

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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Fifth Sunday of the Year

4 February 2018

EVERY SILVER LINING HAS A CLOUD!

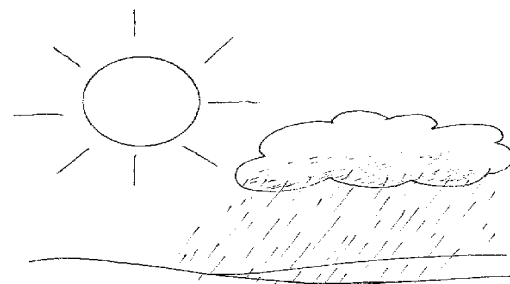
The worst thing you can do to someone who's depressed is to tell them to pull themselves together. They simply can't, because they don't see things the way we do and from their point of view all the positives seem to have vanished.

That's the mood that Job is in today in our scripture reading. He's suffering a restlessness: when it's night he longs for the dawn but when the new day comes he wishes it was night again. He's hopeless and helpless.

It's easy to jump on the bandwagon of depression, although most of us just like a good moan and we occasionally end up feeling sorry for ourselves. We complain about the rise in food prices in the economic downturn but then we still spend our money on things that we don't really need or that don't do us any good.

But imagine if you really did lose all hope and the future seemed bleak. Where would you turn? What would be the compass points of your existence that would guide you through the dark days?

In today's gospel we hear that Jesus cured many people of mental illness who were brought to him by their family and friends. When everything else seemed to have failed they knew that he wouldn't let them down. "Casting out devils" meant healing mental



disturbance and this was a large part of the healing ministry of Christ.

Just because we believe in Jesus does not mean that we will never suffer from depression; in fact, depression is sometimes the only way a person can survive an awful experience. It's the mind's way of defending itself for a while. And it's not the case that Christians look at the world with rose-coloured glasses. We don't just see a wonderful world; we go through the same troughs as every other person. But faith gives a purpose to our suffering. It teaches us that whatever we undergo we are not alone. Besides any medical treatment that we might receive, we also know that Jesus himself has already taken on the deepest suffering possible and has overcome it. Being a Christian means being part of a community that cares, a community that sees the hurt of one person as affecting the whole Body of Christ, the Church. Look around you.

Mass Intentions this week

Fifth Sunday of the Year		Remember that my life is but a breath and that my eyes will never again see joy. (Job 7:7)	
Day	Church	Time	Intention
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.30 pm	Bill Barker (Anniversary)
	St Marie's	6.45 pm	Harry & Wyn Pryce (Anniversary)
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	People of the Parish
	St Marie's	11.00 am	Mary & William Touhey
Monday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Father Kevin Snape (Anniversary)
	St Bernadette's	12 noon	Requiem: Patricia Herbert
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Joe Hilton (Birthday Remembrance)
Thursday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	John Westhead
	St Marie's	7.00 pm	Anthony Cosgrove
Friday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Tony Ledwith (Anniversary)
Sixth Sunday of the Year		A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: "If you want to" he said "you can cure me." (Mark 1:40)	
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.30 pm	Ruth Higham
	St Marie's	6.45 pm	Bill Moore (90th birthday)
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	People of the Parish
	St Marie's	11.00 am	Roland Williams (Anniversary)

This weekend:

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

Next weekend:

Saturday: **Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes** at Christ the King, Queen's Drive, Childwall L15 6YQ at 12 noon.

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

Thank you for your offerings
£1,502.00.

Bonus Ball

No.15 - VJ - £19.

St Marie's Sanctuary Lamp

Tony Ledwith (Anniversary)

At this time, we say farewell to:

Patricia Herbert

Until we meet again....

At the back of church...

- Rotas for St Marie's readers and Eucharistic Ministers;
- Christmas cards, gifts, calendars and diaries half the marked price.

St John Rigby College

The deadline for applying for a place at St John Rigby College in September 2018 is Tuesday, 6 February. Applications can be made online via the College website, www.sjr.ac.uk.

Knights of St Columba

The KSC will be selling Grand National Draw tickets at all weekend Masses until the end of February.

Baptism

This weekend, we welcome a new member to our Catholic Church community when Martha Grace Quainoo is baptised during the 9.30 am Mass. Congratulations!

Churches Men's Fellowship

The next meeting of Standish Churches Men's Fellowship is on Wednesday, 14 February at The Globe Inn, Standish from 7.00 pm. There will be a humorous talk on 'Growing up in Lancashire' by Steve Williams, followed by a buffet supper. The cost is £10 with all proceeds to local charities. Please give your support. Contact Joe Fairhurst, 402185.

Catholic Pictorial

Free copies of the February 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, which includes the first of a series of reflections by Father Joe Kendall in preparation for 'Adoremus', the National Eucharistic Conference in September.

Recovery from divorce and separation

The next series of support meetings for divorced and separated Catholics starts this month. 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. To book a place on the South Liverpool course, call Frances Trotman, 0151 727 2195. To book a place on the Aintree course, call Maureen O'Brien, 07967 753371. General enquiries may be directed to Maureen or email m.obrien2@hotmail.com.

Bereavement Mass

A Bereavement Mass will be held at St Bernadette's next Thursday, 8 February at 9.15 am, followed by tea and coffee. Members of the Bereavement Support Group will be present to listen and offer support to those who have suffered loss.

Thursday Club

The Thursday Club is open for new members aged 60 or over. The club meets from 1.00 pm to 3.40 pm. Ring and Ride is available. For further details, please ring Bernie, 422225 or Joyce, 424701.

Offertory envelopes

If any parishioner does not use Offertory envelopes and would like a set for the tax year beginning 6 April, please contact the parish office.

Medjugorje 2018

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Seven nights' bed and breakfast and airport shuttle service from €279 per person. Book any flight, any time, guaranteed airport shuttle service provided. Call and book dates that suit you. Email reservations@med-irishcentre.com or Tel. 020 3239 8662.

Appointment of Headteacher

Congratulations to Mrs Mel Smith, current Deputy Head who has been appointed to take over from Mrs Somers at St Marie's school when she retires this summer after 18 years dedicated service.

Marriage and Family Life

A 'Celebratory Mass' of Marriage and Family Life will take place at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool on Sunday 11 March at 11.00 am. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will be the main celebrant. All welcome. Refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room following the Mass.

Vacancy

Invitations are invited for a Key Stage 2 Teacher at St Joseph's Primary school, Anderton. Please see advertisement in the Church porch.

Mass at St John Fisher

St John Fisher High School invites parishioners to celebrate Mass in school on Friday, 9 February at 1.30 pm. Those attending are requested to be in the main reception between 1.15 pm and 1.25 pm. Contact John, school chaplain, 01942 510715 ext 220.

The Wisdom House – Live

Join best-selling author, Rob Parsons OBE at 'The Wisdom House – Live' in Blackpool on Wednesday, 21 March and enjoy an evening full of real life stories to touch your heart. There will be poignant moments that could be the catalyst to changing your future. Visit cff.org.uk/wisdom or telephone 029 2081 0800.

Christmas 'Park Run'

Thank you to all who sponsored Rachel Draper for the 5k Haigh Park run. Rachel raised £395 for The Brick. An amount of £360 was gift aided giving a grand total of £485.

New to the Parish?

You're very welcome. Come and say hello!

Dates for your diary

Thursday, 15 February: **Order of Deacons** information meeting at St Michael and All Angels Church, Sidney Powell Avenue, Kirkby L32 OTP hosted by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon.