

## GENERAL NEWS:

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**NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR COVID-19:** As you are probably aware, this Tuesday, one year on from the announcement of the first lockdown, the government have announced a National Day of Reflection, with the invitation for a minute's silence at midday and doorstep vigils of light at 8pm. As a diocese and Church throughout the country we would like to also mark this a day with opportunities for prayer. Both of our churches will be open between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Tuesday, with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Please invite others to come and spend some time to reflect and pray. There will be Mass at 10.30am at St Bernadette's.

*We reflect in sorrow on all those who have died, whether family members, friends or those unknown to us personally. We pray for them, asking our Father to welcome them into their heavenly home, the destiny for which God first gave us the gift of life.*

*We reflect with compassion on all those who have suffered during this last year, whether through illness, stress, financial disaster or family tensions. We pray for their ongoing resilience, courage and capacity to forgive.*

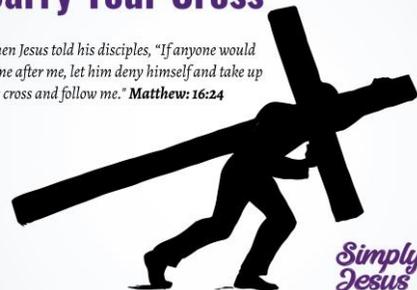
*We reflect with thanksgiving for the generosity, inventiveness, self-sacrifice and determination shown by so many in this most difficult of times. We pray for them, thanking God for their gifts and dedication, whether they are scientists, politicians, health workers, public servants of every kind, community leaders or steadfast family members and friends who continue to show such love and compassion.*

*We reflect in hope that, as the pandemic is controlled and we open up our lives again, we will gather in the lessons we have learned and build our society into a better shape, more compassionate, less marked by inequalities, more responsive to needs and deprivation. We ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us in this endeavour, whether we are focussing on overcoming family breakdowns, economic recovery, or building political consensus.*

**CARRY YOUR CROSS:** Starting on Palm Sunday our online series 'Carry Your Cross' will help us journey together through Holy Week, giving us opportunities for prayer, reflection and fellowship. You can join in through our website or Facebook page.

## Carry Your Cross

*"Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Matthew: 16:24*



## CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST BERNADETTE & ST DUNSTAN

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**In the name of Jesus: WELCOMED, LOVED, SENT**

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

**OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASS &  
ALL OF OUR SERVICES MARKED "L/S" ARE LIVE STREAMED**  
**Just go to the website - [www.stbernadettedunstan.org.uk](http://www.stbernadettedunstan.org.uk)**

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>9.00am Mass at St Bernadette's (L/S)</b> <b>11.00am Mass at St Dunstan's (L/S)</b> <b>4.00pm Stations of the Cross – St Bern's (L/S)</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> Weekday of Lent	
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> Weekday of Lent	<b>10.30am Mass at St Bernadette's (L/S)</b> <b>11.00am – 1.00pm Time of Prayer for National Day of Reflection in both churches (L/S)</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> Weekday of Lent	<b>10.00am Mass at St Dunstan's (L/S)</b> <i>Mr &amp; Mrs Peter Higgins (Ints)</i> 7.00pm Reading Group
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b> SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	<b>10.00am Mass at St Bernadette's</b> <b>6.00pm Reconciliation Service at St Bern's (L/S)</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> Weekday of Lent	<b>10.00am Mass at St Dunstan's (L/S)</b> <i>Leonard Padden RIP</i> <b>10.30 Stations of the Cross – St Dunstan's</b> <b>6.00pm Reconciliation Service at St Dun's (L/S)</b>
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> Weekday of Lent	<b>10.00am Mass at St Bernadette's</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Bernadette's (L/S)</b> <i>Hugh &amp; Olive McCorry RIP</i>

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## LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER:

**Booking is essential for all the Easter services – please go the website for more details**

All services at St Bernadette's unless otherwise indicated

Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper	8pm
Good Friday	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	3pm
	Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	6pm (St Dunstan)
Holy Saturday	The Easter Vigil	8pm
Easter Sunday	Mass	9am
	Mass	11am (St Dunstan)

**ALL SERVICES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED VIA THE WEBSITE**

### SPECIAL 'ONLINE' EASTER

**SERVICE:** Our parishes, working in partnership with St Bernadette Catholic Secondary school are hosting an online service for Easter entitled '**FOREVER**' and this will be made available online from Holy Saturday. This is a wonderful and creative piece of work that really showcases the missionary nature of the partnership between the school and parishes, and it also provides a new and innovative way for us all to engage online with the Easter story, with opportunity for our own personal reflection and prayer. You can watch through the parish website, our Facebook page or YouTube channel.



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**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU 'BOOK IN' FOR EASTER SERVICES**

**PLEASE PRAY:** For the repose of soul Catherine (Kit) Flynn, who died recently. Please remember her family in your prayers at this time.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March – all at 4pm

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** See 'General News'. This Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm.

**CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS:** We are now able to take contactless donations for the offertory collection with a super new system. The contactless card reader is on a stand by the shop – it's extremely easy to use and a very safe method of giving. You can GiftAid through this too. Shop items can also be paid with this. Please ask a steward if you are unsure but it is very intuitive and is working well in many parishes already.



**MERVYN'S WALK FOR WATER:** Mervyn Amesbury, will be taking part in CAFOD'S Walk for Water appeal. He's going on a 16 mile hike this Wednesday. Please do consider supporting his fundraising efforts, for this very worthy cause.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mervyn-amesbury>

**REPOSITORY:** Easter cards are available for purchase, share Easter joy with someone by letting them know the beauty of the Resurrection and our prayers. Maybe an opportunity to send a card to someone you haven't seen for a while but know where they live, a way to include them in Easter! Easter Blessing candles, People's Missals are available, you can follow the readings of the Holy Week liturgies as we move through them. As always many other things available, crosses, statues, rosary beads, just ask.

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** At present, your prayers are asked for:

Mike & Kathleen Burke and Marina Moran

*Please let us know if there are people you would like to be included in the prayer of the parish. We need them to agree to be on the list please.*

## ST DUNSTAN'S NEWS:

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**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU 'BOOK IN' FOR EASTER SERVICES**

**CLEANING IN THE HALL:** We really must get the hall re-opened soon. To do so, we would need a small team of people who are willing to occasionally help with some cleaning. Are you prepared to help the parish with this? If so, please speak to Fr Matt.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** This Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm.

**CTKS:** The third Lent talk premieres on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm and will be on the parish website.

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** At present, your prayers are asked for Tony Potts, Monica Moss, Molly Hogg, Paul Dawson, Ginny Amblin, Michelle Fraser, Kate Parsons, Rosemary Evered, Peter Higgins

*Please let us know if there are people you would like to be included in the prayer of the parish. We need them to agree to be on the list please.*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Phyllis Williams, Josephine Jackson