

Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday December 1st

Eucharistic Ministers 10am	Eucharistic Ministers 6pm	Readers 10am	Readers 6pm	Weekday readers This week	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays
Tony Kirstein	Carol Cooper	Tony Black	Irene Edwards	Pat Jones	Barbara Philips
Terry O'Neill	Kathy Petty	Dominic Richmond	Janice Banks	Christine Kelly	Comfort Mensah
Barbara Philips	Comfort Mensah	Thomas McCormack	John Press	Counting Team	Church Cleaning
Ann Richards	Little Church	Tea & Coffee		No counting team this	Ann Masterson
Jacqueline Turner	Angela	Angela Lord	10am Offertory	Week due to the Fair	Noreen Linton
Mary Saunders	Ann	Sandra McCormack	C Corrigan,		Martin Walsh
Berni Roan		Bernadette Moorhouse	V Hesketh		Bernie Kirstein
					Clare Clegg

FAMILY FLOWERS: Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church. **New flower list** at the back of Church; in memory of Eileen Tansey. Can you help with the cost of our Christmas Flowers and decorations? Thank you

New Diocesan Almanacs now available priced £3

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £631 73p Thank you

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Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to anniteresa@hotmail.com or to michaelkujacz@hotmail.com by Thursday as the Newsletter for inclusion the following Sunday is usually published Friday Morning.

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).



ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 1st December 2013



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1st Advent MASS 7/ Creed 12 Apostles; Sunday P.82 Eucharistic Prayer 2 (p24)



So Advent comes around yet again, and once more we are asked to prepare for the birth of Jesus. And at the heart of our celebration is the Advent wreath. There are four candles: three purple candles and one pink candle. In the center of the wreath sits a white candle. As a whole, these candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. This candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah. On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizing Christ's manger. On the third Sunday of Advent the pink or rose-colored candle is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the "Shepherds Candle" and it represents joy. The fourth and last purple candle, called the "Angels Candle," represents peace and is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

On Christmas Eve, the white center candle is traditionally lit. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. The colour white represents purity. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Saviour. Also, those who receive Christ as Saviour are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow.

Please take the opportunity to prepare well and try, even with all the distractions of preparation, to find time to pray. Go try your best! God Bless mjk

Pope Francis Tweet: The Sacraments are Jesus Christ's presence in us. So it is important for us to go to Confession and receive Holy Communion.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (December)

General Intention: Victimized Children. That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need.

Missionary Intention: Prepare the Saviour's Coming. That Christians, enlightened by the Word incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Saviour's coming.

Sunday	1 st December	1 st Sunday of Advent	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass
Monday	2 nd December	Mass of Advent	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	3 rd December	St. Francis Xavier	6-7pm 7pm	Exposition & Advent Confessions Mass
Wednesday	4 th December	Mass of Advent	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	5 th December	Mass of advent First Confessions Reception	9-30am 6-30pm 8pm	Mass
Friday	6 th December	Requiem: Eileen Tansey (St. Nicholas)	10am	Mass
Saturday	7 th December	St. Ambrose	11- 12noon 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Sunday	8 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the families and friends of Patrick Gerard Casey, Eileen Tansey and Mary Agnes Quigley who have died. May they sing with the angels. +

Masses received this week: Special Intention, Holy Souls, Christopher Andrew, Gerry Casey (6) Charlotte Vaughan, Molly Tullis, Francis Joseph Davies, Maureen & Kath Quigan Ints, William Stanley Sutherland, Edward Robinson, Mr Molloy, and George Mansell.

Sick: please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Maximus John Paul Payne(baby), Daniel, Michael Doyle, Jacob Bannister, John Doona, Margaret Keable, Pat Diamond, Pat Preston, Sheila MacCrimmond, Carolyn Smith, Pat Reid, Sally Kenny, Bernadette Maloney, Margaret Keable, Dena O'Meara, Mary Callaghan, Constance Murphy, Tony Masterson, Annie Clarke, John Barnes, Denny

McGuigan, George Hughes, Honor Squires, Maureen Nash, Betty Foster, Steven Moorhouse, Alan O'Donnell, Dorothy Hampsey, Annie Clark, Jean Owen, Mary Whieldon, Delia Connelly and Colin Pearson,

Box for **Lourdes petitions** and candle money in the Lady Chapel will be emptied to take to Lourdes next Saturday.

The Sacrament of Baptism: if you have a child for baptism, please let us know ASAP. Our next meeting for Baptism will be Tuesday December 3rd at 7-30pm in the Presbytery.

Getting Married Next Year? If you have booked your date please pop into see Fr. Michael K, to pick up a leaflet for the Deanery Marriage Course, which begins in the New Year.



Cancer Research and breast Cancer UK, are holding a **Coffee Morning**, with tea, coffee and mulled wine **next Saturday 7th December** from 11am till 1-30pm in our Parish Hall, why not pop in and support this worthy cause

Winter Timetable... **The Divine Mercy Prayer group**, meet on Thursday's at 1-30pm. New members most welcome



CHRISTMAS FAIR

TODAY SUNDAY doors open 11.00am.

Straight after this Mass. Thank you for all your donations, gifts and all you do to help make it a success. Why not give us an extra few minutes of your time and call in browse, maybe pick up a bargain or two.

Afterwards relax with an Irish coffee or visit The Parish Hall and sit down and relax with light refreshments. The Christmas Draw and other raffles will take place between 1.30 and 2pm. Enjoy your day. **FATHER Christmas** will visit from 11.30am

Pilgrimage to Fatima. 28th May -1st June. 5 days-4 nights, half board in 3 star hotel. Cost 480. For more details or to book please contact Ann on 442 5259

Switching on Christmas Tree Lights at the top of Fog Lane - with Carols; - 6.00pm , 6th December, followed by refreshments at St.Nicholas' Church

Christmas Carol Concert, St Johns Cathedral, Salford, Sunday 8 December, 7:30pm £5 for concert and refreshments .Two wonderful choirs - the Choir of St John's Cathedral and Notability - Join them on 8 December and support their nominated charities - Caritas Diocese of Salford and Loaves and Fishes. Tickets can be bought on the door or purchased in advance from Mary Scully on 0161 817 2250 or m.scully@caritassalford.org.uk.



Our Christmas Mass times: Christmas Eve; Children's Mass 6pm, Solemn Mass at 8pm. Christmas Day Family Mass 10-30am