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10 FEBRUARY 2019 ~ FIFTH SUNDAY IN GOD'S ORDINARY TIME

"In short, there are three things that last: Faith, Hope and Love, and the greatest of these is Love."

Times of Mass This Week1

9 Feb. Saturday	For the Parishioners	6:00 PM Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 Feb. Sunday	For Christians in Holy Land, M. Ashe	8:00 AM Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 Feb. Sunday	+ Anna Chadwick (birthday, 1913)	10:45 AM Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 Feb. Monday	All Sick & Suffering in St. Anthony's	9:00 AM Our Lady of Lourdes
12 Feb. Tuesday	Camel Carder (b-day) req. Ita Bligh	9:00 AM Bl. Thomas Hemerford, Tyburn martyr
13 Feb. Wednesday	+ Fr. Philip Blaine, OFM Conv.	9:00 AM St. Ermingild, Queen & Abbess
14 Feb. Thursday	NO MASS	XXXXX Ss. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop
15 Feb. Friday	NO MASS	6:00 PM St. Dochow, Welsh, Monk & Bishop
16 Feb. Saturday	Marie Duddle (FMA)	9:00 AM St. Onesimus, convert of Paul, Martyr
16 Feb. Saturday	Agnes Hoban (FMA)	6:00 PM Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
17 Feb. Sunday	For the Parishioners	8:00 AM Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
17 Feb. Sunday	Msgr. Robert Mercer (FMA)	10:45 AM Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Collections: 27 January: £409.00; [Does not include direct deposit donations]

This Sunday: Special Collection: Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage

Since I forgot to announce this collection last Sunday, we will have this collection this week AND next week as well. So, you can give to the pilgrimage this Sunday or next Sunday. (Gift-Aid)

Thank you very much!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: Veronica Pragnell, Ann Hamilton, Elsie Palmer, Geoff Brown, Dominique Chapuis, Susan Clarke (Bernie's wife), Kathleen Sherwood (niece of Sheila Miller & Audrey Hatter), Reg & Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Richard Carey, Luisa Schetter, James, (Fr. Brian's father), my nephew, Nathaniel.
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY: Canon Francis Moran, Fr. Philip Blaine, OFM Conv., members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, Mass intentions this week.
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Scripture discussion meets this Monday, 28 January 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Rye Social Club. 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1:1-4-6 & Ps. 39, 5; 1st Corinthians 15:12 & 16-20; Gospel: Luke: 6:17 & 20-26 ALL ARE WELCOME!

AGM, Churches Together: Rev. David Mayhew, Christian Healing Ctr. Wed., 20 Feb. Rye Baptist Church; 6PM meal (bring & share); 7PM speaker; 8PM meeting (you don't have to stay for this).

Meeting to discuss possible Faith discussion group: Tuesday, 12 Feb., 7PM in the Church. If you can't make that time, you can send comments through email, phone or in person.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet each Friday at 10:30 AM in the Friary Dining Room. Teresa Collins at 01797 230 609 or tdta.collins@btinternet.com

HERE'S SOMETHING YOU ARE GOING TO FIND INTERESTING!

Thursday, 7th March

6 pm at St. Mary's Centre

Everybody is invited to a Presentation with slides by Pauline Allan on the charity 'Let the Children Live' which helps the street children in Colombia. You may feel this is a cause you would like to support or just come and learn. Pauline was with us in Assisi and Padua last year. If you would like to attend, please add name to form at back of the church. Any questions please ask Jocelyn.

It will also be an opportunity to enjoy a meal together. Ham Joint will be provided.

Other victuals by courtesy of kind parishioners and friends!

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WHILE THE WORLD TRIES TO ELIMINATE SLAVERY: SS. PAUL AND ONESIMUS AND PHILEMON, SLAVE OWNER, SHOW US THE BEST WAY: St. Onesimus, whose feast day is Saturday, 16 February, is a martyr and former slave. He is mentioned in St. Paul's *Letter to Philemon* as the slave of Philemon in Colossae, Phrygia, who ran away. Paul met Onesimus while the former was in a Roman prison, and Paul baptized the slave and came to consider him his own son. Paul sent Onesimus back to Philemon with the epistle, asking Philemon to accept him *"no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man in the Lord. So, if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me. And if he has done you any injustice or owes you anything, charge it to me"*. In Paul's Letter to the Colossians, Onesimus is again mentioned as accompanying Tychicus, the bearer of the letter. The pre-1970 Roman Martyrology incorrectly identifies Onesimus with the bishop of Ephesus who followed St. Timothy as bishop of Ephesus and who was stoned to death in Rome. Slavery and other forms of violence will not end unless we convince the world that we are all no longer slaves to sin, but brothers and sisters beloved not only by Paul, Onesimus and the saints, but most especially by God. Let us pray that the Gospel will spread, that the fallen-away will return, that Christians will be united in the Eucharist, that Jews will recognize their Messiah, and that all who worship a false God will know the real One.

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## 10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST. BERNADETTE

by *Ellyn von Huben* February 11, 2015 [Abridged version]



[On 11 February] we celebrate Our Lady's appearance to a young peasant girl, Bernadette, in 1858 in Lourdes, France. Through a set of private revelations, Mary revealed herself as "the Immaculate Conception." What does this title mean, and what should we know about Our Lady of Lourdes? Ellyn von Huben explains.

### 1. THE STORY OF ST. BERNADETTE IS NOT JUST FOR GIRLS

Our Lady did not appear at Lourdes just to touch the hearts of tween girls throughout the ages. There is, indeed, much that speaks to the heart of the young girl. But anyone, of any age or gender can find in the story of St. Bernadette a story that will resonate truth within their hearts.

The appearance of Our Lady at Lourdes was not just for Bernadette – it could be heard by all; a sign for all pointing to Our Lady's son, Jesus Christ.

### 2. THIS GREAT SAINT WAS A PRODUCT OF 'POOR CATECHESIS'

She had the minimal schooling of a poor girl of her time, compounded by missing lessons due to ill health and the fact that she was needed at home to help care for siblings. To the chagrin of the teaching Sister preparing her for her First Holy Communion, Bernadette was a technically abysmal Catechism student. But she received the most important preparation – that which can hardly be replicated in a classroom – being raised in a family whose greatest riches were their faith. There is profound understanding in this heart which would one day write, ***"I was nothing, and of this nothing God made something great. In Holy Communion I am heart to heart with Jesus. How sublime is my destiny."***

It was the young Bernadette's lack of schooling which made her testimony regarding the apparitions all the more believable. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception had been defined by Pope Pius IX just four years before Bernadette's visions. The quote "I am the Immaculate Conception" coming from the lips of a young, rural girl possessing minimal scholarship had an indisputable veracity.

### **3. BELIEF IN THE APPARITIONS AT LOURDES IS NOT AN ARTICLE OF FAITH FOR CATHOLICS**

The millions of believers, Catholic and non-Catholic, who visit Lourdes each year are, though, a testimony to the fact that those who do not believe in Our Lady's appearance at Lourdes must be something of a minority.

### **4. "THE SONG OF BERNADETTE"**

Franz Werfel, a Jewish German writer found himself in Lourdes while trying to escape to Portugal after France fell to the Nazis. Families who took in Werfel and his wife told them the story of Bernadette and her visions of Our Lady. Werfel vowed that if they should be able to escape, he would write the story of St. Bernadette. True to his promise, his first task when arriving in the United States was to write the beautiful work of historical fiction (which is more historical than fictional), *The Song of Bernadette*. An interesting bit of trivia: the structure of this bestseller is itself a reference to the holy Rosary – five sections of ten chapters each.

### **5. POPE BENEDICT XVI**

Lourdes has had a special place in the hearts of many popes in the past 156 years. Blessed Pope John Paul II made three pilgrimages to Lourdes. He also proclaimed February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, as World Day of the Sick.

Lourdes and St. Bernadette also figure prominently in the life of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. He was born on St. Bernadette's feast day of April 16 in 1927. In his Angelus address on the first Sunday of Lent in 2008 – the 150th anniversary of Our Lady's first appearance at Lourdes – the Holy Father reminded us of its enduring significance, ***"The message that Our Lady continues to spread in Lourdes recalls the words that Jesus spoke at the very beginning of his public mission, which we hear several times during these days of Lent: 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel,' pray and do penance. Let us accept Mary's invitation which echoes Christ's and ask her to obtain for us that we may 'enter' Lent with faith, to live this season of grace with inner joy and generous commitment."***

### **6. LESSONS OF HUMILITY**

Those who are looking for lessons in humility - and shouldn't we all? - can find multiple examples in the story of St. Bernadette.

### **7. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE WATER**

Early on, some entrepreneurial sorts had hoped to find particular properties in the water which could turn Lourdes into a popular spa destination. But the water was found to be only pure and potable. Faith is the 'secret' ingredient. ***As Bernadette said, "One must have faith and pray; the water will have no virtue without faith."***

### **8. ST. BERNADETTE DID NOT AVAIL HERSELF OF THE WATERS AT LOURDES**

Never in good health, St. Bernadette suffered greatly, and with silent good nature, in the final years of her life. ***She held fast to Our Lady's promise that she wasn't promised "happiness in this world, but in the next."***

When she was 22, she joined the Sisters of Charity of Nevers. She was content to be apart from public life, regarding herself as a tool, such as a broom, which had served its purpose and then “the broom placed behind the door once it has been used.”. Despite her agony (tuberculosis), Bernadette declined the opportunity to revisit Lourdes in search for a miraculous cure.

## 9. THERE IS INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EVALUATION

Pope Saint Pius X established the Lourdes Medical Bureau to investigate cases of medical miracles. Because this system for rigorous investigation was established early and openly, verified miracles from Lourdes are considered to be the most reliable and least controversial. (Only 70 miracles have been determined to be miracles by the Bureau and the Church.)

## 10. YOU, TOO, CAN GO TO LOURDES

Volunteers of all sorts, not only medical professionals, are needed to help in a variety of ways... A week of time given in love brings its own miraculous gift to the hearts of those who spend time with the ‘maladies’ on their pilgrimages.

Taken from: <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/10-things-to-know-about-our-lady-of-lourdes-and-st-bernadette/2209/>

I have expanded the newsletter this week because of the importance of the apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes. As number 3 states above, the apparition is not an article of Faith for Catholics, but if there is strong evidence of its truth and it has received Church approval and papal visits, and if the thousands of visitors state the spiritual and physical benefits of going there and of praying to Our Lady of Lourdes (even away from the shrine), why not believe in the apparitions and the messages? The messages are a repetition of what we hear in the Scriptures, in our Tradition and from the saints.

We have two remarkable women involved in the proclamation of the Immaculate Conception, St. Bernadette and St. Catherine Laboure.

On 27 November 1830, Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Laboure, a French nun of the Sisters of the Visitation founded by St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Maurillac, to ask that the Medal of the Immaculate Conception be made and distributed to the faithful. It quickly became known as the Miraculous Medal because of the multitude of miracles among those who wore it. Wearing the medal is still highly recommended by the Church.

Pope Pius IX defined the dogma in *Ineffabilis Deus* on 8 December 1854. In this document the Pope wrote about how this had always been a belief of the Church by citing passages from the Scriptures (especially the verse, *full of grace*) and from many saints and theologians. This was especially fostered by the Franciscan saints including Bl. John Duns Scotus who graces our church porch.

On 25 March, the Feast of the Annunciation, the Blessed Virgin Mary gave Bernadette her title: ***I am the Immaculate Conception***. Due to her lack of religious education, it was **impossible** for Bernadette to make up this title. Thus, her parish priest knew it was true, especially because of what Pope Pius IX had recently defined and the apparitions of the BVM to St. Catherine Laboure and the “success” of the Miraculous Medal.

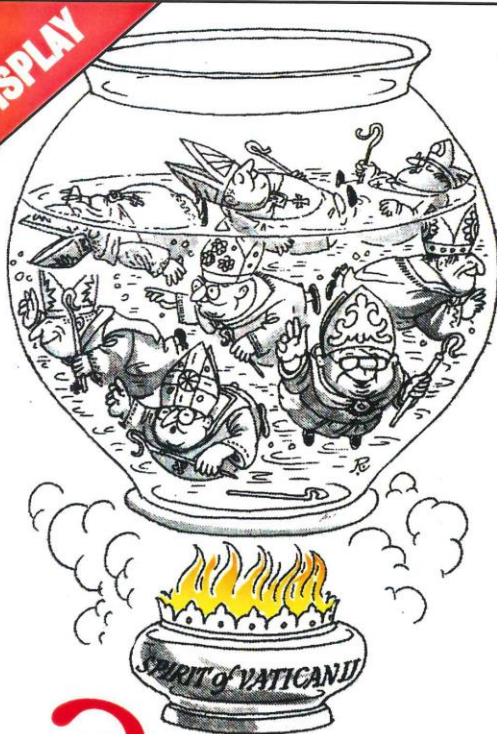
St. Maximilian Kolbe was overwhelmed with her title, Immaculate Conception. He kept asking her, “Who are you, Immaculate Conception?” He knew that only God was purity itself, but somehow God was telling us that Mary was the human embodiment of His own purity. This was a major motivating force in his ministry to know, love and serve God better and to convert the world. He saw that the best way to fight our spiritual battle against sin and the devil was through a militia dedicated to the BVM.

**YOU HAVE TO LOVE HOW GOD WORKS TO TEACH US AND ENCOURAGE US TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT WE CAN DO AS CATHOLICS BEYOND THE ORDINARY TO KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, AND OUR OWN MOTHER. WHEN WE HONOUR MARY WE GROW CLOSER TO THE FATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS, HER SON, AND BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

I hope to have a viewing of the film, *The Song of Bernadette* later this month, date, time and place to be determined by next weekend when we will have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

*Our Lady of Lourdes, heal all of our spiritual and physical difficulties and give us the grace to fight sin and the temptations of the devil.*

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IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN GOING TO THIS, I WILL HAVE A SIGN-UP SHEET NEXT WEEK IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. WE CAN PICK THE DATE AND MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION (TRAIN, BUS, PROBABLY NOT CARS) AFTER WE SEE WHO IS INTERESTED.

Finally, I will be in Oxford visiting the friars from Wed, 13 - Fri. 15. I hope also to visit Rye St. Anthony.