

# Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday December 8th

Eucharistic Ministers 10am	Eucharistic Ministers 6pm	Readers 10am	Readers 6pm	Weekday readers This week	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays
Ted Cross	Pearle Gorman	Tony Black	Irene Edwards	Clare Clegg	Pat Jones
Margaret Duffy	Santosh Pinto	Dominic Richmond	Janice Banks	John Press	Liam McMahon
Margaret Hennigan	Julia Traynor	Thomas McCormack	John Press	<b>Counting Team</b>	<b>Church Cleaning</b>
Christine Kelly	<b>Little Church</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>		Ged Allcock	Bridie Close
Bernadette Kirstein	Christine	M Allcock	<b>10am Offertory</b>	Olive Hogan	Barbara Philips
John McCormack	Imelda	E Bostock	Kathleen Clarke,	Liam McMahon	Kath Dinan
Pauline Nieri		Mary Saunders	Mary Thompson	Yvonne Tapodi	Mary Thompson
					Bridie Burke


**FAMILY FLOWERS:** Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church. **New flower list** at the back of Church; in memory of Eileen Tansey. Christmas flowers in memory of Sean Brennan. Can you help with the cost of our Christmas Flowers and decorations? Thank you

New Diocesan Almanacs now available priced £3

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £611-40p Thank you

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**Items for the Bulletin** can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to [annieteresa@hotmail.com](mailto:annieteresa@hotmail.com) or to [michaelkujacz@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelkujacz@hotmail.com) by Thursday 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).



# ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013



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**2nd Advent MASS 7/ Creed 12 Apostles; Sunday P.85 Eucharistic Prayer 3 (p24)**  
**Hymns 541, 431, 213, 346**



Guinness have a great advert playing at the moment at the Cinemas, I am not sure if it has been on the television yet. It involves a group of young men who are playing a very combative game of wheelchair basketball, there is much bumping and tipping of chairs, it's very competitive. At the end of the clip the team, bar one all undo the straps around their legs and walk off the court while one wheels himself out. We later see them sitting together in a pub enjoying a Guinness. The first time I saw it I was tremendously moved,

that the able bodied would go to such lengths to make sure that their friend is not left out. I know it's only an advert, but its one which has a lot more to say than just having a glass of beer. It teaches about looking after one another and going the extra mile, and being a friend.

Advent is a time when the Lord joins us, walks with us, lifts our spirits, plants hope in our hearts and rekindles our reasons for living. He offers us forgiveness and a brand new clean start for the New Year. He wishes to plant within our hearts his presence so that when we come to Christmas we too, can be a support to our families and friends, we too can walk the extra mile, we too can recognize each others weakness and not see them as barriers but rather as an invitation to accompany. Christmas can be a very expensive time if we try to keep up with all we are told is necessary and important. Yet, God's love is freely given to us in Jesus, his mercy and compassion are awesome. In the end the greatest gift is the gift of yourself, your time, your talents, your personality, just being you, and if you can give a little more of yourselves, you too can pull down the barriers that keep people apart. Love indeed becomes the best of gifts when you know how the generously give it away; that's what God does for us at Christmas. God Bless mjk.

**Pope Francis Tweet:** Your sins are great? Just tell the Lord: Forgive me, help me to get up again, change my heart!

*2014 - Year of Our Parish*

## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (December)

**General Intention:** Victimized Children. That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need.

**Missionary Intention:** Prepare the Saviour's Coming. That Christians, enlightened by the Word incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Saviour's coming.

Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> December	Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> December	St. John Roberts	6-7pm  7pm	Exposition & Advent Confessions Mass
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> December	Requiem: Paul Hendrick	10am	Mass
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Requiem: Mary Quigley	10am	Mass
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> December	St Lucy	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	Feast: St John of the Cross	11- 12noon  12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> December	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the families and friends of Paul Hendrick who has died: May he rest in the peace of the Lord. +

**Masses received this week:** Special Intention, Sean Brennan, Sr Margarete, Eileen Tansey (3), Mary Nelson, Seamus Nelson, Agnes Parker, John McDonald, Jim Rochford, Mary Teresa McKenna, Joan McDonnell, Bridget Flanagan, Pat Armstrong int, Michael Neary, Andrew Neary, William Walsh, and Margaret Mary Callaghan.

**Sick;** please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Maximus John Paul Payne(baby), Daniel, Michael Doyle, Jacob Bannister, John Doona, Margaret Keable, Pat Diamond, Pat Preston, Sheila MacCrimmon, Carolyn Smith, Pat Reid, Kath Rafter, Sally Kenny, Bernadette Maloney, Margaret Keable, Dena O'Meara, Mary Callaghan, Constance Murphy, Tony Masterson, Annie Clarke, John Barnes, Denny McGuigan, George Hughes, Honor Squires, Maureen Nash, Betty Foster,

Steven Moorhouse, Alan O'Donnell, Dorothy Hampsey, Annie Clark, Jean Owen, Mary Whieldon, Delia Connelly and Colin Pearson,



**LOURDES;** I will be in Lourdes for the day today, and each and every one of you and especially our sick and housebound will be remembered at the shrine and at Mass. You can see the Grotto at Lourdes 24 hours a day on [en.lourdes-france.org](http://en.lourdes-france.org), and all being well I will be in the Grotto around 1pm your time, placing your petitions and the November lists in the shrine, why not take a look if you can?

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** if you have a child for baptism, please let us know ASAP. Our next meeting for Baptism will be Tuesday January 7th at 7-30pm in the Presbytery.

**Getting Married Next Year?** If you have booked your date please pop into see Fr. Michael K, to pick up a leaflet for the Deanery Marriage Course, which begins in the New Year.

**Missio (Red boxes)** please collector's books are now ready for picking up in the Parish Hall.

**The Divine Mercy Prayer group** Winter Timetable, meet on Thursday's at 1-30pm, In the Sacristy. New members most welcome

**CAFOD:** Just the thing on a cold & frosty morning ... **NEXT** Sunday (15th) **Mulled Wine & Hot Mince Pies** will be served after Mass in support of our **Ethiopian Project**.

Churches together in Burnage, **Carol Singing at Tesco's** - 14th December, from 12.00 - 2.00pm. More voices make great harmony!



**Christmas Fair:** many thanks to all who helped and contributed in anyway to this great family event. A lot of hard work was on show during the day and went on before to ensure a wonderful result, we raised £4580, which was incredible. Thank you also to all who came to join in the fun. A list of prize winners is at the back of church. All prizes have now been collected or delivered.

We have a **sale of goods in the Parish Hall after the 10am mass**, why not pop in and see if you can get yourself a last minute bargain?

**Christmas Carol Concert, St Johns Cathedral, Salford, Today** Sunday 8 December, 7:30pm £5 for concert and refreshments .Two wonderful choirs - the Choir of St John's Cathedral and Notability - Join them on 8 December and support their nominated charities - Caritas Diocese of Salford and Loaves and Fishes. Tickets can be bought on the door or purchased in advance from Mary Scully on 0161 817 2250 or [m.scully@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:m.scully@caritassalford.org.uk).



**Our Christmas Mass times: Christmas Eve: Children's Mass 6pm, Solemn Mass at 8pm. Christmas Day Family Mass 10-30am**