

Archdiocese of Liverpool

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and Saint Bernadette

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**Parish Office at Saint Marie's:**  
Open Monday to Friday  
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**Baptisms:** By prior arrangement.  
Information available at weekend  
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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  
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**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.  
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For a particular day, please request  
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# Palm Sunday of the Passion of Christ

14 April 2019

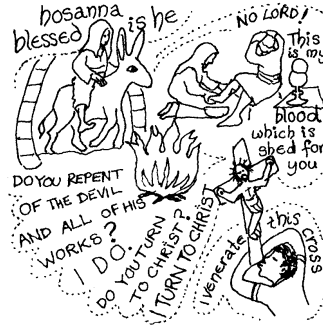
## SOMETHING TO SHOUT

There's a lot of shouting going on this week. It starts with the cheering crowd as Jesus makes his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Thursday night sees accusations and insults being flung around as Jesus is seized by the Roman authorities; and there's more to come on Friday as he is jeered through the streets carrying his cross.

Holy Week is partly about remembering those events. But only partly. Yes, we carry palms, wash people's feet, venerate the cross and light fires. But these things are only outward signs of what the Church is calling us to do inwardly. Our Easter liturgy doesn't simply remember the past. If we enter into its spirit then we make the effect of those past events present today in our lives.

As we wave our palms we recognise Jesus as Messiah just as the crowd did on that day long ago. But we also recognise our own fickleness. We acknowledge that we are capable of strong assertions of faith one moment and complete disregard the next minute.

When we wash people's feet we re-enact what Jesus did at the Last Supper. But we do it to profess our belief in our call to serve others. It is a symbol of the



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## ABOUT

Christian's call to be of service to all our brothers and sisters in their needs. If we sit and watch but have no intention of increasing

our desire to serve, then we are not taking part in the liturgy. We are simply present in church.

Venerating the wood of the cross is an act of devotion that we make as sinners. Yet it is also an opportunity for us to recognise our total dependence on Jesus whose death is the reason that today we can have life to the full. By dying on Calvary Jesus has tamed death, has overcome the worst evil that may befall us and has offered us the chance of eternal happiness. That's what we remember as we approach the cross.

The Easter fire burns in the darkness (provided we haven't started too early!) as a sign that our lives are not clogged by obscurity, that we can live life in the light. Christ rose from the dead to offer us a risen life that transcends mere human existence. Our renewal of baptismal promises ratifies our commitment to this new life.

Yes, there's a lot going on. The challenge is to take part in it all inwardly and not let our conversation with God be drowned out by all the shouting.

## Mass Intentions this week

Day	Church	Time	Intention
<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of Christ</b>			Some Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Master, check your disciples." But he answered, "I tell you, if these keep silence the stones will cry out." (Luke 19: 40)
Saturday	St Bernadette's St Marie's	5.30 pm 6.45 pm	Ordination anniversary Jean Gallagher (Birthday Rem)
Sunday	St Bernadette's St Marie's	9.30 am 11.00 am	People of the Parish Trooper Christopher Lowton (Anniversary)
Monday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Dorothea McGuire
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Jane Gavin
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>St Marie's</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper: Leslie Garner</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>St Marie's</b>	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>St Bernadette's</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil: People of the Parish</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	St Bernadette's St Marie's	9.30 am 11.00 am	Pat Draper (Anniversary) Helen Counce (LD)

### **This weekend:**

**Blessed Palms will be distributed at all Masses.**

Sunday at 10.30 am: **Holy Rosary for the Unborn** led by K.S.C.

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

### **This week:**

**See Separate list for Holy Week services.**

Monday: **Ecumenical Service** at St Wilfrid's, Standish at 7.00 pm.

### **Next weekend:**

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

**Thank you for your offerings**  
£1,524.70.

### **Bonus Ball**

No.21 - Rollover - £18.

### **Marriage Matters**

*The Kingdom of God is a lifestyle choice*

Today's readings are deeply moving, calling us to what? Can we stand up for our marriages; make lifestyle choices, putting our marriage first? Joseph of Arimathea stood up for what he believed in, when others had run away. He lived in 'hope of seeing the Kingdom of God'. This kingdom is among us; let us choose it today – for us.

### **Holy Thursday**

The traditional watching at the altar of repose takes place at St Marie's after the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

### **Veiled Statues**

You will notice that the statues are now veiled. We fast from images that remind us of the Resurrection, just as we fast from food.

### **Cathedral Education Service**

A voluntary post of secretary is required to co-ordinate the work of the Metropolitan Cathedral education service. For more information, please contact Sean Murphy, tel. 0151707 2109 or email s.murphy@metcathedral.org.uk.

### **Job vacancy**

There is a position for relief cook at Cardinal Heenan House, Roby Mill. Tel. 01695 622885 or email, Manager.Heenan@orionecare.org.

### **Offering**

The parish is grateful for an offering from a parishioner of £300.

## *Holy Week 2019*

### **Monday:**

9.15 am: Mass at St Marie's.

2.00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Marie's (until 2.30 pm).

### **Tuesday:**

9.15 am: Mass at St Bernadette's.

7.00 pm: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at St Marie's.

7.00 pm: Pastoral Area Lenten Reconciliation Service at St Teresa's, Upholland.

### **Wednesday:**

7.30 pm: Chrism Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool.

### *Easter Triduum*

### **Holy Thursday:**

7.30 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Marie's (followed by confessions).

### **Good Friday:**

11.00 am: CAFOD Stations of the Cross at St Bernadette's.

3.00 pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St Marie's.

*(Special collection for the Holy Places)*

### **Holy Saturday:**

7.30 pm: Easter Vigil at St Bernadette's.

*(There are no other services in our churches on Holy Saturday)*

### **Easter Day - Holy Mass**

9.30 am at St Bernadette's.

11.00 am at St Marie's

### **Readers for Holy Week**

Please sign the list in the Church porch if you are able to read at services during Holy Week.

### **Cyclone Idai**

The Knights of St Columba has donated £150 to the Cyclone Idai disaster fund.

### **PhD Funding**

The Centre for Bioethics and Emerging Technologies (CBET) at St Mary's University, Twickenham, offers a fully funded, full-time three year PhD programme commencing in September 2019 to support the successful applicant's research in bioethics. The Centre is based in the Institute of Theology, situated on the University's main campus. For more information, please contact Maggie Mayer, tel. 020 8240 4198 or email maggie.mayer@stmarys.ac.uk.

### **From our Pastoral Associate**

In our Pastoral Diploma, we have been reading the creation stories in Genesis. We reflected on storytelling in our lives and how it features in our ministry. As we approach Holy Week, we focus on the story of Christ's Passion. There is a reason the 1965 film was called 'The Greatest Story Ever Told' - it is OUR story as Christians. Fr Mike Schmitz from the YouTube channel 'Ascension Presents' explains it far better than I can though. If you can, I invite you to take a few minutes to watch his video to aid your reflection on Holy Week. <https://tinyurl.com/y4pab8pu>  
Jo Wallace

### **Something to pray about**

We can join Pope Francis in his prayer intention for April:

#### **Workers in War Zones**

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

### **Offertory Envelopes**

A number of Offertory envelopes for the tax year 2019-20 remain uncollected. Please collect from the back of Church. Please contact the parish office if you do not have envelopes and would like a set. Also, please contact the parish office if you no longer pay tax or want to make any other change to your Gift Aid arrangements. Thank you.

### **New to the Parish?**

You're very welcome. Come and say hello. If you would like to contribute your skills and talents to help the parish you would be most welcome.

### **At the back of church...**

- Easter cards First Holy Communion cards and gifts;
- CTS Lenten books, a source of prayer and learning during Lent and Holy Week.

### **Dog Lovers Wanted**

Join Barking Mad's local host community for companionship, friendship and fun. They have friendly dogs looking for a holiday home whilst their owners are away.

If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Sam, 01942 316942 or email samlee.evans@barkingmad.co.uk.