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to help. Two readers are still needed. If you are available and willing to read, please contact Krystyna, 425347.

Hoe Down

There will be a 'Hoe Down' in St Bernadette's School Hall on Saturday 24 March at 7.30 pm. Music by The Old School Band. Proceeds to Angela Price Hambantona Charity Appeal. Tickets priced £10 includes buffet supper.

Rite of Election 2012

Are you free on Sunday 26 February? If so, the Archdiocesan Liturgy Commission Music Dept. invites you sing at the 'Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion' at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King at 3.00 pm. See poster in the Church porch or contact Anne Preston, 0791 3006537, email: anne.preston@ntlworld.com

Church Opening

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

Newsletter

The weekly newsletter is online at: www.stbernadetteshevington.org.uk and www.stmariesstandish.co.uk.

Dates for your diary

Saturday, 10 March: **Retreat Day** at LACE, 10.30 am – 3.00 pm, led by Archbishop Patrick Kelly for adults preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation Easter 2012. Those interested should contact their RCIA team to ensure a place has been booked.

