

# ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

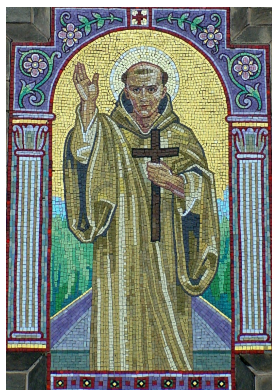
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24<sup>th</sup> July 2011

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am & 6.00pm	Mass
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	12 Noon	Requiem Mass John Wright RIP
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 Noon	Mass

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel today invites us to reflect upon the incomparable value of the Kingdom of Heaven. Its value is not fully revealed in such earthly commodities, such as treasure, precious gems or an abundance of food. The Kingdom of Heaven and what it means is revealed in people whose hearts are 'wise and understanding' as the first reading teaches, such people know how to act with compassion. Our discipleship calls us to strive for the values of the Kingdom.

Fr. Steven

### TODAY

There will be raffle tickets on sale after the Masses today to support the work of the **Little Sisters of the Poor** - and their home for the Elderly at St. Joseph's, Plymouth Grove.

### NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is **DAY FOR LIFE** - which this year reflects on what it means to live a full and happy life. It takes as its starting point the words of Pope Benedict during his recent visit to Britain, when he said: 'Happiness is something we all want, but one of the great tragedies in this world is that so many people never find it, because they look for it in the wrong places. The key is very simple - true happiness is to be found in God. We need to have the courage to place our deepest hopes in God alone, not in money, in a career, in worldly success, or in our relationships with others, but in God. Only he can satisfy the deepest needs in our hearts'.

(Pope Benedict XVI, The Big Assembly: Address to Young People, Twickenham, England, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010).

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**YOUNG AT HEART** – Parish Hall Mondays 1.00pm -3.00pm. There will not be gatherings in August, the group will reconvene on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

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

**DIVINE MERCY MEETINGS** – Sacristy Thursday 7.30pm.

**THE ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP** will meet at 8 o'clock on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 14, Astor Road, Burnage. Everyone is welcome.

**CARITAS ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY** – 30<sup>th</sup> JULY – 390 Parrs Wood Road, Didsbury. This will be the last time the Garden Party will take place at this venue. The Party will start at 1.00pm and finish approximately 4.00pm.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE** – There are seats remaining on the pilgrimage in September, contact Fr. Steven or see the poster at the back of Church for details.

Opportunity to celebrate the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** in Lourdes. A five day four night pilgrimage led by Fr Steven, 5<sup>th</sup> – 9 December 2011, staying at the 3 star 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

**Thank you** for a £20 donation towards the redecoration of the church.

**JOB ADVERT** – Vacancy for RGN – Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's Home, Longsight. An average of 27 hours per week, five out of seven days. Shifts between 7.45am and 9.00pm. Please contact Raghu Jospeh on 273 for further details and an application form.

**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.

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 <a href="mailto:anniateresa@hotmail.com">anniateresa@hotmail.com</a> by Thursday for inclusion the following Sunday
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee	
This week	24/07/11	8	6	7	6	
Next week	31/07/11	9	1	1	7	
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday evening	
This week	24/07/11	3a	1	1	1	
Next week	31/07/11	1a	2	2	2	