

ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN



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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14TH FEBRUARY 2010

CLERGY FR. STEVEN PARKINSON

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today Sunday	Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm
Monday 15 th February	Eucharistic Service at 9.00am
Tuesday 16 th February	Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday 17 th February	(Ash Wednesday) Day of Fasting and Abstinence Mass at 9.00am and 7.00pm
Thursday 18 th February	Mass at 9.00am
Friday 19 th February	Mass at 6.30am
Saturday 20 th February	Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon Mass at 12 noon

GOSPEL REFLECTION

From St Luke's Gospel today we see that in God's kingdom our earthly values are turned upside down. We count wealth, good health and success as blessings, which of course they are, but they stop being blessings and become hindrances instead when we bury our heads in the sand and fail to see or do anything about a world that suffers widespread hardships and injustices. The blessings in our lives can only bring true happiness once we are able to think about others instead of ourselves and do something about the "woes" in other peoples lives.



ASH WEDNESDAY - Discipleship is about almsgiving, prayer and fasting and Lent is the time we are given to examine how well we have embraced that discipleship. We make these preparations with a genuine desire to discover the truth about ourselves, guarding against any hypocritical agenda to seek attention. The ashes on our foreheads remind us that time is short and we learn anew to face this reality with truthfulness and courage.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

YOUNG AT HEART meetings – Parish Hall Mondays 1.00pm – 3.30pm

DIVINE MERCY MEETINGS Thursdays 7.30pm.

Lenten evening on the Gospel of Luke Tuesday 23rd February 7.30pm – 9.30pm at St. Gabriel's High School Bury with Fr. Denis McBride CSsR. £5 donation. Booking forms (helpful but not essential!) available at the back of church.

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CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN BURNAGE - LENT STUDIES led by Mark Ashcroft The Archdeacon of Manchester, Wednesday 24th February, Wednesday 3rd March, Thursday 11th March, and Wednesday 24th March in the parish hall here at St Bernard's at 7.30pm.

CAFOD Family Fast Weekend - Mass on Saturday 27th February at 12 noon followed by LiveSimply lunch, tombola, Fairtrade and Bits and Pieces stalls, continuing Sunday 28th February. More details next week with Lent Fast Day envelopes.

PARISH MINISTRIES DAY A quiet day open to anyone who serves the parish community in any way will be held on Saturday 6th March 9.45am – 3.30pm at the Marist Convent on Nell Lane. There will be quiet time for individual prayer, some input and reflection. A soup lunch will be provided. Numbers are limited to 35. Suggested donation £3. Anyone interested, please write your name and contact details on an envelope containing your donation and put it through the presbytery letterbox. Nearer the time car shares will be organised if needed.

Join **CAFOD** on Saturday 6th March for a very special evening of celebration with Manchester's famous Halle Choir, to mark the 50th Anniversary of Lent Fast Day which continues to transform lives worldwide. Full details on the poster in the porch.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT SOCIAL EVENT Wednesday 17th March at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. Food – Music – Display of dancing and singing. Purchase your ticket in advance from Mrs Pat Jones or Ann Tipper £5.

OTHER NOTICES

THANK YOU - to everyone who supported the events to help the youth of the parish to Lourdes. The total raised from both the Race Night and the Cake Sale was £620 well done and thank you for your continuous support.

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED – Catholic Children's Rescue Society is a successful registered Fostering agency but needs to recruit more carers to meet the very great need. Existing carers describe the emotional, practical and financial support they receive as excellent enabling them to care successfully for children placed with them. Contact CCRS on 0161 445 7741 or via our website www.ccrsorg.co.uk

BAPTISM – Parents wishing to have their child baptised, please make initial enquiry to Fr. Steven following any Sunday Mass.

All rotas are now printed in full on the Parish Ministries Board.

PARISH MINISTRIES				
	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee
This week 14.02.10	5	3	1	2
Next week 21.02.10	6	4	2	3
	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday evening
This week 14.02.10	3	1	2	2
Next week 21.02.10	1	2	3	3

Please note: Signed Mass cards (Sympathy and Special Intention) can be obtained from Bridie Close, 44 Shawbrook Road, during the week: On Sundays they can be obtained at the Bookstall situated in parish hall. Items for the Parish Bulletin should be either posted through the Presbytery door or emailed to annieteresa@hotmail.com by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday.

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