

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.

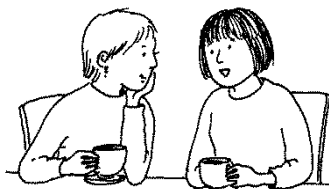
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13th Sunday of the Year

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THE WELCOME MAT

I once knew a woman who lived more than half a century of her life in a wheelchair. This meant that she got out and about much less than most people. But she knew more people than I did. Whenever you visited her home there was always someone there having a cup of tea with her and her husband. They came and told her



about what was going on in their lives and chatted about what was worrying them. Though untrained, she was better than any professional counsellor. The reason people came was that she made them welcome, she listened to them and she responded in the only way she knew how: by making them want to come back.

When we're dead and buried what mark will we leave on the world? In our pride we probably think that we might write the world's best-selling book, invent some labour-saving gadget or discover the cure for some life-threatening disease. But the reality, of course, will be somewhat different.

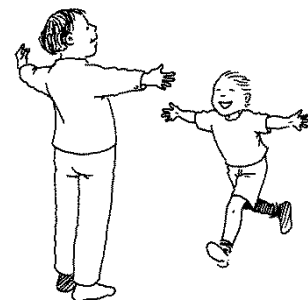
Most of our lives are not made up of headline events. Our days are calmer and much more about the ordinary comings and goings. Maybe that's why many of the

saints show us that the way to heaven is by striving to do the little things of life well. For it's the little things that make the most difference.

If God sends us enough wood in life to build a stairway to heaven, then it's going to be found in the unobtrusive way in which we deal with others, the way we welcome them, listen to them and show an interest in their concerns and try to be of service. The woman in our first reading today showed simple hospitality to a stranger and was rewarded for it. For the stranger turned out to be a man of God, Elisha, but she wasn't to know. In reality God comes to us many times a day in the person of those who claim our time and attention. The way we deal with them says everything about us.

Putting out the welcome mat is mere common decency. Even pagans do it. But Christians put it out because they know that God is alive and well in our world and comes to visit us when we least expect. As Jesus tells us,

"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me".



Mass Intentions this week

13 th Sunday of the Year		Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. (Matthew 10: 40)	
Day	Church	Time	Intention
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
	St Marie's	6.45 pm	Margaret Pilkington (Anniversary)
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	Family intention
	St Marie's	11.00 am	Thomas O'Halloran (Birthday Rem)
Monday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Anne Phillips (LD)
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Karen Gordon (Birthday Remembrance)
Thursday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Elizabeth (Keane) Purcell (Anniversary)
	St Marie's	7.00 pm	Kieron Moore (Anniversary)
Friday	St Marie's	9.15 am	Private intention
14 th Sunday of the Year		See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. (Zechariah 9: 9)	
Saturday	St Bernadette's	5.30 pm	75 th Wedding Anniversary
	St Marie's	6.45 pm	Patricia Pyne (Anniversary)
Sunday	St Bernadette's	9.30 am	People of the Parish
	St Marie's	11.00 am	Rene Clarkson (LD)

This weekend:

CAFOD collection at all Masses.

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

Sunday: **Archdiocesan family celebration Mass** at St Anne's, Prescott Road, Ormskirk, L39 4TG at 3.00 pm. Activities begin at 1.00 pm. Please bring a picnic. Contact the Safeguarding Office at LACE on 0151 522 1043 or email safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk.

Next weekend:

Saturday: **Archdiocesan Safeguarding Department** half day Conference at LACE, 9.00 am – 1.30 pm, which will focus on ways in ways parishioners can contribute to ensuring that all within Parish communities are safeguarded. For further details, visit www.liverpollcatholic.org.uk/safeguardingconference. Telephone 0151 522 1043 to register a place.

Sunday: **Second collection at all Masses to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea.** To gift aid your offering, please use the envelope provided in the offertory envelope box.

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

Sunday: **'Thank you' party afternoon tea** in St Marie's Hall at 3.00 pm. Prosecco, tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided. Please sign the list at the back of Church if you intend to be present.

Thank you for your offerings
£1,447.10.

Provision for Priests in Retirement

£679.38. Thank you.

Bonus Ball

No.24 - Rollover - £38.

St Marie's Sanctuary Lamp

Joe Hilton (Lately dead)

Churches Men's Fellowship

The Standish Churches Men's Fellowship "final" event of the season is a ladies & gentlemen mixed doubles bowls afternoon on St Wilfrid's bowling green on Tuesday, 11 July, 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm, followed by a buffet in The Globe Inn, Standish. £10. Contact Joe Fairhurst, 402185 for more details.

Sea Sunday

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday. A special collection will be taken to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, which through the ecumenical partnership of the Liverpool Seafarers' Centre, offers pastoral care, practical help and hospitality to seafarers whilst they are in the Mersey Ports. 95% of all our goods (fuel, white goods, food etc.), arrives by ship. The area is highly dependent upon seafarers but they are largely invisible to us: they come from the developing countries and spend up to nine months at sea away from their families and friends. Please give your support. Thank you.

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, visit the website www.brs-ccrs.org.uk or call 0207 901 1900.

Bereavement Mass

A Bereavement Mass will be held at St Marie's next Friday, 7 July 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.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Friday, 21 July until Friday, 28 July. For those unable to take part, please consider becoming an Associate Member by reciting the prayers on the leaflet available at the back of Church during the period of the pilgrimage.

If you are able to contribute to the sick fund, which goes to provide the many things necessary to make sick pilgrims' journey and stay in Lourdes as comfortable as possible, please write your name on the blue card on display in the Church porch and the amount of the donation, which can be handed into the parish office.

Summer Mass Times

The revised summer Saturday evening vigil Mass times will commence on Saturday, 22 July and will end on Saturday, 2 September. During and including those dates, Mass will be celebrated at St Marie's at 5.30 pm.

If you would like a lift, please write down your contact details and hand to Fr John.

Something to pray about

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

Lapsed Christians: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Marriage preparation

Are you passionate about healthy marriages? The Archdiocese is looking for enthusiastic individuals or couples to present marriage preparation courses for those getting married in the Catholic Church.

For more information, contact Maureen O'Brien, 0151 522 1044 or email m.o'brien@rcaol.co.uk.

Leavers' Masses

The Leavers' Mass for year 6 students at St Bernadette's will be held in St Bernadette's Church on Monday, 10 July at 7.00 pm. The Leavers' Mass for year 6 students at St Marie's will be held in St Marie's school on Monday, 17 July at 7.00 pm.

Please remember the students in your prayers as their time at primary school draws to a close.

Funny Money

If you are going on holiday abroad over the next few weeks, please remember the Funny Money box in St Bernadette's Church porch when you return.

HCPT

HCPT thanks parishioners for their support with the Easter pilgrimage. Bottles of Lourdes water are at the back of Church. Please take one.

New to the Parish?

You're very welcome. Come and say hello!