

Archdiocese of Liverpool
Parish of

Our Lady of the Annunciation
and Saint Bernadette

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www.myparishapp.com

Parish Office at Saint Marie's:

Until further notice, the parish
office is accessible via email at
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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: There will be no
confessions until further notice.

Church opening: Saint Marie's
Church will be closed for private
prayer until further notice.

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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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

7 June 2020

GOD IN TWO MINUTES

It goes without saying that
God is so great that we
could never exhaust all the
divine qualities with our
words, no matter how long
we talked about God. But
what if we only had two minutes to
pass on the message of the Trinity?
What would we say then?

Presumably we would tell people
about the Father. The Father created
the whole world and all it contains,
including you and me. And
throughout the ages he has been
characterised by the great love he has
for his creation and his desire for
people to share in that everlasting
love. Tenderness, forbearance and
compassion are the hallmarks of
God's dealings with humanity,
including you and me.

When we tried to talk about the Son
we would be telling people about a
great communicator. Jesus Christ's
existence on earth was devoted to
letting people know the sort of God
that we have. In his life and death
Jesus encapsulated the "giving" of his
Father. His gift or grace is that
everyone, including you and me, can

Father
Son and
Holy Spirit
God
is
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have a share in the
glory of God. Jesus
told people about the
promises his Father
was making to them
and by his death and

resurrection he opened the way,
bringing us forgiveness for our sins
and a share in the new life that was on
offer to those who live like him.

The Holy Spirit completes the work
of the Father and the Son. It is the
Spirit who is God's presence with us
here on earth today. The Spirit
sustains us in our efforts to live the
life of God, making us holy, giving us
confidence, consolation and strength.
It is the Spirit who inspires every
thought and action for good within us.
The Spirit leads all people, including
you and me, into the truth.

So at the end of our two minutes we
would be left with just one God who
makes himself known through three
persons. On the feast of the Trinity we
would praise and bless God just for
being our God, yours and mine, and
for having us as his co-heirs to eternal
life. But the rest would take much
more than two minutes.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

We wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another.
Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and
peace will be with you. (II Corinthians 13: 11)

Father John will celebrate Masses this coming week for:

Sunday: The People of the Parish; Monday: Phyllis Morgan (Anniversary);

Tuesday: Margaret Hodge; Wednesday: Irene & Tony Tennant (sick);

Thursday: Anne McNamee (LD); Friday: Monica Kovacs (LD);

Saturday: Henri Standish, Jane Hilton, William & Ellen Cawley (FM).

Fr John uploads daily Mass to YouTube. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/qtygvnx>

Watch live Mass in your home at www.heavensroadfm.com Heaven's Road Catholic
Online Radio broadcasting over 250 live Holy Masses each week from 20 churches in
England and Ireland.

To keep in touch with what is happening in our parish:

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Special collections

Thank you to parishioners who have set up standing orders for their weekly offerings and to those who have made retrospective offerings to the Church. If you have signed up to gift aid your offerings, that will continue.

For parishioners who are continuing to use the offertory envelopes, they will be available for collection when lock down ends. As usual, they contain envelopes for special collections. You can use the special collection envelopes from the box for your offerings, and for those who have signed a gift aid declaration form, gift aid will be claimed on those offerings. Alternatively, you can use special envelopes which are produced for some special collections. They will be available at the back of Church a week or so before the special collection is due to be made. If you don't have envelopes and you want your offering to be gift aided, just put your offering into a plain envelope clearly marked 'To be gift aided'. Please include the name of the special collection, your name, address and postcode, the date of your offering and the parish name.

Church Opening

The priests of the pastoral area are to assess which churches are suitable for opening for private prayer, while using the necessary social distancing measures. Factors such as separate entrances and exits and the provision of sanitising equipment are some of the things that need to be taken into account. It's anticipated that any churches that do reopen will probably open for a couple of hours at a time and, at this stage, for private prayer only. Churches will need to be staffed whilst open, and so we will need volunteers and these need to be people who are not required to shield. Thank you to those who have already come forward.

Prayer resources

Prayer resources can be found at www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com or through www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'. They include reflections and readings for Trinity Sunday.

Father John

As most of you will now know following the announcement last weekend, Father John will be leaving the parish in September to take up an appointment as parish priest at Holy Name and St Philomena, Fazakerley. Father Joseph Simionato will be the new parish priest.

Charitable initiatives

Grants of £5,000 have been made to Feeding Liverpool, www.feedingliverpool.org and SWAP (Support Wigan Arrivals Project) www.swapwigan.org using ringfenced diocesan funds.

To assist parishes to explore practical ways in which they may support those in need, the Bishops of England and Wales have shared advice on how we can reach out to those in need in our communities.

Visit www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com or www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'. Lockdown may be easing, but many in our parishes will continue to need support.

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Knights of St Columba

The Knights of St Columba has donated £150 to Catholic Care Homes. These homes provide much needed support for retired clergy, hierarchy and religious.

Living Faith

The quarterly Living Faith books have not arrived as yet, we will let you know when they arrive.

Have you lost a bracelet?

A Pandora bracelet has been found on St Marie's Church car park. Please contact the parish office by email.

Moving On...

I've been asked several times to explain as to how the move came about, so this is what happened:

Each March or April, the Archbishop writes to all the priests asking them to let him know if they would like a move later that year. Having received their replies, he then has the unenviable task of making those moves happen: if you've ever done a seating plan, then you'll know it's not easy. Meanwhile I had arranged to go for a [socially distanced] walk with Fr John Poland, whom some of you may know from his time as a student at St Marie's with Fr Steve. I'm very grateful to Fr John for not telling me until the morning we were due to meet that the Archbishop wished to see me, he knew it would make me panic. Anyway, I saw the Archbishop and he asked me if I would be willing to move, explaining that the Sons of Divine Providence were looking to work in further parishes and he needed someone to replace Fr Kevin at Holy Name. I try to take the promise of obedience I made at my ordination seriously, and any reasons I had for staying were selfish ones, so I said OK, I would move. And that's how it happened.

Incidentally, one thing I have learned this week as I drove past Holy Name is that there is a branch of Subway very close to the church so I won't have to give up my fondness for Vegan Meatball Marinara....

Standing orders

Attached to the newsletter is a Standing Order form. Please inform the parish office by email, if you do this. Thank you to all those who have already agreed, it is much appreciated.

Marriage Matters

Be united and live in peace

In today's readings, God is revealed as full of compassion, tenderness and love for His people. Through the sacrament of marriage, we are called to reflect these qualities through our relationship with each other. When we are irritated and react angrily, it is important that we look at ourselves together, trying to recognise why, and seek to correct the causes.



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Standing Order Mandate

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Our Lady of the Annunciation & St Bernadette 001

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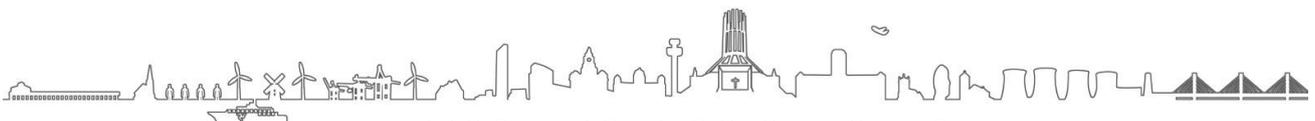
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