



## ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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### TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### REFLECTION

Today's Gospel begins with a seemingly straightforward question that Jesus puts to his disciples about his identity, and it ends with Jesus revealing how he will build his Church. The Lord uses people, not bricks and mortar, as the "rocks" of his foundation. Jesus builds the Church out of the community of believers who acknowledge Him as "the Christ," and remain faithful to His saving mission. When reflecting upon this Gospel today we remember the gift to the Church of the office held by St. Peter and his Successors as our focus of unity. Rather than a fixed edifice, the Church is a fluidity of persons, living stones cemented together in the mystery of Christ; rooted in Christ nothing else will prevail.

Fr. Steven

#### THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today	21st August	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> August	6.00pm 7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am	Mass
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am	Mass
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00 am	Mass
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> August	11.00am 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition Mass

## **REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS**

**YOUNG AT HEART** - Parish Hall - Mondays - 1.00pm to 3.00pm. There will no gatherings in August - the group will reconvene Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**TODDLER GROUP** - The group has now closed for the summer holidays. Anyone with a child on the waiting list who has not been offered a place please contact Bernadette tel. 0161 442 5965 as soon as possible.

**LEGION OF MARY** - Parish Hall - Tuesdays - 7.45pm.

**DIVINE MERCY** - Sacristy - Thursdays - 7.30pm.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST AT 11.00am MASS WILL BE HELD IN SOUTHERN CEMETERY, ST. MARY'S CEMETERY (WARDLEY) AND ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY (MOSTON)** if it is raining the Mass for St Joseph's Cemetery will be held in St Dunstan's Church, Moston Lane.

**CAKE SALE - SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** - This will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10am Mass, there will also be a small section of Gluten free products. Please help this to be a success by baking and buying a cake or two.

**QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 7.00pm - 9.30pm** - Parish Hall. £1.50 per person - teams of 5 people. Please do not worry if you wish to join in but cannot gather a team - just come along. This function is to raise funds for the Youth of the Parish who will be travelling to Lourdes during the October half term holiday.

**38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ROSARY CRUSADE - SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011 - 2.30pm - 4.30pm - PLATT FIELDS PARK** - Special Theme - Peace and Reconciliation - that they all may be one!

**PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY – SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 the 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.

**FAREWELL TO FR. WILLIAM TECHIE FROM ST. MARY'S LEVENSHULME** – Fr. William will be returning home in September and a farewell celebration will be held for him on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Mass at 6.30pm followed by a gathering in the Hall. All welcome.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** – A five day four night pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Fr. Steven, 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011, staying at the 3★Hotel St George – full board. Price £389, this does not include luggage which is an extra £30 but if you are travelling with a friend why not share. You will be allowed one item of hand luggage which if packed carefully can be used for all items. Contact Fr. Steven. £150 deposit with full details of passport, the balance is due by the end of October.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

**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.

**“THANK YOU”** – Betty Serridge and family would like to thank the Parish family of St. Bernard's for the support given on the recent death of Pat Serridge RIP. The family acknowledge the Masses, attendance at the Reception and Requiem and the many acts of kindness shown to the family, all of which were gratefully appreciated. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions. Thank you so much.

**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 276 4247 (MRI) and 224 1895 (home)

**The Christie** - Fr. M. O'Brien - 446 3097

**Wythenshawe Hospital** - Fr Keith Brigham and Sr. Bernadette Boland - 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	21 August	12	4	4	3
Next week	28 August	1	5	5	4
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7pm
This week	21 August	1a	5	1	5
Next week	28 August	2a	1	2	1

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](mailto:annieteresa@hotmail.com) by Thursday for inclusion the following Sunday.