

ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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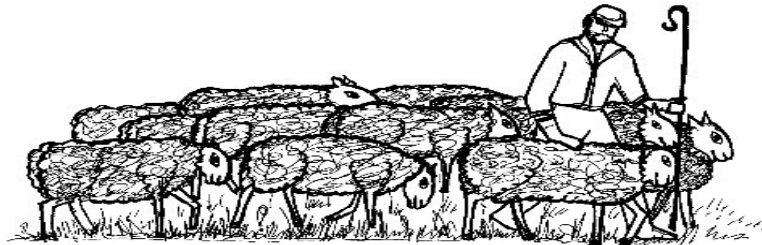
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Parish Priest - Fr. Steven Parkinson

15th May 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Today Sunday 15 th	10.00am & 6.00pm	Mass
Monday 16 th	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 17 th	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Wednesday 18 th	9.30am	Requiem Mass Margaret Perry RIP
Thursday 19 th	9.00am	Mass
Friday 20 th	9.00am	Mass
Saturday 21 th	11.00am	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 noon	Mass

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday is traditionally called 'Good Shepherd Sunday', because of the Gospel references to Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It is also the day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. On this Sunday we hear one of the great 'I am' statements of Jesus from Saint John's Gospel today 'I am the gate of the sheepfold'.

Through Jesus we enter into life eternal with God, and we 'go through Jesus, the gate' by baptism. This image is implied in all today's readings: the people listening to Peter find this gateway and enter through it: Peter writes to remind us that we should come back to the Good Shepherd, who heals us by his wounds. Let's pray today that people again hear the call to be "gateways" to God and respond to His voice.

TODAY

The re-decoration of the Church is now completed thanks to your generous donations and fund-raising activities. The fact that we have achieved it is a credit to the parish community. Well Done! This beautiful building is in itself, a witness to the presence of God. A new carpet will soon be put down in the Sanctuary and the Side Chapels to complete the work. We thank God for this building which shelters us in our journey through life.

Today on 'Vocations Sunday,' we welcome back Nathan Horne, one of our Seminarians, training for the Priesthood who will speak to us at our Masses. Keep Nathan and our nine other Church students in your prayers. A retiring collection for the training fund will be taken and remains open for a fortnight.

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PLANT SALE TODAY - There is a marvellous selection of plants on sale after Mass today, thanks to all involved. All proceeds to the church redecoration fund.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY - May devotions begin tomorrow Monday 16th starting at 7.00pm with the Rosary, continuing on Tuesday at 6.30pm(during Exposition), Wednesday and Friday at 7.00pm. Why not join us?

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation takes place on Thursday 19th May at 7.00pm. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

YOUNG AT HEART - Parish Hall Mondays 1.00pm -3.00pm.

LEGION OF MARY - Parish Hall Tuesdays 7.45pm.

DIVINE MERCY MEETINGS - Sacristy Thursday 7.30pm.

ST. BERNARD'S 70th ANNIVERSARY: (1) CONCERT - Manchester Chorale will join us for a celebratory concert on Saturday 21st May at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 available after Mass on Sundays or from Ann on 0161 442 5259.

(2) ANNIVERSARY MASS - a thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Friday 27th May at 7.30pm, the 70th anniversary weekend of the parish.

(3) CASH IN THE BUCKET DRAW £1 tickets on sale today and will be drawn during the Anniversary Concert.

DAY OUT TO LIVERPOOL, SATURDAY 11TH JUNE Cathedrals - shopping at Liverpool 1 . Eat on the Waterfront.

OTHER NOTICES



for a donations of £100, £50, £100 and £57 towards the decoration fund.

Margaret Moran completed the 26.2 miles Marathon and would like to say "thank-you" for all your support. She will collect sponsorship after Mass today and donate it to Cancer Research in memory of Fr. Keane.

The sun shone as we completed the 7th **CAFOD Walk in the Park** last Sunday, to help fund a clinic in Africa. Thanks you for your support & encouragement - sponsor monies can be handed in today & the next few Sundays. Many Thanks on behalf of **CAFOD**.

BAPTISM - Please make initial enquiry to Fr. Steven following any Sunday Mass.

Help Please! Would a volunteer or two be willing to help keep the Altar Servers' robes clean and tidy?

PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS						
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee	
This week	15/05/11	10	2	4	4	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 email anniateresa@hotmail.com by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday
Next week	22/05/11	11	3	5	5	
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday evening	
This week	15/05/11	2a	1	3	1	
Next week	22/05/11	3a	2	4	2	