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1st May 2011

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Mercy Sunday



Today Sunday 1st

10.00am & 6.00pm Mass

Monday 2nd

No Mass or Eucharistic Service

(Mass at St. Mary's 10.00am, St. Catherine's 12 Noon)

Tuesday 3rd

7.00pm Mass in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 4th

9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall

Thursday 5th

9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall

Friday 6th

9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall

Saturday 7th

11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12 noon Mass in Church

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Thomas refuses to believe that Jesus is alive without the physical proof of seeing and touching his wounds. Jesus returns to him and invites Thomas to see, touch, move beyond his doubt and believe. We too like Thomas need to encounter the risen Jesus in tangible ways. Jesus offers us an encounter with his risen presence in many signs and wonders, which as we read in the Acts of the Apostles in today's first reading make a deep impression on people.

Today, with the whole Church we give thanks for the life, ministry and example of holiness seen in the life of Pope John Paul II who will be beatified by Pope Benedict in Rome on this feast of Divine Mercy. The impact and the impression his faithfulness and service had upon the Church and the world continues to be felt. Just as in the first reading, we too learn here and now, that in the community of believers the Spirit of the risen Lord is at work.

Fr. Steven

TODAY

Many thanks to those who enabled us to be back in the Church for Mass this weekend by coming to make the Church ready for use after the work during the week. Imagine the dust when you are decorating at home and times it by 1000's! We will need to do the same next week, when we should see some real progress in the décor, since many will be in Walsingham on Saturday, could we gather to get Church ready on Friday evening at 6.30pm.

Today, **Divine Mercy Sunday** and there will be Divine Mercy Devotions in Church at 2.55pm.

One of our parishioners is taking part in the '**SHINE MANCHESTER 2011**' marathon tonight raising money for cancer research UK in memory of Fr Keane. A sponsor form is at the back of church today for anyone wishing to support the fundraising.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

YOUNG AT HEART - will recommence on Monday 9th May Parish Hall 1.00pm -3.00pm.

LEGION OF MARY - Parish Hall Tuesdays 7.45pm.

DIVINE MERCY MEETINGS - Sacristy Thursday 7.30pm.

4 of St Bernard **CAFOD** Group are doing **The Walk in Heaton Park** on Sun 8th May, to help fund a **clinic in Africa**. Full details in the porch. Many Thanks.

SUNDAY 15TH MAY IS THE PLANT SALE - It's only a couple of weeks away so keep working on those plants. We have had some wonderful weather so keep checking your plants are well watered. Thank you for your continued support. All proceeds to the church redecoration fund.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE on 7th May the bus leaves St Bernard's at 6.40am. All monies to be paid now please.

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



Result of the Easter Bunny raffle, ticket 46 - 50 claimed by Bridie McGonigle.

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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD - MASS READERS FOR MAY						
		1	2		Prayers	
10.00am		Audrey King	George Hughes		Tony Black	
6.00pm		John Press	Janice Banks		Caroline Fahey	
If you are unavailable anytime contact Tony Black 445 1788.						
PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS						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
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee	
This week	01/05/11	8	6	2	2	
Next week	08/05/11	9	1	3	3	
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday evening	
This week	01/05/11	3a	4	1	4	
Next week	08/05/11	1a	5	2	5	