

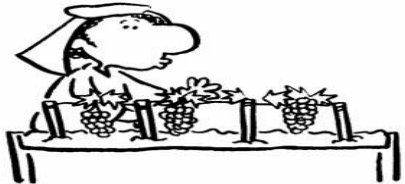
Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday September 28th

Eucharistic Ministers 10am	Eucharistic Ministers 6pm	Readers 10am September	Readers 6pm September	Weekday readers This week	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays
Annie Doherty	Carol Cooper	Tony Black	Shelagh Bridge	Christine Kelly	Bernie Kirstein
Christine Blackburn	Kathy Petty	Dominic Richmond	John Press	Imelda Dean	Tony Kirstein
Tony Hennigan	Comfort Mensah	Liam McMahon	Lainet Pinto	Counting Team	
Pauline Hixon	Little Church	Tea & Coffee		Ged Allcock	
Patricia Jones	Di & Anne	Rose Duffy	10am Offertory	Olive Hogan	
Tony Masterson		C Fahey	Volunteers please	Liam McMahon	Cleaning team
William Onzivu		M Fahey		Yvonne Tapodi	End of month

AMILY FLOWERS: Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church.
flower list at the back of Church Thank you.

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £521.77 Thank you

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Items for the Bulletin can be left at the **Presbytery** or emailed to michaelkujacz@hotmail.com by **Wednesday evening** as the Newsletter for inclusion the following Sunday is usually published Friday Morning.

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).

Going into hospital? Or have a family member? Remember you should ask the ward staff to ask the chaplain team to visit. Fr. David Egan's numbers are 07914285672 Or 0161 224 1895.

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

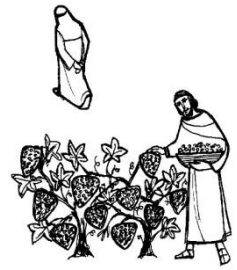
Sunday 28th September 2014

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26th Sunday MASS 7/ Creed 11; Sunday P. 134 Eucharistic Prayer 3 (p27)

Hymns; 147, 325, 133, 475

The Gospel reading according to St. Luke (6:27-38), in which the Lord tells his disciples, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." The Holy Father said that this is a model of Christian life – of unconditional love in action. "Do good," he said, "lend without hoping to have back what you have lent – [act] without interest, and your reward will be great," he said. Pope Francis also recognized that this new way of the Gospel is one by which it is often difficult to live:

"But Father' [one might say], 'I don't feel like behaving that way'. 'Well', [one might reply], 'if you don't feel like it, that's your problem, but that's the Christian way.'" This is that way that Jesus teaches us. 'And what can I hope?' [one might ask]. Go on Jesus' way, which is the way of mercy. Be merciful as your Father is merciful. Only with a merciful heart can we do all that, which the Lord counsels us to do – all the way. The Christian life is not a navel-gazing one. It is a life in which one gets out of oneself in order to give oneself to others. It is a gift, it is love – and love does not turn in on itself, it is not selfish, but self-giving."

The Lord asks us to be merciful. He asks us not to judge. Often, said Pope Francis, "It seems that we have been named judges of others: engaging in gossip, talking behind people's backs, we judge everyone." The Lord, however tells us not to judge, lest we be judged ourselves. "Do not condemn [others]," said Pope Francis, "and you will not be condemned." The Lord asks us to forgive, that we might be forgiven. "We say it every day in the Our Father," noted the Holy Father, "forgive us as we forgive others – and if I do not forgive, how can I ask the Father to forgive me?":

"This is the Christian life. 'But Father, this is folly!' one might say. 'Yes', one might answer, 'it is'. We have heard in these days, though, St Paul, who said the same: the foolishness of the Cross of Christ, which has nothing to do with the wisdom of the world. 'But Father, to be Christian is to become some sort of fool?' [one might ask]. 'Yes', [I would say], 'in a certain sense, yes. It means renouncing the cunning of the world in order to do everything that Jesus tells us to do and that, if we do the sums, if we balance the ledger, seems to be against us.'"

The Holy Father went on to explain that the way the Lord teaches us is the way of magnanimity, of generosity, of self-giving without measure. "It was for this," he said, "that Jesus came into the world," not to judge, not to engage in idle gossip, not to pass judgments, but to give and to forgive. "Being Christian isn't easy," said Pope Francis, adding that we can become Christians only by the grace of God, and not by our own strength:

"Here then arises the problem that we all must face daily: 'Lord, give me the grace to become a good Christian, because I cannot do it on my own'. This is something quite frightening at first glance – quite frightening, indeed. If, however, we take the Gospel and we read the 6th chapter of St. Luke – and reread it and reread it and reread it – and let us do so – and let us ask the Lord for the grace to understand what it is to be a Christian, to understand the grace He gives to us Christians, as well, because we cannot do it on our own."

Francis tweet; God's faithfulness is stronger than our unfaithfulness and our infidelities.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS [September]

Universal: That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.

For Evangelization: That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering

26 th Sunday	28 th September	Mass of Sunday Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm 7.30pm	Mass Reception of Mary Duffy RIP
Monday	29 th September	Feast: Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	10am	Requiem Mass for Mary Duffy RIP
Tuesday	30 th September	St. Jerome	6pm 7pm	Exposition Mass
Wednesday	1 st October	St Therese (the Little Flower)	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	2 nd October	Guardian Angels	9-30am	Mass
FIRST Friday	3 rd October	Mass of the day	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	4 th October	St. Francis of Assisi	11- 12noon 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
27 th Sunday	5 th October	Mass of Sunday Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass

Sick; please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Daniel, Martin, Sarah, , Debbie Griffin, Louis Kitt, John Thompson, Tony Moores, Pat Jones, Leanne Todd, , Michael Doyle, Eileen McMahon, Bob Cook, Jacob Bannister, , Janet Roberts, Kathleen Curley, Simon Kelly, Fr. Michael Hoare, Mary & John Featherstone, John Doona, Ruth Sivori, Pat Preston, Clare Bainbridge, Breda Gallagher, Dr Sean Doohan, Sheila MacCrimmon, Carolyn Smith, Pat Reid, Simon McDermott, Julie Ann Keeney, , Kath Rafter, Margaret Keable, Constance Murphy, Maria Baker, Denny McGuigan, Betty Foster, Steven Moorhouse, Alan O'Donnell, Dorothy Hampsey, Michael Flatley, Martin & Michael Rock, Louis Kerr, Mary Whieldon, Delia Connelly and Colin Pearson.

Masses received this week: Pat Fitzmaurice RIP, Mary Duffy, Kevin Kirman, Cissie Corrigan, John Cross, Denise Glover, **Special Intentions** Julie Brady, Donough Whelan, Alice Hooper, Mrs Pat Jones, Micky Duffy, Mrs McMeal, Derek Sutton, Anniversary - Mary Walsh, Fr Eamon Walsh

The Sacrament of Baptism: Pick up yours forms after Mass and return them to the presbytery: our next Baptism meeting is on Tuesday 7th October in the Presbytery.



Our Lady's Lamp burns this week in memory of the McGurk Family Thank you. There is a list at the back of the Church if you would like to be involved on any particular week. Suggested offering £5

Missio (Red Boxes) Collectors books are now ready for picking up in the Parish Hall. Thank you.



DROP IN THURSDAY after Mass in the Parish Hall open till 3pm, Good conversation, games, newspapers, constant tea and coffee, and toast. Homemade soup and bread and homemade treats at 12-30pm, lovely warm atmosphere: don't be shy come and join our regulars become one yourself! This event is for all our Parishioners and members of our local community why not pop in and show your support?



TODDLERS GROUP. The group has now re-opened. 9.30am --11.30am every Tuesday; Further enquiries to Anne 431 7212.

Our Monday Club, "young at heart" is open once more and always delighted to have new people from the Parish and our local community.

CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER. This year as well as our usual stalls and raffles we will be having a Tea Shoppe in one of the school rooms and to make it extra special we would like to serve tea in china cups and this where we need your help please! Have you any china cups and saucers that were once part of a set that you now no longer use? If so we would welcome them and put them to good use. A box will be available at the back of church from next week for any you may have. Thank you for the help you have given us over the years without you we would not have a Christmas Fair.

HOLY LAND meeting for all who booked their flight on THIS Monday 29th September in the Parish Hall at 7pm. We still have 4 places available - if interested please come along to the meeting.

Today in the Parish Hall - Cake Sale and Toast on sale - all proceeds to support our young people to go on Pilgrimage.

Rosary beads from the Holy Land made in a 'little town called Bethlehem' in olive wood - £1 and £2, please support

It's Pantomime time: Cinderella at the Stockport Plaza, Friday 19th December coach & ticket £14. List now open at the back of Church. Only 100 tickets this year!!!!