

ST BERNADETTE'S NEWS:

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK: Please be aware that there is no Mass on Tuesday morning.

ELECTRICAL WORKS: All of the electrical and lighting work for the church will be carried out over six weeks from this week. This week will primarily be for preparation and then the week after the chasing of the walls will begin. During this time there will be no weekday Masses (i.e. from 17th August to 25th September).

We will have access for Mass at the weekend.

MASS AT ST DUNSTAN'S: As there is no Mass during the week at St Bernadette's, why not come to a weekday Mass at St Dunstan's this week? Thursday and Friday are probably the best days to come. It would be great to see you there.

Father,
*pour out your Holy Spirit upon our
parishes to deepen in us a thirst and
passion for mission.
Grant that your gifts of
faith, hope and love will lead
us in true discipleship, so
that the Good News of Jesus Christ
will find a home in our hearts and
open us to the needs of all.
Then, trusting in your Almighty power,
give us the desire and courage
to proclaim our faith in Him to
a broken world.
Amen.*



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST BERNADETTE & ST DUNSTAN

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In the name of Jesus: WELCOMED, LOVED, SENT

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 16TH AUGUST 2020

*Sunday Mass from St Bernadette's is streamed online. Just go to website
www.stbernadettedunstan.org.uk*

Sunday 16th August	9.00am Mass at St Bernadette's (L/S) 11.00am Mass at St Dunstan's
Monday 17th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Tuesday 18th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	
Wednesday 19th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass at St Dunstan's <i>Helen Overett RIP</i>
Thursday 20th August Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot	10.00am Mass at St Dunstan's
Friday 21st August Memorial of St Pius X	10.00am Mass at St Dunstan's <i>Millicent, James & Martin Vaughan RIP</i>
Saturday 22nd August Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am Mass at St Bernadette's <i>Marilyn Langford</i> 4.45 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Bernadette's (L/S) <i>Ann Kerrigan RIP</i>

**L/S = This Mass will be also be available on the Livestream
on the parish website and available for a few days after too**

GENERAL NEWS:

All newsletter entries to be sent in by Thursday evening please

FACE MASKS: It is now a legal requirement to wear a face mask in all churches.

PLEASE PRAY: For the repose of the soul of Anona Pye, who died in the past couple of days.

ALPHA ONLINE:

OUR NEXT COURSE STARTS IN SEPTEMBER
SIGN UP NOW!

Following the success of our first 'Alpha Course Online', we will be starting a new course on Tuesdays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, from 15th September. Join us now, or share this news with someone who might like to come and join!
Full details on the front page of the website.

FROM FR MATT:

"A very Happy Feast Day to you all. What a beautiful feast this is!

As you will see from the news from both parishes, maintenance seems to be taking priority in both parishes at present and seems to be taking a lot of my time, which, I have to say, really takes my joy away. I was pondering how, during the heart of 'lockdown', I felt a missionary freedom in some of the things that were happening online in the parish, in spite of the challenging circumstances. Now we are back into a more 'normal' routine, I notice that freedom has gone. What is to be done?

*Well, our parish vision is: **In the name of Jesus: Welcomed; Loved; Sent.** I am having to say to myself that I need to focus on this and look at how I, and we all, can be dynamic and free in trying to incarnate this vision. Buildings need to be maintained – yes; presbyteries need to be renovated and rented out – yes; but the overarching aim of all we do must be welcoming, loving and sending in the name of Jesus. Let us keep this vision close to our hearts and let us pray regularly our parish prayer, which asks for that spirit of mission which must shape all that we do. If you've forgotten it – it's there in St Bernadette's news section.*

I think one important thing that we can do at this time is to be encouraging of others to come and join us at the Eucharist. Many young families are not present with us and we would love to see them and for them to know the depth of God's love for them through the liturgy. How will you reach out to them?"

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK: As St Bernadette's is closed during the week for the next few weeks, Fr Matt will celebrate Mass on Thursday this week as well as Wednesday and Friday.

THE PRESBYTERY: From Fr Matt:

"As you know, it has been decided that the presbytery will be rented out in the coming few months. It is our hope that we may be able to let it to a refugee family, something which many in the parish feel would be a good use of the property and a service to the Gospel. This is a great house for a family in such need. Any letting would be done through BANES Council and would rely on the Home Office's refugee settlement scheme being in operation – at present it is on pause but it is expected to restart later in the year – however, it is possible that there may already be a refugee family in the area who need a larger property. BANES Council believe the presbytery would be quite sought after being as it is at least a four-bedroom house with potential for up to for six bedrooms. If there is no opportunity to work with the refugee settlement scheme then we will rent the property as a standard residential let. Whatever way we do this, it will be important for us to ensure a good income for the rental.

In order to bring the presbytery up to scratch, we will have to outlay up to £58,000. This sounds a lot but I'm not sure if many people in the parish are aware that the presbytery is in not in great shape and needs to be modernised. To bring it up to rentable standard there are many works that are required. Clifton Diocese Property Services Department have been working with us on this and have put our requirements out to competitive tender. We are now in the process of contracting our preferred supplier. Some have suggested that we could do some of this work ourselves but this is totally unrealistic, what with lack of resource in the parish and many legal requirements to be fulfilled. I am happy to discuss this project with anyone but assure you that we wouldn't be spending this money if it weren't absolutely necessary This is an investment in the future of the property and necessary to ensure a regular revenue stream for the parish.

We now need to clear the presbytery out, as well as the undercroft, which has become a dumping ground for all sorts of trash. It is hoped that anything required for the church will be stored in the garage, which will also require a thorough clear out. Are you able to help us to make a start with this on Wednesday after Mass? We will start by clearing the garage and then have a look at the undercroft. It will be quite heavy work. A skip will be on order too.

SALTFORD COMMUNITY CINEMA:

www.tickettailor.com/events/scaevents Tickets will not be available on the doors.

Coming up:

Friday 18 September – The Shack