

Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday December 14th

Eucharistic Ministers 10am	Eucharistic Ministers 6pm	Readers 10am December	Readers 6pm December	Weekday readers This week	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays
Annie Doherty	Carol Cooper	Christine Robinson	Lainet Pinto	Bernie Kirstein	Comfort Mensah
Christine Blackburn	Kathy Petty	Tony Black	Shelagh Bridge	Bridie Close	Barbara Philips
Tony Hennigan	Comfort Mensah	Pat Jones	Carol Cooper	Counting Team	
Pauline Hixon	Little Church	Tea & Coffee		Helen Clarke	
Patricia Jones	Children	Rose Duffy	10am Offertory	Kath Clarke	
Tony Masterson		C Fahey	Christopher & Maureen	Margaret Moran	Cleaning team
William Onzivu		M Fahey		R Duffy	End of month

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

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £536 53p 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).

The Divine Mercy prayer Group are meeting together on Thursday's at 1-30pm in the Church; why not join them?

TODDLERS GROUP. The group is open. 9.30am --11.30am every Tuesday; Further enquiries to Anne 431 7212.

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

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday 14th December 2014

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2nd Advent MASS 7/ Creed 11; Sunday P. 85 Eucharistic Prayer 2 (p24)



Throughout the first three weeks of Advent our focus is very clearly on the Second Coming of the Lord - not so much on the run up to Christmas (until the last week). If we view Advent as a preparation for Christmas these readings will make little sense - and neither will the figure of John the Baptist who appears today: if it's about the preparation for Christmas, then John the Baptist, preaching after Jesus was born, is a confusing figure: but his role is to preach to us, as he did of old, and to prepare us for the (second) coming of the Lord. Today we have a very graphic reference to the end of time and the Second Coming in the reading from Saint Peter; it is a frightening picture, and so the first reading offers tender words of comfort to help us

understand who is coming, and why we should be ready to meet him.

This Monday our new Bishop, John Arnold will be installed as our new Shepherd. He will have lots of challenges ahead, but he is a very talented, prayerful man and a good administrator as well. Please spare a prayer for him tomorrow, and over the next few weeks, as he settles down and gets his feet under the diocesan table. I hope he will come and say Mass at one of our Deanery Lenten Station Masses in the New Year.

May I offer my thanks to all who helped in any way with the Christmas Fair which was a great event. Can I especially thank Bernadette and Barry and their team for all the hard work that went into the organization and the School for their involvement and cooperation. The funds raised will especially help with our fuel bills and go towards the cost of the new hymn books and music. Tony Kirstein has taken up the challenge of organizing an outside crib: if you can give a hand please let him know. The crib scene is becoming a rarity to be seen, so I hope that our little crib will be a reminder to all who pass the Church of the reason for the season. God Bless mjk



Francis tweet: Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (December)

]Universal: That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

For Evangelization: That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

2 nd Sunday of Advent	7 th December	Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	
Monday <i>Solemnity</i>	8th December	Immaculate Conception	7pm*	Mass
Tuesday	9 th December	Mass of Advent (St. Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin)	6pm 7pm	Exposition, confessions & Mass
Wednesday	10 th December	Mass of Advent	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	11 th December	Mass of Advent (St. Damasus I)	9-30am	Mass
Friday	12 th December	Our Lady of Guadalupe	9-30am	Mass
Saturday 	13 th December	St. Lucy	11- 12noon 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
3 rd Sunday of Advent	14 th December	Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	

Masses this week: Special intentions, Sean Brehan, Liz Ryan, The Stansfield Family,, Joan McDonnell, Michael & Andrew Neary, Sr. Beatrice INT, In thanksgiving, Annie O'Donnell, Seamus Nelson, Mary Nelson, Alice Lannon, John Connors and Bernard Grigaitis INT.

Sick; please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Daniel, Bridget, Martin, Sarah, Pat Jones, Fr. Pat Early, Debbie Griffin, Louis Kitt, Thomas McLoughlin, Pat Kemp, Eileen McCormack, Elle-Rose Blackhall, Joan Kennedy, Richard Kujacz, John Thompson, Caoimhe Grealish, Mary Barrens, Agnes Halligan, Tony Moores, Michael Doyle, Eileen McMahon, Bob Cook, Micky Duffy, Jacob Bannister, Eddie & Olive Hogan, Janet Roberts, Kathleen Curley, Fr. Michael Hoare, Mary & John Featherstone, John Doona, Margaret Keable, Ruth Sivori, Pat Preston, Clare Bainbridge, Breda Gallagher, Dr Sean Doohan, Sheila MacCrimmon, Carolyn Smith, Pat Reid, Simon McDermott, Julie Ann Keeney, Stephen Gatley, Kath Rafter, Margaret Keable, Constance Murphy, Maria Baker, Denny McGuigan, Betty Foster, Steven Moorhouse, Dorothy Hampsey, Martin & Michael Rock, Louis Kerr, Delia Connelly and Colin Pearson.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Pick up yours packs after Mass and return them to the presbytery: our next Baptism meeting is Tuesday 6th January in the House.



Our Lady's Lamp burns this week for Fr. Paxton's intentions, 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

CAFOD: TODAY our **CAFOD** box is out in support of the **DEC Appeal** to help communities suffering the devastating effects of the **Ebola** virus - thank you for your generosity. There's still time to order your **CAFOD World Gifts** by post, by phone or **online**. ... from goats to beehives, footballs to chickens, these are the Christmas presents that truly transform lives. Thank You.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone for once again making a Christmas fair a great success. The total raised was £4647.40 this will help towards parish needs. The generosity of the parish has as always been second to none.

Well done everyone. Happy Christmas to you all. The Fundraising Team.

Parish & South Manchester Pilgrimage to Lourdes Monday 25th August to Friday 28th. Cost is £565, See notice at the back of the Church for details



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?



Holy Land money due in the next two weeks, £685, less £50 if you have paid your hotel deposit. Please see Ann Tipper. **It's Pantomime time:** Cinderella at the Stockport Plaza, Friday 19th December coach & ticket £14. **TIME TO PLEASE PAY.** Thank you



Immaculate Conception, Manila, Madrid Museum.

THIS WEDNESDAY: JESSIE TREE SERVICE

In our Church, Part 1 at 1pm and part 2 at 5pm, organized by our school staff and years 3-6. It should be something to see and enjoy so why not come along and join in this Advent Preparation?

CHRISTMAS MASSES: I think we will stay with what we usually have (though one year I would love to have a Midnight Mass!). So Christmas Eve: 6pm with children's involvement and tableaux; 8pm Solemn Mass of Christmas. Christmas Day 10am Mass

Don't forget evening Mass this Monday at 7pm, for the Immaculate Conception