If you would like to follow at home, Masses at the Grotto can be watched live on Lourdes TV.

Please note that the timings are French time (one hour ahead).

The schedule for the pilgrimage is below:

FRI 22 July	20.00 19.30 20.30	St. Frai Pilgrim Prayers St. Bernadette Church Youth Mass Mass for Pilgrims not in St Frai – N.D. des Douleurs
SAT 23	10.00 14.00 19.45 22.00	Path of Bernadette St. Bernadette Mass of Welcome Social Outing for shops/coffee/tea St. Frai Hospitalite Prayers
SUN 24	08.30 10.00 13.30 17.00 20.00 21.00 22.00	Grotto Sunday Mass Photographs Shopping/Rest Period Blessed Sacrament Procession St. Frai Social – Transit Lounge St Bernadette Penitential Celebration St. Frai Hospitalite Prayers
MON 25	10.00 15.00 21.00	St. Bernadette Mass Assisted Pilgrims Rosary at the Grotto Marian Torchlight Procession
TUE 26	10.00 10.00 10.00 14.00 19.30 20.00 22.00	Lower Stations of the Cross for All Assisted Pilgrims Stations of the Cross on the Hill Water Gesture at the Baths Rosary Basilica Mass St. Bernadette Youth Liturgy St. Frai Social Time – Notre Dame du Joie Hospitalité Prayers in the Grotto
WED 27	09.30 14.00 15.00 15.30 17.00 20.00 21.00	St. Pius X International Mass St. Frai Pilgrims Holy Hour Bartres – St. Bernadette Celebration Mass Shopping St. Frai Hospitality & Malades Reunion St. Frai Platinum Jubilée Party Ss Cosmos & Damien – Adoration and Benediction
THU 28	10.00 14.00 15.00 19.30 22.00	St. Pius X Anointing Mass Esplanade Altar Thanksgiving Service Garden Party at Hotel Gallia Londres St. Bernadette Youth Farewell Service St. Frai Hospitalite Prayers



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th July 2022 Psalter Week 1 Year C

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbour, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbour is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbour is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time We apologise People of the Parish when Saturday 23rd 5.30pm times and Sunday 24th 9.30am Catherine & Ernie Power RIP Mass 11.00am Matthew Dunne RIP intentions 9.00am Monday 25th Kim Birks RIP occasionally need Tuesday 9.00am Tinsley family and friends 26th to be Wednesday **NO MASS** 27th changed at short **Funeral Liturgy John Costigan** Thursday 28th **12.00pm** notice for 7.00pm Friends Apart Group Requiem Masses

Friday 29th 12.00pm Requiem Francis Foster
Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday 30th 5.30pm John Campbell RIP
Sunday 31st 9.30am People of the Parish
11.00am Dr Charles Ameh 50th Birthday

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament recommences 4th August

Confession: Saturday evening 4.45 pm to 5.10 pm

Masses received this week: Christine Ebuwei 80th birthday, Sue Eccles, Anne Finnan Birthday Remembrance, Nick Lumsdon: Get well, Joe Corness RIP, Andrew McGowan RIP, Laura Crompton Get well, Dennis Crowney RIP X5, Ann & Frank Redmond

Enrolled into our Mass association this week: Mary Walsh RIP, Maureen McColl RIP (x2)

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for: Ann & Frank Redmond

The Marian Lamp burns this week for: Mass Association

The St Paschal Baylon Lamp burns this week for:

Kath Brumskill: Get Well



Coffee Mornings

There will be a meeting for those who have offered to help with organizing the Coffee Mornings on **Tuesday 2nd August 2022 at 6.30 pm**.

Please note change of venue: the meeting will now be held in the Church Porch.

CAFOD says a huge thank you for all your support, prayers and donations for the people of Ukraine. Catholics in England and Wales have donated over £3 million, and this is enabling immediate, practical support— such as the provision of food, clothing, shelter and transport. Please keep the people of Ukraine and all our brothers and sisters who face daily suffering, in your prayers.

Baby & Toddler Group

The Group has now finished for the summer holidays and will be back on **Thursday, 15th September** 2022

Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, For all those suffering or afraid, That you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, For compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world That in this moment of crisis, We may reach out in solidarity To our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in Your ways so that peace and justice Become a reality for the people of Ukraine And for all the world. Amen

Parish Pilgrimage 24th– 27th October 2022 Journey with the Northern Saints

Booking forms are available from the parish office for those who have booked and confirmed a place. Non-refundable £50.00 deposit to be paid on completion of booking form.

Parish Walking Group

The Wirral Way, Saturday, 30 July.
This is an all-day walk, 12 miles requiring strong, comfortable footwear, snacks and drinks.

Meeting at Central Station at 9.15am in time to catch the 9.30am train to Hooton we'll walk from Hooton to West Kirby.

There are toilets available at Willaston and Thurstaston and we'll finish with a well-earned pint/cuppa in the Wetherspoons in West Kirby before getting the train back to Central.

Walk contact Jacqui 07864 511 807.

Important Update – as at going to print, the rail strike will not affect Merseyrail. If the Arriva bus strike is still taking place on 30 July, the walk will not go ahead.

Heartfelt Thanks from Missio.

"Thank you from Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Through your Red Box or regular gifts, you are missionary, helping spread God's word and share God's love for his people. Thank you for your time, your gifts and your prayers for our brothers and sisters across the world. As a member of the Red Box family you will be held in prayer at Mass each day by the Mill Hill community and at Missio's chapel in London. Find out more about how your gifts are transforming lives at mission.org.uk"

Thank you again for all you do. Father Tony

Relics of St Bernadette

The relics of St Bernadette will visit the Archdiocese from 15th—20th September. For more information about the tour visit the dedicated website: *stbernadette.org.uk*

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please remember in your prayers the sick, housebound and all in our hospitals and homes.

Clare Battiste, Patricia Prentice, Julian James, Pauline Roberts, Scarlet Cook, Pat Brumskill, Connie McCarten, Winnie Tague, Kath White, Danny Smith, Margaret O'Connor, Ann Martin, Residents of Oak Springs Care Home, John Rix, Kath Brumskill, Keith Nieman, Adrian Williams, Garry Hilton, Anne King, Margaret Hopkins, Frank Barnwell.

If you know of any Parishioner who would like to be remembered in the prayers of the Parish please pass the details into the Parish Office.

Lately Dead: *John Francis Costigan and Francis Foster*We offer our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends.

Anniversaries: Anthony Cockburn

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the Church

Isaac Alan Burns and Conlan Sean Daniel Harkin

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your contribution to the work of the Parish which raised: £1125.79 plus the Standing Orders £845.40 **Total:** £1,971.19.

Retiring collection for Priests in Retirement £260.97

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Association are pleased to announce the programme for Lourdes at Home 2022

See back page for full details.

Please remember in your prayers all our Lourdes pilgrims.

Saints of the Day

25th July - St James

James was the son of Zebedee and the brother of John, the apostle. He was one of three witnesses to Christ's transfiguration and the agony in the garden as well as being present at the raising of Jairus' daughter. James was the first apostle to die for the faith, dying by the sword in about 42AD at Jerusalem. The word 'boanerges' used by the evangelists to describe James and John means 'sons of thunder'.

29th July - Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

Martha received Christ into the house of herself and her sister Mary and brother Lazarus at Bethany, which was specially loved by Jesus. He gently reproved her for her complaint that her sister Mary did not help her sufficiently in the preparations. The words of Christ were traditionally represented as indicating the excellence of the contemplative life over the cares of the active life. Martha also appeared on the occasion of the Raising of Lazarus from the dead when she expressed her faith in Christ and his divine power.

30th July - St Peter Chrysologus d. 450

Peter was a deacon when chosen as Archbishop of Ravenna. He enjoyed the confidence of Leo the Great whose teaching on the Incarnation he strongly supported. A good preacher, Chrysologus means "man of golden speech", many of his sermons survive. The saying "He who wants to laugh with the devil cannot rejoice with Christ" is attributed to him.

Thanks to everyone who takes part in the CTK Makeover Fund Tote.

The July draw has recently taken place and the winning numbers were

18 and 7.

If you would like to join in with the Tote please set up a Standing Order to

CTK Makeover Fund. Sort code 53-70-44.

Account 8541 1434. £5 on the first of each month.

See more information in the Church Porch.

Rite of Catholic Initiation in Adults (RCIA)

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith why not join our next program commencing in October 2022? To register your interest please contact the Parish Office—722 2231

Parish Defibrillator

We have a life-saving defibrillator located in the church porch by the main entrance. Several of our parishioners have been trained in its use. However, no formal training is required to use one. In the event of a life threatening situation they are designed to be used by anyone—even children—as full visual and verbal instructions are given upon opening and activating the device.

JOURNEY INTO PRAYER - CENACLE LIVERPOOL.

As a way of responding to many calls for help we are planning to run a course exploring the many rich methods of prayer in our Christian Tradition. The course will comprise of 12 fortnightly sessions, beginning in September 2022 and ending after Easter 2023. For an application and more details email by 1 August 2022 to jean.page4@btinternet.com or morleywinifred6@gmail.com.

Millennium Group

Cora from Claire House asked me to pass on her gratitude for the cheque we presented recently for £5,000. This is to refurbish the garden area by the Butterfly Suites and for Nursing Care.

This takes us to an amazing £145,000 donated to 33 charities. Our new project is to buy an Ultrasound Machine for a Maternity Hospital in Yemen. A doctor there trained in Liverpool and a group of women named Habibti (My Beloved) support the hospital.

Our Cake/Craft Sale takes place this weekend Thanks for all your support