



ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

REFLECTION

This great feast day celebrates that God has indeed "lifted up the lowly," that Mary at the end of her life was assumed body and soul into heaven. It underlines the Truths we know about Mary and are expressed in other statements about her, such as the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception; that nothing, not sin, nor death would separate her from God and his love. Mary's faithfulness to God's saving mystery, her generosity of life towards others, her acknowledgement as God as the source of grace and goodness, and her devotion as the mother of Our Lord, is the very model of discipleship. When we are faithful, humble and generous, like her we are lifted up to share in "a place prepared by God," where "in Christ all shall be brought to life." Where Our Lady has gone we hope to follow.

Fr. Steven

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today	14 th August	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	15 th August	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	16 th August	6.00pm 7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Wednesday	17 th August	9.00am	Mass
Thursday	18 th August	9.00am 7.30pm	Mass Reception into Church Mary Rowley RIP
Friday	19 th August	9.30am	Requiem Mass Mary Rowley RIP
Saturday	20 th August Feast of St. Bernard	11.00am 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition Mass

TODAY

A small group of young people from the Parish will be travelling to Lourdes during the October School half term. To help towards the cost of the pilgrimage a fundraising event will take place and you are invited to a Quiz night on 15th September tickets on sale after Mass.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

YOUNG AT HEART - Parish Hall - Mondays - 1.00pm to 3.00pm. There will no gatherings in August - the group will reconvene Monday 5th September.

TODDLER GROUP - The group has now closed for the summer holidays. Anyone with a child on the waiting list who has not been offered a place please contact Bernadette tel. 0161 442 5965 as soon as possible.

LEGION OF MARY - Parish Hall - Tuesdays - 7.45pm.

DIVINE MERCY - Sacristy - Thursdays - 7.30pm.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MASS WILL BE HELD AT 11.00am ON MONDAY 29th AUGUST IN SOUTHERN CEMETERY, ST. MARY'S CEMETERY (WARDLEY) AND ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY (MOSTON) if it is raining the Mass for St Joseph's Cemetery will be held in St Dunstan's Church, Moston Lane.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR SUMMER FAIR 20th AUGUST 2.00pm - to be held at St. Joseph's Home, 52 Plymouth Grove West. - Bric a Brac, Scones and Cream, Tombola, Crafts, Raffle, Slideshow Games.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL FOR 'THE UNBORN' - Friday 26th August 8.00pm - 8.00am in the Adoration Chapel at Our Lady's, Raby Street, Moss Side, M16 7JQ. Exposition and Rosary. Information from Aileen 225 9977 or Sue 226 1730.

CAKE SALE - SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER - This will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10am Mass.

QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 7.00pm - 9.30pm - Parish Hall. £1.50 per person - teams of 5 people. Please do not worry if you wish to join in but cannot gather a team - just come along. Tickets on sale after Mass

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - There are seats remaining for the Pilgrimage in September, contact Fr. Steven or see the poster at the back of Church for details.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - A five day four night pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Fr. Steven, 5th - 9th December 2011, staying at the 3★Hotel St George - full board. Price £389, this does not include luggage which is an extra £30 but if you are travelling with a friend why not share. You will be allowed one item of hand luggage which if packed carefully can be used for all items. Contact Fr. Steven. £150 deposit with full details of passport, the balance is due by the end of October.

38th ANNUAL ROSARY CRUSADE - SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2011 - 2.30pm - 4.30pm - PLATT FIELDS PARK - Special Theme - Peace and Reconciliation - that they all may be one!

PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY - SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER, This event normally takes place in December to coincide with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception as well as the anniversary of the Christian Life Movement but due the inclement weather it has now been moved to the date given above. The procession will depart at 11.00am from St. Edward's and then arrive in Platt Fields. More details to follow.

FAREWEL TO FR. WILLIAM TECHIE FROM ST. MARY'S LEVENSHULME - Fr. William will be returning home in September and a farewell celebration will be held for him on Saturday 10th September, Mass at 6.30pm followed by a gathering in the Hall. All welcome.

OTHER NOTICES

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS - Catholics admitted to hospital should let the hospital chaplain know they are there.

Manchester Royal Infirmary - Fr. D. Egan 276 4247 (MRI) and 224 1895 (home)

The Christie - Fr. M. O'Brien - 446 3097

Wythenshawe Hospital - Fr K. Brigham and Sr. Bernadette Boland - 291 2297.

Alternatively ask the ward staff to inform the chaplain, either of these options will ensure that the Chaplain will know you are in hospital.

Last week's **CAFOD** collection for the East Africa appeal raised £372.

BAPTISM - Please make initial enquiry to Fr. Steven following any Sunday Mass. A Baptismal Certificate of one of the parents requesting Baptism for their child is now required.

PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS

		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	14 August	11	3	3	2
Next week	21 August	12	4	4	3
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7pm
This week	14 August	3a	4	4	4
Next week	21 August	1a	5	1	5

Signed Mass Cards can be obtained from Bridie Close, 44 Shawbrook Rd, during the week or on Sundays from the Bookstall (back of Church) or the Piety Stall (Parish Hall). Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to annieteresa@hotmail.com by Thursday for inclusion the following Sunday.