



ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTION

In the parable that Jesus teaches the landowners behaviour is remarkable in two ways; in his care for idle workers not able to put their skills and energy to good use and in his manner of paying wages. His behaviour is used by Jesus to describe the kingdom of heaven; God calls each of us to use whatever gifts we have to advance the growth of his kingdom, paying us not in money but rewarding us with the free gift of salvation that is immeasurable, unlimited, endless and overflowing. In God's kingdom there is no cause for idleness and no limit on what we receive.

Fr. Steven

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today	18 th September	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	19 th September	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	20 th September	6.00pm 7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Wednesday	21 st September	9.00am	Mass
Thursday	22 nd September	9.00am 7.00pm	School Mass Reception into Church Elizabeth Lynch RIP
Friday	23 rd September	10.00am	Requiem Mass Elizabeth Lynch RIP
Saturday	24 th September	11.00am 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition Mass

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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

LEGION OF MARY - Parish Hall - Tuesdays - 7.45pm

DIVINE MERCY - Sacristy - Thursdays - 7.30pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Fair Meeting - A meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st September in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome to come along and bring in new ideas and hopefully make this as good as last year if not better.

BBQ LUNCH - SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER in the Parish Hall after Mass. Please fill in an order form at the back of church for your choice of lunch.
1) Burger/Bun/Salad, 2) Sausage/Bun/Salad, or 3) Chicken Kebab £3.

RCIA/Journey in Faith: For those interested in becoming Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic Faith. An introductory meeting in the Presbytery on 28th September at 7.30pm.

CAFOD: Our **Harvest Fast Weekend** begins with 12 noon Mass on **Saturday 1st Octber** followed by a **LiveSimply** lunch & **Tombola & Fairtrade Raffle** plus **books & bricabrac** & (we hope) a short **film**. More details next week.

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 to 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - There will be a meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers on **WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

EVENINGS WITH FR. HENRY WANSBROUGH OSB - Second of two evenings - Wednesday 12th October, "The Eucharist in Scripture." St. Gabriel's High School Bury 7.30pm-9.30pm. Booking forms on the notice board at the back of Church or via the Diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - 3rd DECEMBER THE CHRISTMAS FAIR.

Watch this space for further information regarding the Christmas Fair

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, not including luggage. Contact Fr. Steven for booking forms. £150 deposit with full details of passport, the balance is due by the end of October

OTHER NOTICES

Cake Sale Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the cake sale a success. the total raised was £212.00 well done. Thank you for your continued support. The money from the sale will go towards purchasing goods for the Christmas Fair.

FRIDAY FASTING AND ABSTINENCE - Friday was the first anniversary of the Pope's visit, to mark the visit the Bishops are calling us to reinstate Friday as a day of fasting and abstinence, to identify with the Lord's offering on the cross, in solidarity with those in need and to deepen our Catholic identity. For most of us this means refraining from eating meat, those who do not eat meat as part of their diet could make their witness by abstaining from some other food. We were called to begin this witness last Friday 16th September.

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.

MARRIAGE - Six months notice is required, one of the couple being a baptised Catholic resident in the Parish.

COLLECTING STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS - Mrs. Eileen McMahon would be grateful if parishioners would save their used postage stamps for the work of the FMSJ Sisters. When sold the returns from the sale will be used to help finance their work at home and overseas. When cutting the stamps from envelopes please allow $\frac{1}{2}$ inch space around the stamps.

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

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

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

Wythenshawe Hospital - Fr Keith Brigham and Sr. Bernadette Boland - tel: 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.

PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS

		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	18 th September	4	2	1	7
Next week	25 th September	5	3	2	1
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7pm
This week	18 th September	2a	4	1	4
Next week	25 th September	3a	5	2	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.