

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches in the parable that the landowner will do all that is necessary to make sure there will be enough produce both for himself and his tenants. Ironically their actions lead to their losing everything, even their lives. In contrast through the death of the Son of God, Jesus offering himself on the Cross, we gain everything. We are legitimate heirs to more than our rightful share, we receive an inconceivable inheritance, the fruit of the kingdom of God, abundant life that can never be pressed out.

Fr. Steven

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today	2 nd October	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	3 rd October	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	4 th October	6.00pm 7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass (St. Francis of Assisi)
Wednesday	5 th October	9.00am	Mass
Thursday	6 th October	10.00am	Requiem Mass Mary Burke R.I.P
Friday	7 th October	9.00am	Mass (Our Lady of the Rosary)
Saturday	8 th October	11.00am 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition Mass

TODAY

This **HARVEST FAST CAFOD** asks us to give the world's poorest children the childhoods they deserve, free from fear, hunger and illness. We can help to provide good food, medicine and school materials. Please **take an envelope today**, share whatever you can, and **return next Sunday**.

Why not join us now in the Parish Hall for **Tea & Tombola, Books & Bricabrac** & our **Fairtrade Raffle**, all in support of **CAFOD**. Thank you.

THE CHRISTMAS BUCKET DRAW was a great success last year so we will once again have this as our main draw. Hopefully our sales will start on Sunday 16th October. We would be grateful for any help with these sales before and after Mass. A list will be at the back of Church for names of anyone who can help. The proceeds from the fair will go towards the upkeep of our beautiful church. Thank you once again for your support.

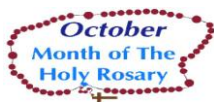
REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

YOUNG AT HEART - Parish Hall - Mondays - 1.00pm to 3.00pm

LEGION OF MARY - Parish Hall - Tuesdays - 7.45pm

DIVINE MERCY - Sacristy - Thursdays - 7.30pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS BEGIN ON MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER at 7.00pm. This year we will be praying particularly for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. Will **YOU** come and join us?

THE BARLOW RC HIGH SCHOOL - Open Mornings Tuesday 4th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th October 2011. Call 0161 445 8053 to arrange an appointment or email admin@barlowrc.manchester.sch.uk - **Open Evening** - Wednesday 5 October 2011 - 5.00PM - 7.00pm. No appointment necessary.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - There will be a meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers on **WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

RCIA/Journey in Faith: For those interested in becoming Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic Faith. The next meeting is on Thursday 6th October at 2.00pm.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME - Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion will begin again with a meeting for parents, children and catechists, this Thursday 6th October at 6.30pm in School. Any parents with a child of Year 3 age, not in St. Bernard's School, please see Fr. Steven. Next Sunday we will formally present and welcome the children at Mass.

CANDLELIGHT PRAYER VIGIL WITH OUR LADY - FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER 8.00pm - 9.00pm - You are invited to pray with Our Lady in the calm atmosphere of candlelight; take this opportunity to pray for our parish community and for your own special intentions.

CATHOLIC FAMILY CARE (formerly Catholic Needlework Guild) - Annual Donations for Catholic Family Care are due and will be collected by our representatives Eileen and Liam McMahon in the next couple of weeks. The AGM and Annual Mass will take place on Saturday 8th October in the Lourdes Room, St Bernadette's, Whitefield, preceded by Mass at 2.00pm.

EVENINGS WITH FR. HENRY WANSBROUGH OSB - Second of two evenings - Wednesday 12th October, "The Eucharist in Scripture." St. Gabriel's High School Bury 7.30pm-9.30pm. Booking forms on the notice board at the back of Church or via the Diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/

PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION - on Saturday 5th November at the Marist Centre on Nell Lane 9.45am - 3.30pm. Quiet time and some input and reflection. Suggested donation £3. If you would like to attend please post an envelope containing your donation, with your name and contact details written on it through the Presbytery letterbox.



QUARANT' ORE - 18th - 20th NOVEMBER QUARANTE ORE (EXTENDED EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT) will take place on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th November. It begins on Friday 18th after Mass at 9.00am and concludes on Sunday 20st the Feast of Christ the King with a Holy Hour at 3.00pm.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - 3rd DECEMBER THE CHRISTMAS FAIR. Watch this space for further information regarding the Christmas Fair

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - A five day four night pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Fr. Steven, 5th - 9th December 2011, staying at the 3★Hotel St George - full board. Price £389, not including luggage. Contact Fr. Steven for booking forms. £150 deposit with full details of passport, the balance is due by the end of October

TRIP TO THE PANTO - ARE YOU COMING? Jack and the Beanstalk - 17th December at Stockport Plaza, seats in the Stalls and Coach £12.75. Deposit £8. List open at the back of church.

OTHER NOTICES

FRIDAY FASTING AND ABSTINENCE -The Bishops are calling us to reinstate Friday as a day of fasting and abstinence, to identify with the Lord's offering on the cross, in solidarity with those in need and to deepen our Catholic identity. For most of us this means refraining from eating meat, those who do not eat meat as part of their diet could make their witness by abstaining from some other food.

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.

MARRIAGE - Six months notice is required, one of the couple being a baptised Catholic resident in the Parish.

BOOKSTALL - now available children's prayer books - beautifully illustrated step by step guide to the Mass, (including texts from the new translation) and C.T.S. Simple Prayer Books.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS - Catholics admitted to hospital should let the hospital chaplain know they are there.

Manchester Royal Infirmary - Fr. D. Egan tel: 276 4247 (MRI) and 224 1895 (home).

The Christie - Fr. M. O'Brien - tel: 446 3097

Wythenshawe Hospital - Fr K. Brigham and Sr. Bernadette - tel: 291 2297.

Alternatively ask the ward staff to inform the Chaplain.

MASS READERS FOR OCTOBER

Time	Reader One	Reader Two	Prayers
10.00am	George Hughes	Audrey King	Tony Black
6.00pm	Andrew Smith	John Press	Shelagh Bridge

If unavailable please contact Tony Black

PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS

		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	2 nd October	6	4	3	2
Next week	9 th October	7	5	4	3
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7pm
This week	2 nd October	1a	1	3	1
Next week	9 th October	2a	2	4	2

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 emailed to annieteresa@hotmail.com by Thursday for inclusion the following Sunday.