



# ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

26<sup>th</sup> February 2012

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

"Day of prayer for candidates for the Sacraments"

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**Hymns: 264, 558, 447,757**

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## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> February	First Sunday of Lent  <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	10.00am 6.00pm 4.00pm	
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> February	Mass of Lent	9.00am	Mass
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> February	Mass of Lent	6-700pm 7.00pm	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> February	Mass of Lent	9.00am	Mass
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	Feast; St. David, Patron of Wales	9.00am	Mass
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Early Mass of Lent</b> " An hour with the Lord"	<b>6.30am</b> 6.30-7.30pm	Mass Exposition and confessions
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Mass of Lent	12 noon 11.00-12 noon	Mass Exposition and confessions Mass
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> March	First Sunday Of Lent  <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	10.00am 6.00pm 4.00pm	

## Holy Father's Intentions for March;

- Contribution of Women. That the whole world may recognise the contribution of women to the development of society.
- Persecuted Christians. That the Holy Spirit may grant perseverance to those who suffer discrimination, or death for the name of Christ, particularly in Asia.

**M**Y dear people, so Lent is upon us I think it was Oscar Wilde who said "I can resist anything but temptation!" : and today finds us with the Lord in the Wilderness where the devil tries to tempt the Lord. This begs the question if "old nick" has a go at Jesus, it stands to reason that the likes of you and me won't escape his charms. So five days into Lent, how many times have you fallen, come on be honest? Don't panic, because there is nothing like new starts and new beginnings. Most of our lives are caught up with the occasional failure, and when things get worse we can feel lost with no way out, that is why Jesus reminds us that "He is the Way, the Truth and the Life". He knew the mess we would get ourselves in to, so he becomes our "satnav" to get us safely home.

St Paul reminds us that, "when we are weak we are strong" strange words, yet true because when we hit rock bottom, our only way is up. It is Jesus, who plunges his strong arm into the deep and pulls us out. This is what happens when we go to confessions, Jesus draws us to himself and calms us and renews us with the balm of his forgiving mercy. Try it and see. As I reminded you all last week to make things easy for you, in Church are some leaflets to help you with a good examination of conscience and all the words you need to make a good confession, all you need to do is to bring yourself and a willing and open heart. I have set apart three hours for the Sacrament each week, try your best. Don't forget Sunday afternoons we have Stations of the Cross; they are a great devotion and one that intimately link us with the Lord's journey to Calvary. Remember Church is open all week days till around 4pm if you want to make a visit. In the prayer book tray at the back of the Church you will find different versions of the Stations should you wish to pop into Church during the day to walk them privately. There are also some books to help with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, like Confessions there are three one hour periods that you may want to take advantage of. So don't worry about falling at the first fence, get yourself up, brush yourself down and start all over again, the Lord loves a cheerful giver, give it all you've got! God Bless mjk.

**Symbols of Lent:** you will see in the Sanctuary our Lenten Candles, this is what they mean: the first three purple candles represent the first weeks of Lent; they represent Solitude, Fasting and Temptation. The fourth candle is pink and represents Laetare Sunday, traditionally Mother's Day or as I like to call it "Ladies Day" so that none of our lovely ladies are missed out. The fifth is purple again and represents Redemption the sixth is Red and stands for Palm Sunday and the Passover, and the seventh is white for Easter day.

**Rosary:** begins after Mass, on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday thanks to the Legion for taking on this responsibility

**Masses received this week:** Joseph Murphy, William Gow, Joseph Murphy, Patrick Gavin, Mavis Fisher, Johnny O'Brien, Florence and Dan Coonan. Peter Maher, Paddy Maher, Anthony Callaghan, O'Hara Family, Patrick Grennan.

**Sick;** please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Bishop Terence Brain, John O'Brien, Alan O'Donnell, Fr. Vincent Cavey, Peter Burton, Tullio Biasetti, Lannis Agnew, Anthony Callaghan, Pat Preston, Eileen Connor, Christopher Makin, Clare Keane, Nora Adams, Mary Philbin, Ciera Hulbert, Ellen Leech, Irene French, Adam Cooke, Antonio Puro, Sr. Susan Whitehead, Kitty McIntyre,

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** if you have a child for baptism, please let us know ASAP, so we can make the usual arrangements. Our next meeting for Baptism will be Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. **We welcome into the family of God,** Leo Peter McFeeley, Jack James Davies, Mia-Rose Christian Nolan, who were baptised here last Sunday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to anyone who is celebrating on 29<sup>th</sup> February this year, including Simon Kelly.

**Getting married this year?** Thank you to all who have been in contact over the last few weeks: the list of those getting married here this year can be seen on the board at the back of Church. If you are planning to get married next year and have not seen Father yet, please give him a call.

**Special Anniversaries:** If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary during the year, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> please let Father know as during the year we will be having a special celebration.

## REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

- **YOUNG AT HEART** - Mondays - Parish Hall 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- **LEGION OF MARY** - Parish Hall - Tuesdays - 7.45pm
- **DIVINE MERCY** - Sacristy - Thursdays - 7.30pm.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about our faith Thursday March 1st 2-3pm in the Presbytery.

The St. Pio prayer group will meet at 8 o'clock on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 14, Astor Rd., Burnage. Everyone is welcome.

**Woman's world Day of Prayer** will take place here at St. Bernard's at **7.30pm** on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Please do try and come and invite other ladies to come along, refreshments afterwards in the Hall.

**CAFOD:** This Lent **CAFOD** invites us to help people living without one of God's most precious resources - clean water. Please take an envelope today, share whatever you can on **Friday Lent Fast Day** & return **next Sunday**. On **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** our **CAFOD Mass** will be followed by a **Live Simply** lunch with tombola, **Fairtrade Raffle**, books & bric-a-brac, continuing **Sun 4<sup>th</sup> March** Every **£1** we raise will be **matched** by the Government. - a tremendous opportunity!

<b>MINISTRY OF THE WORD - MASS READERS FOR MARCH</b>					
<b>TIME</b>	<b>READER 1</b>	<b>READER 2</b>	<b>PRAYERS</b>		
10.00am	George Hughes	Pat Jones	Christine Robinson		
6.00pm	John Press	Shelagh Bridge	Caroline Fahy		
If you are unavailable anytime, please arrange a stand in or contact Tony Black 445 1788					
<b>PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS</b>					
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	26th February	3	5	3	2
Next week	4 <sup>th</sup> March	4	1	4	3
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7.00pm
This week	26th February	3a	1	4	2
Next week	4 <sup>th</sup> March	1a	2	1	3
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 <a href="mailto:anniateresa@hotmail.com">anniateresa@hotmail.com</a> by Thursday for inclusion the following Sunday.					

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