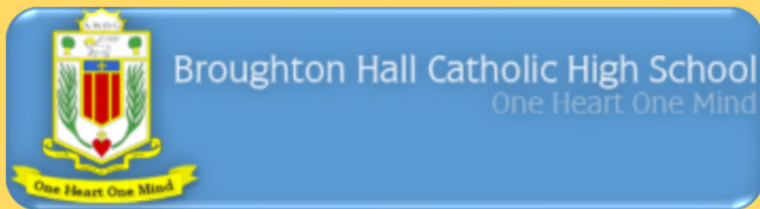


We Begin Our Prayer With The Sign Of The Cross

Leader: Let us remember that we are in the presence of God

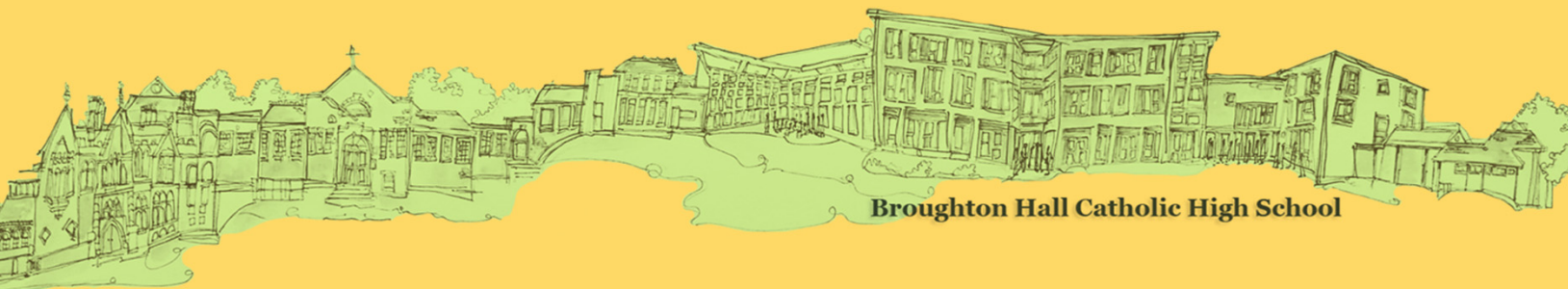
ALL: Let us adore him.



Prayer & Liturgy

St. Bernadette

Wk. Beg. 14th October 2024





As we gather

Let us Pray



Dear God,

May our hearts be filled with Peace and Love, Each day, help us to learn.

Remind us, 'Mercy is your way', compassion for the world.

You have shown us how to live, one heart, one mind, together.

For Christ, His hands and feet we'll be. Your servants Lord Forever.

Amen.

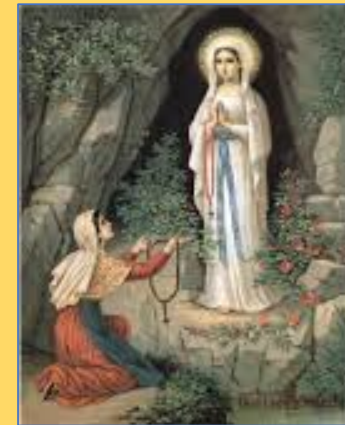
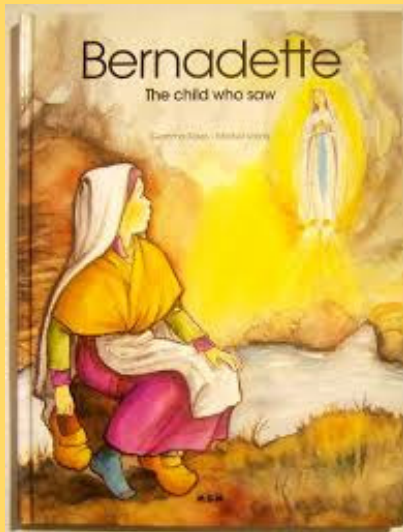




St. Bernadette of Lourdes



Feast Day: April 16
Venerated: November 18, 1923
Beatified: June 14, 1925
Canonized: December 8, 1933



What did
St. Bernadette say?

“We must accept our sufferings gracefully, without being miserable. Also we should have a deep but simple Faith in God. And to seek the virtues of Humility, Obedience and Patience.”

—St. Bernadette

Imagine seeing our Blessed Mother not just once, but eighteen times! That is the blessing Bernadette Soubirous was given for five months in 1858.



St. Bernadette of Lourdes

One day, Bernadette, her sister, and a friend were gathering firewood near their home in Lourdes, France. Suddenly a lovely Lady dressed in blue and white appeared to Bernadette above a rose bush in a small cave. The Lady held a rosary and made the Sign of the Cross. Bernadette, who was only 14 years old, fell to her knees and began to pray the rosary.



The Lady spoke to Bernadette lovingly and with respect. This was a surprise to Bernadette. She came from a poor family and had little education. She was not used to being treated so kindly. It was Mary mother of Jesus.



When Bernadette reported her visions of Mary, Church officials were doubtful. Many people did not believe her because she was the only one who ever saw or spoke to Mary. Still, crowds of people came to Lourdes in hopes of seeing Jesus' mother.



St. Bernadette of Lourdes



One day, Mary asked Bernadette to use her hands to dig in the mud near the cave. When Bernadette obeyed the Lady's request, a spring began to flow from the mud. It grew larger and larger and still flows today. At our Blessed Mother's request, a chapel was built on the site.

Obedient

Uncomplicated

Obedient



Thoughtful

Humble

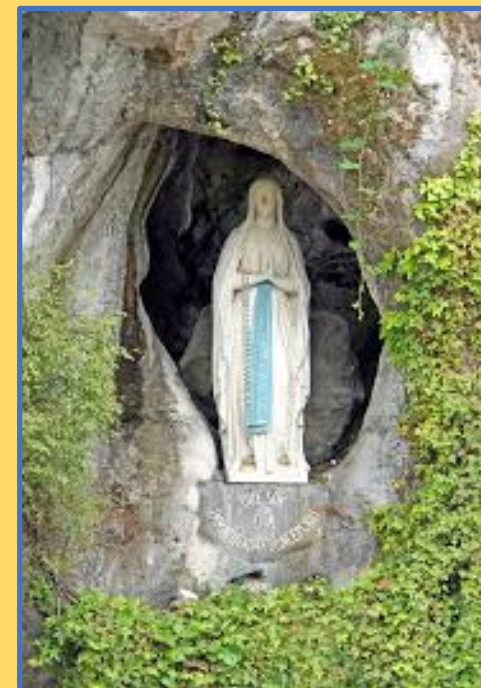
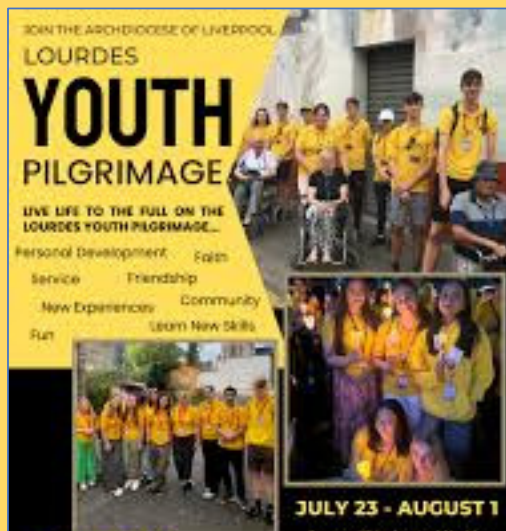
Integrity



St. Bernadette of Lourdes



Millions of people have made pilgrimages to Lourdes. They bathe in the waters from the spring and pray for healing. Miraculous cures have been declared after thorough investigation by Church officials and medical experts.





St. Bernadette of Lourdes



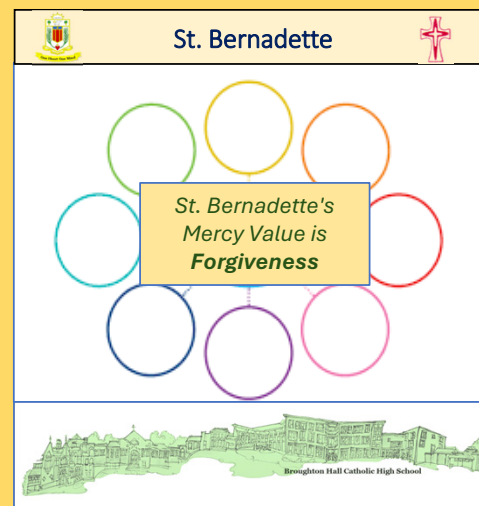
After the appearances stopped, Bernadette tried to live a quiet life. She belonged to a poor family and was not in the best of health. She became a Sister of Charity of Nevers when she was 22 and died in 1879, when she was only 35. St. Bernadette lived with great faith even when people doubted her word. Her example teaches us to pray that Mary will help us to have faith in all of Jesus' teachings.



What can we learn from St. Bernadette's story?

Forgiveness

To forgive errors of the Heart
and Mind



As a Form, list some of
Bernadette's gifts on the
mind cloud provided

Sister Catherine McAuley's Intercessions

May the God of Mercy bless and protect us all
All: Amen

May the God of Peace comfort us in times of trial
All: Amen

May the God of Love shine forth in our lives
All: Amen



We finish our prayer with the sign of the cross

