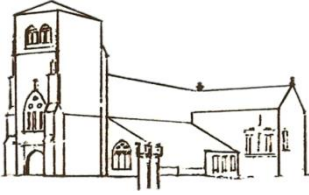


# Newsletter for the parish of St. Anne & St. Bernard.



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## Fourth Sunday of Lent

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**Revolution in kindness** (as encouraged by Jean Vanier). Thought for this week  
*Kind words are like honey – sweet to the soul, healthy for the body.* (Proverbs 16:24)



**Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums, not just from the children and grandchildren, but from all of us at St. Anne's. Have a very happy Day. God bless you. Mass will be offered this week for all our mothers, living and dead**

In today's Scripture readings we hear that  
*"God loved the world so much that he gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him may...have eternal life"*

*"The Son of Man must be lifted up...so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him".*

So the gift is from God – and we respond to being loved.

These are familiar words from John's Gospel. Maybe not as familiar but equally powerful are these words from Paul to the Ephesians, today's second reading. *"God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy; when we were dead through our sins he brought us to life in Christ"* Then come those key words *"it is through GRACE that we are saved...not by anything of your own"*. With the magnificent climax

*"We are God's Word of Art".*

Not just other people, not just the saints, not just the missionaries or the Carmelites, but YOU and ME. That is the reason why we are to live the *"good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it"*.

The next **Parish Assembly** is next Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. March. In St. Anne's at 10.00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and take part. The key decisions in the life of the parish are made here. Please come and help make the decisions. We need you.

There will be **Stations of the Cross** every Wednesday evening at 7.00 p.m. during Lent, followed by Mass at 7.30 p.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** which we celebrate every weekend - on Saturday, 4.15-5.15 p.m., and on Sunday, 9.15-10.15 a.m. There will be an opportunity for **confession** during these times.

**Mass** this week is as follows -

Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Parishioners
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Our Mothers living and dead
Tuesday	12.00 noon	James & Monica Morgan
Wednesday	12.00	Requiem Mass for Kevin Mathison
	7.30 p.m.	John Reynolds intention
Thursday	12.00 noon	Fr. John Foley
Friday	<u>10.30 a.m.</u>	Special intention
Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Parishioners

Please note the time of Friday's Mass

**Funerals this week.** On Wednesday there is a Requiem Mass for **Kevin Mathison** at 12.00 noon. Then at 2.15 p.m. there will be a funeral service for **Mary Higgins**. May they rest in peace. Please pray for their families.

**Eddie Amoo's** funeral service will be at the Cathedral on Friday at 12.15 p.m.

I am very sorry to announce the death of two former teachers in St. Bernard's School. Mary Higgins taught our children for over twenty years from 1974. Mary's funeral service will be held in our church this coming Wednesday at 2.15 p.m. Fred Warriner was head teacher until he retired in 1982. Fred went on to be ordained a Deacon. His Requiem Mass will in Blessed Sacrament church on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>. March, at 12.00 noon. We owe a great debt to both these good people, both of whom I knew very well. They educated thousands of our children with great love. May God reward them as only God can.

The **Prayer Group** will meet in St. Anne's House on Friday at 7.30 p.m.

The **Men's Group** will meet on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup>. March, 7.30 p.m. in St Bernard's.

The next **Justice & Peace** group. Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup>. April in St. Bernard's

**Please keep our sick friends in your prayer** – Mary Higgins, Adam Dean, Stephen Woo, Nancy Goss, Bill Whitehead, Selamawit, Saadat, Ken Otu, John Donohoe, Flo Coffey, Sister Win, Ann McMahon, Eddie Barrett, Bernie Connolly, Andy Murphy, Trish Riley and the many who have asked for our prayer this week. We pray for people in pain – many among our congregation. We would like to know of anyone at all who is housebound. We also take Holy Communion to the Marmaduke Street Care Home (Lotus Care), Arundel Park Nursing Home, Greenheys Lodge, Redford House (Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust) on Upper Parliament Street, to the Granby Hub, and to the Liverpool Women's Hospital. If you seek prayer for your sick family and friends please let us know. We can take Holy Communion to them.

Please pray for those who have died recently –Mary Higgins, Deacon Fred Warriner, Kevin McGuinness, Eddie Amoo.

Why not pray the **Stations of the Cross** in your own home? Make your own reflections quietly, perhaps concluding with the prayers given at each Station.

<b>First Station</b>	<b>Jesus is Condemned to Death</b> O Jesus! So uncomplaining, teach me resignation in trials.
<b>Second Station</b>	<b>Jesus Carries His Cross</b> My Jesus, this Cross should be mine, not yours; my sins crucified you.
<b>Third Station</b>	<b>Jesus Falls the First Time</b> O Jesus! By this first fall, never let me fall into sin.
<b>Fourth Station</b>	<b>Jesus Meets His Mother</b> O Jesus! May no human tie, however dear, keep me from following the road of the Cross.
<b>Fifth Station</b>	<b>Simon the Cyrenean Helps Jesus Carry His Cross</b> Simon unwillingly assisted you; may I suffer all my pain with patience
<b>Sixth Station</b>	<b>Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus</b> O Jesus! you imprinted your sacred features upon Veronica's veil; stamp them also indelibly upon my heart.
<b>Seventh Station</b>	<b>Jesus falls the second time.</b> By your second fall, preserve me, dear Lord, from relapse into sin.
<b>Eighth Station</b>	<b>Jesus Consoles the Women of Jerusalem</b> My greatest consolation would be to hear you say: "Many sins are forgiven you, because you have loved much."
<b>Ninth Station</b>	<b>The Third Fall of Jesus</b> O Jesus! when I am weary on life's long journey, be my strength and my perseverance.
<b>Tenth Station</b>	<b>Jesus Stripped of His Garments</b> My soul has been robbed of its robe of innocence; clothe me, dear Jesus, with the garb of true repentance
<b>Eleventh Station</b>	<b>Jesus Nailed to the Cross</b> You forgave your enemies; Lord Jesus, teach me to forgive injuries and forget them.
<b>Twelfth Station</b>	<b>Jesus Dies on the Cross</b> You are dying, my Jesus, but your Sacred Heart still throbs with love for us.
<b>Thirteenth Station</b>	<b>Jesus Taken Down from the Cross</b> Receive me into your arms, O Sorrowful Mother; and obtain for me perfect Sorrow for my sins.
<b>Fourteenth Station</b>	<b>Jesus Laid in the sepulchre</b> When I receive you into my heart in Holy Communion, O Jesus, make it a fit abiding place for Thy adorable Body. Amen.

After the evening Mass on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>.March, we will be having reflections inspired by **Laudato Si** and the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

**Money Report.** The collection last weekend. was £455.71. Add on £624.80 from standing orders and tax returns to make a total of **£1,084.51**. Thank you all very much.

**The Eucharistic Congress.** The main day of the Congress is the Saturday, September, 8<sup>th</sup>., when ten thousand people from all over the country will gather in the Echo Arena. We have been asked to provide **five people from our parish** to represent us. The main speaker is Bishop Barron, a Bishop in California, who has a huge online ministry and has provided many courses in the Faith. He will be well worth hearing. Please let me know if you would like to take part. There are also a number of fringe events associated with the Congress. More information to follow.

This month's **Catholic Pic** has a three page article on St. Bernard's church and its development, to be made into eleven houses, built within the church structure. We were sent some extra copies so that everyone can be sure of getting one.

**Care for our common home** Pope Francis reminds us that 'everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others' (Laudato Si 70). When you think of our grandchildren and their children, what is it in our environment that you would you most like to see being protected? Is it our wildlife, our green spaces, our oceans, our libraries and playgrounds? What small step can you take this week to try and help this happen? Maybe write to your MP, find out about groups working in your area (at the library/in local papers) or join an online campaign. Maybe encourage your family to get involved too.

**Journey to Faith.** This year's programme is drawing to a close as we prepare for the Baptisms at Easter; There are three who joined us after we had started the programme and they will continue after Easter at another time. Please pray for all our new Christians.

**Fair Trade Easter Eggs.** We will be selling Real Easter Eggs with the Easter message again this year. The price is still £3.99. People were very good last year when it seemed we had badly over ordered. So rather than presume on people's good will we have ordered fewer eggs this year – though still a lot.

We have been informed that there are several places on the **local youth Lourdes bus** for July's pilgrimage. Any of our young people who are fifteen by the end of July are invited to apply. Please see Deacon Francis.

**The Parish Rooms.** The St. Bernard's Room, which includes the kitchen, is looking lovely, bright, cheerful and welcoming. The cooker has come. The fridge also will be here this coming week. The carpet in the cloister will be down this week. Three extra radiators are being fitted. The new gates are erected. All three toilets, including the accessible toilet, are now in use. We are still awaiting progress on the block floor of the St. Anne's room.

**Shenice** is Member number **6000** of the Lodge Lane and District Credit Union. The Children in our school have embraced the Credit Union wholeheartedly. Shenice received a £20 voucher. Our special thanks go to Marie who has organised it all. Isn't it amazing! 6000 members from our little beginning in 1989. In money terms it is vast.



**Little Mick's Spot** (paws for thought). Those builders are amazing. The tons of wood which were blown down from the new houses in last week's storm covered all my running space, But they cleared it for me in no time, new trusses are back in place, and I have my field clear again. All of those builders seem to like me. A "little cracker" one of them said. Why doesn't TD think that? TD takes me out. I just stand there and shiver. I make him get the ball, then I have a reason to run and exercise. He's a bit of a moaner, you know, TD. The microwave has broken down. You'd think the whole house had broken down. At least he doesn't take it out on me. I was disappointed when I was up in St. Anne's last week. No sniff of any rats in the grounds at all. There used to be loads of them. Ah well. Wait till St. Bernard's hall is pulled down. I'll probably need reinforcements. Did you see the report out last week about "Dog owners"? They are supposed to be sociable people – but it is we dogs who are the real link. We greet each other and make the top dogs (the owners!!) talk to each other. If it weren't for us they wouldn't even be outside. We are really sociable little creatures. We may be funny shapes but we dogs are very special. We make the world a better place.

