

# ST BONS NEWSLETTER - 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## MONSIGNOR BERNARD'S MESSAGE

This weekend, we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the early church. Up till then, the apostles were not really aware of the third person of the blessed Trinity, all they really knew was that they were going to get “another helper.” So you can see why it took almost 300 years for this “helper” to be really defined by the theologians of the church. It was 1800 years ago in 325 in the city of Nicaea in Greece, that the churches of the east and the west met to discuss a number of issues. Mainly to do with the relationship between Father and Son but also the place of the Holy Spirit.

Today we are better informed and have a clearer understanding of the Holy Spirit, but that doesn't mean we know what the Spirit is any more than we know what the Father is. Thankfully, knowledge is not the same as belief; so we believe in the Trinity, even though we may struggle to clearly explain the idea of three parts in one God.

What we know for certain is that the Holy Spirit certainly turbo charged the early church and gave the founding Fathers the courage and passion to preach to the whole world. The same Spirit also enabled those who heard their words to recognise, in their deepest core, that what was being said made sense, even if they couldn't fully explain it.

Just remember that you cannot fully explain what love is, and since God is love you can't fully explain the Trinity. What we know is, that when we know we are loved, we feel better and act better.

## EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

**Please Pray For:** Enzo Maniglia. Eddie Williams. Margaret Rogers. Rosemary Hatherly. Sheelagh Gaines. Ninette Bateman. Madeline Walsh. Giovanni Maniglia. We also pray for Brendon Maszuchin who died recently. If you would like to be named in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office.

**Wedding:** Congratulations and very best wishes to Sophie Anne Cowper and Peter Rosemin who are getting married on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

**Mass time consultation:** Thank you to all those who have completed the Mass time consultation form. This weekend is the last chance to complete the form. A decision will then be made and announced regarding future Mass times at Sacred Heart and St. Bonaventure's.

**Hungarian Mass:** Fr Szende would like to invite you all again to a Sunday Mass celebrated in Hungarian - at **3pm on the 15th June**. Coffee and cakes afterwards in the presbytery. All welcome.

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body of Christ Holy Hour** will take place at the Holy Family church on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 3 – 4pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Anointing of the Sick, Benediction, and finally – refreshments – All welcome!!!

**Parishes in Communion for Mission:** As announced Canon Tom will be taking responsibility for the pastoral care of St. Bonaventure's in September, as well as St. Antony's and Sacred Heart. With this in mind, those interested, are invited to a meeting regarding the future of our three parishes on **Saturday 21st June** in the Newman Hall (behind Sacred Heart church) at 10am - 12noon. Refreshments will be provided.

**Informal Sociable Summer Matinee Concert:** Saxophony saxophone group are staging a concert on 29th June at 2.30 pm in the church, also featuring Andy Fagan on guitar, Emma Deegan on flute, and vocalist Maria Kalfopulos Mondragon. There will be tea and cakes served and a collection for CAFOD/Food Pantry.

**Livesimply Thought for the Week:** 2025 is a Jubilee year, which is when the Bible calls for debt cancellation to restore justice and human dignity. This Jubilee year, people across the world are uniting in solidarity to demand action on the debt crisis. The world is currently facing one of the most acute debt crises in history with 54 countries - from Kenya to Sri Lanka – facing debt distress. Despite significant poverty burdens, countries are having to make huge repayments on high-interest loans to wealthy banks, institutions and governments, leaving them unable to properly fund essential services. Debts are being paid at the expense of hiring doctors and teachers, building schools, hospitals

and sewage systems, preparing for floods, or coping with droughts. Often, countries have repaid their original debt several times over, but the debt will never be cleared because the interest on it keeps growing. Find out more, including what you can do, on the CAFOD website

### **Community Food Pantry Update:**

**Please donate:** Tinned meat meals, Tinned vegetarian or vegan meals, Tinned fruit, Tinned tuna and other tinned fish, Washing up liquid, Shampoo. **Please DO NOT donate:** Fresh food (we can't safely store it, and it will go to waste)

**Parent & Baby/Toddler Group:** Monday, 10am - 12pm. For more info or if you'd like to be added to the WhatsApp group please contact Claire on 07871627928.

**Rosary Prayer Group:** Rosary group meets every Tuesday in St Elizabeth dining room in Presbytery at 2pm. All welcome. Prayer requests welcome. Telephone Julia 07746101030

**Drop in Coffee Morning:** Everyone is welcome on 2nd Wednesday of the month 10.30-12.00. Come along to the presbytery to meet up with old friends or make new ones while enjoying a cuppa. People living with dementia and their carers particularly welcome. Next date: 11 June. Any questions, contact Veronica Swann 07884134599.

**Art Group:** On 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month 10.00 – 12.00. All welcome, including beginners, to join small and very friendly group. Bring your own materials. Any questions, contact Chris Swann 01179427018 or Cath Lucas 078069437664.

**Breviary Morning Prayer:** Every Thursday 9am in the church.

**Friday Soup Lunches:** Fridays in the Presbytery from 12 noon, all welcome! Donations are sent to charity. More information from Chris Swann on 01179427018.

**Men of St Joseph:** Bible and Catechism study with real life application to become a better Catholic man, Husband, Father and forge a lasting brotherhood of men of the faith. Meetings every 1st Friday of the month at 7.30pm. If you're interested, please see Deacon Bart or Juan Carlos (altar servers) after 10am Mass or come to the meeting.

**Women's prayer group:** Once a month on a Wednesday at 6.30pm, in the Presbytery. The next date: 25<sup>th</sup> June.

**Tea & Coffee:** Join us in the Presbytery after Sunday morning Mass for tea, coffee biscuits and a chance to chat.

## **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Sunday 8	Pentecost Sunday	10.00 People of the Parish 18.00 Virginia McGladdery RIP
Monday 9	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	No Mass
Tuesday 10	Ordinary Time	No Mass
Wednesday 11	St Barnabas	11.00 Wedding of Sophie-Anne & Peter
Thursday 12	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest	No Mass
Friday 13	St Anthony of Padua	No Mass
Saturday 14	Ordinary Time	No Mass
Sunday 15	The Most Holy Trinity	10.00 Pamelita Francis 18.00 People of the Parish

*\*Second collection on 15 June: Bishops' Conference*

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