

ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

21ST FEBRUARY 2010

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THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today - Sunday

Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm

Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 4.00pm

Monday 22nd February

Eucharistic Service at 9.00am

Tuesday 23rd February

Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday 24th February

Mass at 9.00am

Thursday 25th February

Mass at 9.00am

Friday 26th February

Mass at 6.30am

(Mass also at St Mary's and St Catherine's both at 12 Noon)

Saturday 27th February

Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am – 12 noon

Mass at 12 noon

GOSPEL REFLECTION



Lent is the most important time of year to nurture our inner life. We not only prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus but also the dying and rising to new life that constantly takes place within us.

Life is a continuing process of the death of the old and familiar and being reborn into new hope, trust and love in God. The death and resurrection of Jesus is not only an historical event but also an inner daily event that takes place within our hearts when we are open to the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit calls us to deepen our lives with God and each other through the three pillars of Lent – prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Devil in today's Gospel tempts Jesus to go His own way and settle for less than fullness of life

with the Father.

It is only God's way that leads to the fullness of life. Lent is a time to discover the mystery of God within us, who loves us not because we are good but because He is good. It is a time to make the inner journey to deepen our life with Him and those around us.

SOMETHING FOR LENT - With Mass at various times of the day during the week, Stations of the Cross on Sunday afternoons at 4.00pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday morning, a charity box at the back of Church for Lenten Alms and a CAFOD weekend approaching there is opportunity to do something for Lent.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MASS READERS – There will be a meeting for those readers who have agreed to take part in Stations of the Cross tomorrow evening 22nd February at 7.00pm in the Sacristy

YOUNG AT HEART meetings – Parish Hall Mondays 1.00pm – 3.30pm.

THE ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP will meet at 8.00pm on Wednesday 24th February at 14 Astor Road Burnage. Everyone welcome.

DIVINE MERCY MEETINGS Thursdays 7.30pm.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN BURNAGE - LENT STUDIES led by Mark Ashcroft The Archdeacon of Manchester, Wednesday 24th February, Wednesday 3rd March, Thursday 11th March, and Wednesday 24th March in the parish hall here at St Bernard's at 7.30pm.

CAFOD Family Fast Weekend - Mass on Saturday 27th February at 12 noon followed by LiveSimply lunch, tombola, Fairtrade and Bits and Pieces stalls, continuing Sunday 28th February. More details next week with Lent Fast Day envelopes.

LEGION OF MARY – Are you a Catholic who wants to do something more for the Church and yourself? Why not join the Legion of Mary. Our first meeting is on Tuesday 2nd March at 7.45pm here at St. Bernard's. Come and see for yourself.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – will be held by Christians Together in Burnage on Friday 5th March at St Margaret's Church, Burnage Lane at 7.30pm.

PARISH MINISTRIES DAY A quiet day open to anyone who serves the parish community in any way will be held on Saturday 6th March 9.45am – 3.30pm at the Marist Convent on Nell Lane. There will quiet time for individual prayer, some input and reflection. A soup lunch will be provided. Numbers are limited to 35. Suggested donation £3. Anyone interested, please write your name and contact details on an envelope containing your donation and put it through the presbytery letterbox. Nearer the time car shares will be organised if needed.

CAFOD – on the 50th Anniversary of Lent Fast Day CAFOD ask us to 'give it up' and return wine into water and biscuits in bicycles. Please take an envelope today for return next Sunday. You are invited to our CAFOD mass on Saturday 27th February at 12 noon followed by a LiveSimply lunch with tombola, Fairtrade and Bits and Pieces stalls, continuing on Sunday 28 February .

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT - Wednesday 17th March at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. Food – Music – Display of dancing and singing. Purchase your ticket in advance from Mrs Pat Jones or Ann Tipper £5.

OTHER NOTICES

JOB ADVERT – NURSES RSCN/RNCB/RGN AT FRANCIS HOUSE - Please see poster at the back of church or visit website www.francishouse.org.uk for more details.

BAPTISM – Parents wishing to have their child baptised, please make initial enquiry to Fr. Steven following any Sunday Mass.

PARISH MINISTRIES				
	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee
This week 21.02.10	6	4	2	3
Next week 28.02.10	7	5	3	4
	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday evening
This week 21.02.10	1	2	3	3
Next week 28.02.10	2	3	4	4

Please note: Signed Mass cards (Sympathy and Special Intention) can be obtained from Bridie Close, 44 Shawbrook Road, during the week: On Sundays they can be obtained at the Bookstall situated in parish hall. Items for the Parish Bulletin should be either posted through the Presbytery door or emailed to anniteresa@hotmail.com by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday.

Last Sunday 730