



A warm welcome to all who gather today
around the Altar of the Lord in our parishes of
Saint John the Baptist
&
Saint Bernadette
Working in Communion for Mission
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First Sunday of Lent ~ 21st February 2021



Sunday Scripture Thoughts: "Ad majorem Dei gloriam" is the Latin motto of the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. It means, "For the greater glory of God". The phrase is attributed to their founder St Ignatius of Loyola and serves as a cornerstone to the ideals of the society. Whether we're married, single, priest or religious, this spirit of giving glory to God in all we do will hopefully be something that we will all want to have. After all, St Paul exhorts us to take Christ as our model, and let's not forget that Jesus did all for the glory of the Father. Therefore, in the same way, our vocation is just our expression of giving similar glory to God.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES AVAILABLE ON LIVE-STREAM AND YOUTUBE				Mass Intention:
Saturday 20 th February	St John's	6pm	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	People of the Parishes
Sunday 21 st February	St Bernadette's	9am	First Sunday of Lent	David Harrison
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		Joel and Renata Fernandes (W) People of the Parishes
Monday 22 nd February	St John's	9am	Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle	Nellie Murray & Christopher Clarke
Tuesday 23 rd February	St. John's	6pm	Weekday of Lent	Holy Souls
Wednesday 24 th February	St Bernadette's	9am	Weekday of Lent	Josephine Gething
Thursday 25 th February	St Bernadette's	10am	Weekday of Lent	Special Intention
Friday 26 th February	St John's	9am	Weekday of Lent	Derek and Pauline North
Saturday 27 th February	St John's	12 noon	Weekday of Lent	Private Intention
		6pm		People of the Parishes
Sunday 28 th February	St Bernadette's	9am	Second Sunday of Lent	Special Intention
	St John's	10.30am 12noon		Theresa Geraghty

KEY: SI = Special Intention RD=Recently Deceased ANN=Anniversary BD Birthday. D'ed=Deceased. Confessions Saturdays 4.30-5pm

In our Prayers this Week...

Prayers: Please for those who are sick: John Streeter, Stephen Marsh. Cecily Geldart, Maureen Watson, Antony Higgins, Noreen Leat, Tara O'Leary, Charlie McCarthy, Thomas Drea. If you are sick and wish your name to be added to the prayer list, then please let Fr. Tom know. If you know of anyone who wishes to be added, then again, please let Fr. Tom know.

Recently Deceased: Josephine Gething, Ladik Farion, Betty McEntee, Lesley Doherty, Martin Grindley, Helena Drawnel, Joanne Underwood, Rita Oughtibridge. May they rest in Peace.

Anniversaries: We keep in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Holy Cross, Bedminster.

Stations of the Cross: Throughout Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on Saturdays at 11.15am in St. John's and after morning Mass at St. Bernadette's on Thursdays (10.30am)

Dare to Dream: Our Diocese of Clifton and Bishop Declan begin a journey through Lent called 'Dare to Dream'. It is an invitation to all of us throughout Lent to reflect and pray about the future of our Diocese and all of our parish communities. What will the future bring? What is our role in that future? Where is God leading us during these times? Can we dare to dream? To find all resources please visit the Clifton Diocese Website. <https://cliftondiocese.com/dare-to-dream/> Fr. Tom feature this week in the second video accompanying this Diocesan programme.

Lent Zoom Course: We will begin a lent course via Zoom on Wednesday 24th February via Zoom. 6.30pm – 8pm. If you wish to join this group, then please let Fr. Tom know by sending him an email. The Zoom link will then be sent to you on Tuesday 23rd February. We will be following the Sycamore Project Videos for this course. Fr. Stephen Wang from the Archdiocese of Westminster has presented some inspiring videos and talks over the last few years.

CAFOD: Lent Family Fast Day is Friday February 26th. Your donations will help to change the lives of people like Abdella who lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Thanks to your support, CAFOD will provide water pumps to vulnerable communities. From February 20th envelopes for your donations will be available for you to take after Mass from one of the CAFOD boxes at the church exits. Alternatively, you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/give

Saint Roses School Stroud: Saint Rose's School in Stroud is seeking to raise £1.5 million to build Quentin House, a specially-adapted residential home-from-home for some of its children. Saint Rose's is unique within our diocese for the help it gives children and young people with complex physical and other needs to fulfil their potential and achieve their ambitions. Quentin House, named after Sister Quentin, the former long-serving, dedicated and inspirational headteacher, will help Saint Rose's continue its mission. For more information about this project and how to donate or fundraise please visit <https://stroses.org.uk/quentin-house/> or contact the appeals office at the school (01453 763793 ext 225 or gail.mattocks@stroses.org.uk).

Redemptorist Publications Children's Liturgy: Because of COVID restrictions, we are unable to offer Children's Liturgy at the moment. But Redemptorist Publications are pleased to introduce Celebrate: an initiative designed to help children grow in their faith. Each week they will provide a Children's Liturgy in the form of a video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection and a final prayer. Fun, engaging and practical worksheets/resources will also be provided to help children continue to practise their faith during this special season of Advent and beyond. To join them, please visit www.rpbooks.co.uk/celebrate-following-your-faith

First Holy Communion: Just a reminder to all parents of children registered for First Holy Communion in 2021 that the children are welcome to come to Church and pick up their First Holy Communion Preparation book 'I Belong'. The second 'class' is now available on the First Holy Communion You Tube channel.

The Bible in a Year with Fr Mike Schmitz: Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes. Each 20-25 minute episode includes: two to three scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word. <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

New Tap and Go Contactless Giving Reader: Ever come to Church without cash and want to give? Do not like using cash? A visitor? Contribute to the second collection but have not brought enough cash? Contribute to a specific project through the building fund. Then please use the new card reader in the Church Porch (Digital Collection Plate). It is very easy and accessible. You can give up to £45 contactless, or give a larger amount with your pin number on your credit/debit card. You can even register your donation to be giftaided, register once and all following donations will be giftaided as long as you are a UK tax payer. Use before or after Mass (please not during Mass) And during these times, please sanitize your hands before and after use. Many thanks.

300 Club: Thank you to all who have supported the 300 Club over the years, raising much needed funds for our parish. 2021 subscriptions are now due. Please ask Fr. Tom for bank account details if you wish to pay via BACS. February Draw results as follows: £200 136 Joyce Bye £ 70 262 Roberta Smith £ 50 215 Gary Cotter £ 10 11 Nick & Alison Crangle New members always welcome Application forms are available from Frank Geraghty, f.geraghty303@btinternet.com, 01380871083.

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