

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

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Parish Office at St Marie's:
Open Monday to Friday
from 9.00 am to 12 noon

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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23rd Sunday of the Year

10 September 2017

THE LOST ART OF CONFRONTATION

When the new
Mother Superior
abolished the mid-
morning coffee
break the convent
was in uproar. She
claimed that it was
an unwelcome



intrusion into work time and only
encouraged the Sisters to slacken off and
spend time gossiping.

Sister Fulgentia was knocking on the
Superior's door as soon as she heard the
news. She pointed out that the coffee break
was a long-standing part of the timetable,
was welcomed by all and gave everyone a
much-needed break from the daily routine
in the various workshops. She hoped that
the Superior would reconsider and go back
on this terrible decision.

Sister Ignorata kept complaining about it
but decided she wouldn't bother to make
her views known. There was no point, she
said; no one would take any notice of her.
And when the Superior privately asked her
about it she said that she didn't have any
problem with the decision. But in her heart
of hearts she missed the coffee break.

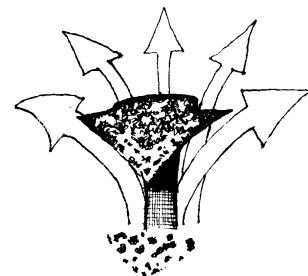
Sister Delusa didn't want to cause any
fuss either. Perhaps it was all a storm in a

teacup and it wasn't worth making waves. It
wasn't really a very important matter and all
this bad feeling was getting her down.
Anything for a quiet life. Some people
would find fault with everything.

Sister Rose was quite disappointed when
she found out. But instead of going to the
Superior herself she tried to get others to
take up the cause. She spent all lunchtime
trying to persuade the young novices to
form a delegation. It would be better, she
thought, if others approached the Superior.

How do you handle confrontation when
something needs sorting out? Do you tackle
it head-on like Fulgentia? Do you blow hot
and cold like Ignorata? Do you find
yourself simply in denial about the problem
like Delusa? Or like Rose do you try to
persuade others to tackle the problem?

Today's gospel reminds us of our
Christian responsibility to confront wrong
and harm. The way we react to the coffee
break is a good
guide to how we
probably deal
with the more
serious issues of
Christian life.



Mass Intentions this week

23 rd Sunday of the Year		If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death. (Ezekiel 33: 8)	
Day	Church	Time	Intention
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.30 pm	Liam Raftery (LD)
	St Marie's	6.45 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	Mary Heaton (LD)
	St Marie's	11.00 am	Alessandro Ferro (Anniversary)
Monday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday	St Marie's School	9.15 am	Greg Thomas Speakman & Barbara Clare Yates (Birthday Remembrance)
Thursday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service
	St Marie's	7.00 pm	Eucharistic Service
Friday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service
24 th Sunday of the Year		Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. (Ecclesiasticus 28: 2)	
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.30 pm	Anthony Shutt (LD)
	St Marie's	6.45 pm	Allison Dobb (LD)
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	People of the Parish
	St Marie's	11.00 am	Edna Josephine Hounslea

This weekend:

There will be a second collection at all Masses for the **Catholic Education Service**. To gift aid your donation, please use the envelope provided in the offertory envelope box.

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

This week:

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.

Wednesday: **Standish Churches Men's Fellowship** Annual General meeting at The Globe Inn, Standish at 7.00 pm, includes the allocation of funds to local charities, followed by a buffet. £10. All proceeds to local charities. Please give your support. Contact Joe Fairhurst, 402185.

Next weekend:

Home Mission Sunday 2017.

There will be a second collection at all Masses for the Home Missions. To gift aid your donation, please use the envelope provided in the offertory envelope box.

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

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Thank you for your offerings
£1,467.47.

Bonus Ball

No.8 - L King - £45.

Sanctuary Lamps

St Bernadette's: Joe Hilton
(Wedding Anniversary remembrance)

St Marie's: Michael Helme (Lately Dead)

At this time, we say farewell to:

John Christopher, Douglas
Longman and Winifred Lonsdale
Until we meet again....

Mass on Wednesday

Mass on Wednesday, 13 September will be celebrated in St Marie's school at 9.15 am. All are welcome.

Youth Group

The Youth Group recommences on Wednesday, 13 September in St Marie's Hall at 7.00 pm.

Something to pray about

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

Parishes - That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Divorced or Separated?

The next series of support meetings for divorced and separated Catholics will start on Tuesday, 19 September. Catholics and other Christians who are divorced or separated (recently or in the past) or who are experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or a long term relationship are welcome to attend.

The small groups are informative, affirming, free and confidential. To book a place on the South Liverpool course, please contact Frances Trotman, 0151 727 2195. To book a place on the Aintree course, please call Maureen O'Brien, 07967 753371. General enquiries may be directed to Maureen O'Brien, Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, LACE, 0151 522 1044 or email m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk.

Children's Liturgy Groups

The Children's Liturgy Groups resume this weekend after the summer break at the 9.30 am and 11.00 am Masses. All pre-school, infant and junior school age children are welcome.

CCRS

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is important and relevant for all. CCRS is designed for people who are engaged in the communication of their Catholic Faith, whether directly or indirectly. It is open to catechists, people involved in liturgical work and other interested adults. For more details, please visit the website www.brs-ccrs.org.uk or call 0207 901 1900.

CAFOD

Thank you all who supported the September self-denial. At St Bernadette's, the total raised was £339.31, of which £177 was gift aided giving a grand total of £383.56. At St Marie's, the total raised was £289, of which 184.30 was gift aided, giving a grand total of £335.10.

Holydays of Obligation

With effect from the first Sunday of Advent 2017, two Holydays of Obligation are being reinstated. This decision was made by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, and has been confirmed by the Holy See. The days are:

The Epiphany of the Lord — 6 January (transferred to the adjacent Sunday when it falls on Saturday or Monday)

The Ascension of the Lord — Thursday after 6th Sunday of Easter
Parking

Please be considerate when parking if St Marie's Church car park is full. Last Sunday, residents of Old Beechfield Gardens were unable to use the public highway to gain access to their properties due to inconsiderate double parking on the road. Particular concern was expressed that any emergency vehicle would have been unable to access the properties.

Knights of St Columba

Knights of St Columba (Standish) has donated £600 to the KSC National project (finance a feeding programme in Kenya run by the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi), and £50 to the national disaster fund. £1,000 has been donated to the Grenfell Tower disaster from this fund.

Catholic Pictorial

Free copies of the September edition of the Catholic Pictorial are available at the back of Church. Please take one to keep up with the news from around our Archdiocese, including a chance to find out more about the twelve students studying for the priesthood.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday, 20 September:
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day briefing on CAFOD's work in El Salvador at St Joseph's Parish Club, Harper's Lane, Chorley PR6 0HR, 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm. Contact Ged or Colette, 0151 228 4028 or email liverpool@cafod.org.uk

Sunday, 1 October: **'A seed of love'**, a celebration Mass for and with people living with a disability at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool. Contact Mary Beatham, 07341 8641280 or email mary.beatham@nugentcare.org.