



**St Margaret Mary,
Birmingham**

**The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th February, 2022**

Priest: ✠ In the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Confiteor: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do, through my fault,
through my fault, through my most
grievous fault; therefore I ask
blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May Almighty God have
mercy upon us, forgive us our sins
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we
adore you, we glorify you, we give
you thanks for your great glory, Lord
God, heavenly King, O God, almighty
Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten
Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of
the Father, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us, you
take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer, you are seated
at the right hand of the Father, have
mercy on us. For you alone are the
Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

First reading: Jeremiah 17.5-8 *A
blessing on the man who puts his
trust in the Lord.*

Psalm response: *Happy the man
who has placed his trust in the Lord*

Second reading: 1 Corinthians
15.12, 16-20 *If our hope in Christ
has been for this life only, we are
the most unfortunate of people.*

Gospel acclamation: *Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.*

Gospel: **Luke 6.17, 20-26** *How happy are the poor, yours is the kingdom of God.*

Homily

Apostles Creed I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, Our Lord, *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary*, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Offertory Pray Brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of faith: We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Blessing of Statue of St Bernadette

Processional hymn:

Holy Virgin, By God's Decree,
You Were Called Eternally;
That He Could Give His Son To Our
Race.

Mary, We Praise You, Hail, Full Of
Grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

By Your Faith And Loving Accord,
As The Handmaid Of The Lord,
You Undertook God's Plan To
Embrace.

Mary We Thank You, Hail, Full Of
Grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

Refuge For Your Children So Weak,
Sure Protection All Can Seek.
Problems Of Life You Help Us To
Face.

Mary, We Trust You, Hail, Full Of
Grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

To Our Needy World Of Today
Love And Beauty You Portray,
Showing The Path To Christ We
Must Trace.

Mary, Our Mother, Hail, Full Of
Grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria

Let us pray.

St Bernadette of Lourdes, you
experienced the joys and trials of
family life.

You saw Mary eighteen times at the

rock.

You called the sinners to penance
The priests to edify the Church of
God.

The pilgrims to come in procession
You reported the name of Mary, the
Immaculate Conception.

You desired ardently to receive the
Body of the Lord, and to live of it
You knew shame and suspicion,
mockery and humiliation.

You bore witness to what you saw
and believed with such
determination.

You answered the call of the Lord.

With you Bernadette, we go to the
Grotto, to contemplate Mary, full of
grace, to hear her say 'Do whatever
he tells you'.

With you Bernadette, we take up
our Cross, we go and wash at the
springs of mercy.

With you Bernadette, we say yes to
the will of God, by
becoming servants of the little ones,
the poor and the sick

With you Bernadette, we go to
meet the Lord in the Eucharist and
to drink at the Spring of the Living
Water of the Word of God.

With you Bernadette, we shall go
and repeat the Name of the Lady to
world, 'I am the Immaculate
Conception'.

Saint Bernadette, teach us to pray
each day, '**Hail Mary, full of Grace,
the Lord is with thee.....**'

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you
Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us. Saint Bernadette Pray for us.
Amen.

The Blessing of the Statue

Our help is in the name of the Lord:
Who has made heaven and earth.
Blessed be the name of the Lord:
From this time forth for evermore.

Celebrant: Eternal Father, most blessed and most holy, whom the highest heavens cannot contain, bless this statue of St Bernadette ✠ and teach us to grow in devotion to her and to Our Lady of Lourdes as she leads us to Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Dismissal: Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.



Notices * Figures for 6/2/2022:
Loose: £314.73; Gift Aid £56, 2nd
Pro Life Fund: £132.34; Attendance:
190.

* Sycamore dates for 2022 are for meetings in the Newman Gallery at 7pm: 2/3 9/3; 16/3; 23/3; 6/4.

* The next Padre Pio Prayer Group will be Monday 28 Feb at 7pm preceded by 6.30pm Adoration and Benediction.

*BISHOP WALSH CATHOLIC SCHOOL - SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022. Please note the deadline for applications for joining the Bishop Walsh Sixth Form is **4th March, 2022**

Details and in-line application can be found by visiting [Bishop Walsh Catholic.net](http://BishopWalshCatholic.net) Sixth Form Application process.

* Pope Francis Apostleship of Prayer for February: *Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women*
We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

* If you have recently joined the parish, please would you fill in a

yellow form, giving us your contact details. If you have email you will then receive the newsletter electronically.

* www.portal.mag.uk is out on 1 February. There is now a weekly podcast available on: <https://soundcloud.com/user-666404058>

* **Our foodbank:** Carmel Dowdall is on 07943 577638.

* Wedding dress, size 10-12, available at no cost. Contact Fr Simon if you know anyone who is interested.

***Prayers for the departed:**

Anthony Hobbs, Lilian Beveridge, William Morrison, Bridget Skellum, Bill Welch, Baby Lyla Joanne Wesley, Alphonse Diouf, Sir David Amess, David Magson, Marjorie Derbyshire, Jane Barnes, John Glasgow, Brett Wheeler, Evelyn Hogan, Erin Male, Iciline Dawkins, Jean McDougall, Clare Lees, James Nash, Penny Holbrook, Frank McGinty, Mario Romeiro, Mary (Margaret) Fleming, Theresa O'Donnell, John McGillen, John Hunter, Catherine Flynn, Vivian William D'Caccia, James Conway, Suzanne Wait, John Delaney, Fr Peter Clarke, Stella Iroegbunam, Rev Desmond Tutu, John Healy, Finola Moore, Janet Lodge, Jack Dromey MP, Shirley Cooney, Christopher Okorie, Sadie (Margaret) Shortall,

Reginald Arnold, John Duffy, Aleykuty Joseph, Priscilla Frances Arnold, Veronica Lee, Bernard Coombs, Cherith Nicholl, Marjorie Sullivan, Fr Gabriel Maguire CSSR.
RIP.

THIS WEEK

Saturday, 12th February. 6.30pm Vigil Mass (James Devine RIP).

Sunday, 13th February. The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 9.30am Mass, followed by blessing of the new statue of St Bernadette. 11am Mass (Fr Neil Scott, ordained to the priesthood). 12.15pm Baptism of Alexander Gray. *2nd Collection for Racial Justice*. 3pm-7.15pm Parish visit to Oscott College.

Monday, 14th Feb. Ss Cyril and Methodius, Co-Patrons of Europe. 6.30pm Adoration and Benediction. 7pm Mass (Thomas Francis RIP).

Tuesday, 15th February. 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (Sadie Shortall RIP). 7pm Youth Club.

Wednesday, 16th Feb 8.35am Adoration. 9.15am Mass (Gerard Byrne and Dennis Byrne). 7pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in the Gallery. *No Sycamore this week*.

Friday, 18th 9.15am Mass (Patrick McConway RIP). Half term begins.

Saturday, 19th February. 10am
Servers rehearsal. 6.30pm Vigil
Mass (Geraldine Mathewson RIP).

Sunday, 20th February. The 7th
Sunday in Ordinary Time. 9.30am
Mass (Danny McLinchey RIP). 11am
Mass (pro populo).

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The Story of Saint Bernadette Soubirous

Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes.

Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age.

There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked scepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig.

According to Bernadette, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm. In the vision on March 25 she told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." It was only when the words were explained to her that Bernadette came to realize who the Lady was.

Few visions have ever undergone the scrutiny that these appearances of the Immaculate Virgin were subject to. Lourdes became one of the most popular Marian shrines in the world, attracting millions of visitors. Miracles were reported at the shrine and in the waters of the spring. After thorough investigation, Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862.

During her life, Bernadette suffered much. She was hounded by the public as well as by civic officials until at last she was protected in a convent of nuns. Five years later, she petitioned to enter the Sisters of Notre Dame of Nevers. After a period of illness she was able to make the journey from Lourdes and enter the novitiate. But within four months of her arrival she was given the last rites of the Church and allowed to profess her vows. She recovered enough to become infirmarian and then sacristan, but chronic health problems persisted.

She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized in 1933.