

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 Easter

29 April 2018

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Jesus has just told his disciples that he is to undergo suffering and death and that he will be taken from them. He encourages them not to get downcast and says that he will remain with them. Then he says, "Come, let us go". It's time to carry on.

If we were one of the disciples our natural inclination would be to panic. What are we going to do without him? How will disciples be able to challenge the political and religious authorities with the message of Christ if he is nowhere to be found? How will we be able to bring his message to the world? So Jesus teaches them about the vine and the branches.

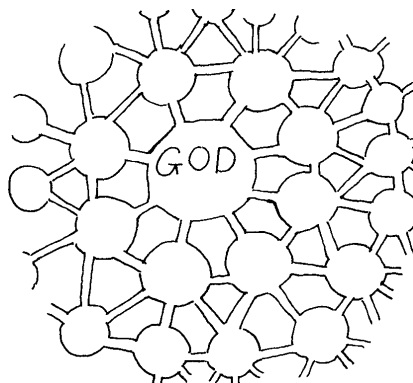
We cannot be effective Christians if we rely only on our human effort. Our strengths may be outstanding but they're not even close to the mark when it comes to communicating to the world who God is and what God wants for us. That's why part of Jesus' reassurance to them was about sending a helper, the Holy Spirit. It is only in the power of the Holy Spirit that

our lives can witness to God's power and presence. Anything else is mere altruism, pure natural philanthropy.

It is our union with Christ that allows us to share in his continued mission on earth.

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit if it is not attached to the trunk of the tree, so to we have to be united in Christ through the Holy Spirit. This is the way that Christ remains with us here on earth even though he has ascended to heaven. And, of course, we have to remember that we are not intended to be the vine, just the branches. It's the vine that gives us the sap to produce fruit on our branches.

God is very close to us, closer than we could ever imagine. Our work will bear fruit if we realise our dependence on God and allow God to work through us. This naturally involves knowing God, talking to God and listening to what God has in mind for us. All of this takes place if we let the Holy Spirit into our lives. When did you last have a word with him?



Mass Intentions this week

Fifth Sunday of Easter		I am the vine; you are the branches. (John 15: 5)	
Day	Church	Time	Intention
Saturday	St Bernadette 's	5.30 pm	Gerald Fairhurst (LD)
	St Marie's	6.45 pm	Peter Greene (Anniversary)
Sunday	St Bernadette 's	9.30 am	People of the Parish
	St Marie's	11.00 am	Alessandro Ferro
Monday	St Marie's	9.15 am	In honour of St Jude Thaddeus
Tuesday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday	St Bernadette's	9.15 am	Sean Hanley (LD)
	St Marie's	11.00 am	Funeral: Allan Peace
Friday	St Marie's	7.00 pm	Eucharistic Service
	St Marie's	9.15 am	Ruth Rotherham (LD)
Sixth Sunday of Easter		Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (Ps 97:1)	
Saturday	St Bernadette 's	5.30 pm	Thomas Telford (Anniversary)
	St Marie's	6.45 pm	Tom Hatton
Sunday	St Bernadette 's	9.30 am	People of the Parish
	St Marie's	11.00 am	Brigitte Price (LD)

This weekend:

Sunday: **Refreshments** after 9.30 am Mass. Proceeds to local charities. All welcome.

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

This week:

Monday: **CAFOD Group** meeting at St Bernadette's Church at 7.00 pm to finalise the details of the sponsored walk/Share the Journey campaign.

Next weekend:

Saturday: **Day of recollection** to support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in the Archdiocese at St Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. Contact Fr Preston, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or tel. 0151 727 2493.

CAFOD collection at all Masses.

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

Thank you for your offerings
£1,496.79.

Bonus Ball

No.38 - Rollover - £39.

Sanctuary Lamps

St Bernadette's: Special intention (T)

St Marie's: Rowland Birchall (Anniversary)).

At this time, we say farewell to:

Allan Peace

Until we meet again....

Campaign for Life

Parishioners who intend to join the Knights of St Columba Campaign for Life at The Ladywell Shrine in Fernyhalgh, Preston on Sunday, should meet in St Marie's Church car park at 2.00 pm.

Archdiocesan Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen in the Archdiocese for a Synod 2020 Co-ordinator. This is a three year project role, required from 1 September, 35 hours per week (to include evenings and weekends). Salary £24,000 - £26,000 per annum with 5 weeks holiday plus pension scheme. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 9 May, with an interview date of Wednesday, 30 May. To apply, visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

Share The Journey

In connection with the sponsored walk/Share the Journey campaign on Saturday, 12 May, there is a list for walkers to sign up at the back of each Church. It is important to know how many people will be taking part so that refreshments can be organised. Please put your names down as soon as possible and tick the number of miles you would like to walk. Also at the back of Church is a sponsor form for Fr John who will be walking the ten miles route which takes in both Churches. There are also other sponsor forms for anyone who wishes to take one.

Volunteers will be required to act as marshals and to provide and serve refreshments, so if you feel you can help in any way on the day, we would be pleased to see you at the meeting at St Bernadette's Church on Monday, 30 April at 7.00 pm.

Churches Men's Fellowship

The next meeting of Standish Churches Men's Fellowship will be held on Wednesday, 9 May at The Globe Inn, Standish from 7pm. 'A Lancashire Garland – history of our Dialect told in song, story & poem', will be followed by a buffet supper, raffle & ecumenical social gathering. £10.00, with all proceeds going to local charities. Please support us. Contact Joe Fairhurst, 402185.

'Adoremus' Youth Congress

Join 1,000 young people aged 13-20 on Saturday 8 September at the Echo Arena Auditorium in a unique experience of being the young church. Contributions from Katie Prejean, Jo Boyce, Rise Theatre, Cafod, Animate, Salesians, One Hope, Joel's Bar, Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop McMahon and much more. Cost is only £10. Booking forms available from www.adoremusyouth.co.uk

Safeguarding

Training by the Archdiocese for 'Safeguarding in Children's Liturgy' will be across the Archdiocese during May and June, including St Marie's Hall. For more information, please see the poster in the Church porch. To reserve a place, please telephone 0151 522 1043 or 1103 or email safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk.

How you can help:

CAFOD: CAFOD envelopes have been placed in the pews this weekend. Please take one away and return it on the collection plate/in the collection bag at the Offertory.

'Adoremus'

As part of our preparations for 'Adoremus', the National Eucharistic Congress taking place in Liverpool from the 7-9 September, three Holy Hours will be celebrated over the coming weeks. In addition, the Archbishop will lead a Holy Hour at St Teresa's in June for our pastoral area, to which all are invited.

At the back of church...

- First Holy Communion cards and gifts.

Can You Help?

A student at St John Rigby College, is living in Supported Living Accommodation away from home. She is coming to the end of her sixth form studies, with a place at University for September. She misses the company of a home and feels isolated and lonely. She has friends and is very polite and very courteous, hardworking and respectable. She has a start well support worker and has family contact. Can any parishioner help by helping with accommodation? If so, please contact Martin Malone at the College, 01942 214797 or email Martin.Malone@sjr.ac.uk.

Holy Rosary

The Knights of St Columba will be leading the Holy Rosary on Thursday evenings during May at 6.30 pm, before Mass at 7.00 pm.

Offertory Envelopes

A number of Offertory envelopes 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.

Development Fund

April results: £100 – 402, N Turner: £50 – 210, L Rushton: £50 – 99, C Cropper: £50 – 175, T Molyneux. Please collect cheques from the sacristy. New members welcome.

New to the Parish?

You're very welcome. Come and say hello!