

# Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday December 15th

Eucharistic Ministers 10am	Eucharistic Ministers 6pm	Readers 10am	Readers 6pm	Weekday readers This week	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays
Mary Black	Carol Cooper	Tony Black	Irene Edwards	Christine Kelly	Barbara Philips
Stephen Bourke	Kathy Petty	Dominic Richmond	Janice Banks	Liam McMahon	Comfort Mensah
Kathleen Clarke	Comfort Mensah	Thomas McCormack	John Press	Counting Team	Church Cleaning
Imelda Dean	Little Church	Tea & Coffee		Ann Masterson	Pat Jones
Margaret Mining	Jackie	Dympna Dumbleton	10am Offertory	Kath Thompson	Imelda Dean
Christina White	Bernie	M Seamark	M Holohan,	Jackie Turner	Chris Kelly
Olive Hogan		M Thompson	T Fahy	Jessica Turner	John Press
				Berni Roan	
				Noreen Linton	


**FAMILY FLOWERS:** Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church. **New flower list** at the back of Church; Duffy and Glynn Families 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 £631.20p Thank you

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LEPERS  
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LIFE  
HAPPY  
CLOTHES  
PALACES  
PROPHET  
SCRIPTURE  
WOMEN



**Items for the Bulletin** can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to [anniteresa@hotmail.com](mailto:anniteresa@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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2013



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**3rd Advent MASS 7/ Creed 12 Apostles; Sunday P.88 Eucharistic Prayer 2 (p24)**

**Hymns 346, 743, 897, 706**



The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter [14:3-12](#). In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing. God Bless mjk.

**Pope Francis Tweet:** We cannot think of a Church without joy. This is the joy of the Church: announcing to all the name of Jesus.

*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 Gaudete Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> December	3rd Sunday of Advent	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass of Advent	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass of Advent	6-7pm 7pm	Exposition & Advent Confessions Mass
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> December School Carol Service 2pm	Requiem: Margaret Kitchen	10am	Mass
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass of Advent	9-30am	Mass
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term School Mass	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	21st December	Mass of Advent	11- 12noon 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	4th Sunday of Advent	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Margaret Kitchen who has died aged 79. May she rest in peace. +

**Masses received this week:** Special Intention, Mary Moran, Cissie Corrigan's Int, Eileen Tansey (3), Michael Breslin, Michael Glynn, John & Christine Devane, Tom Gibbons, Teresa Naughton, Winnie & Eddie Foley, Ned & Noreen Fitzpatrick, Kath Flanagan, Margaret Cassidy, Elizabeth Fox, Teresa Killeen, Paul Hendrick, Mary Quigley, Barrens, Roc, Flaherty Families & Babe Stankford.

**Sick;** please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Maximus John Paul Payne(baby), Daniel, Audrey Doona, Michael Doyle, Jacob Bannister, John Doona, Margaret Keable, Cissie Corrigan, 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:** Just to assure you that your written intentions and your November lists were placed in the Grotto last Sunday in Lourdes. We were able to place a very large candle with all your donations, which may still be burning today. May all your prayers be answered.

**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

This Monday at 6pm: Schools Cluster **Carol Service** in our Church. Come and enjoy a wonderful evening of singing and talent.



**CAFOD:** Just the thing on a cold & frosty morning..  
**TODAY Mulled Wine & Hot Mince Pies** served after Mass ... all in support of our **Ethiopian** project in the village of **Sebeya**. Many thanks for your ongoing support

**Church Cleaning:** Could we arrange a big cleaning time for all our teams in ready for Christmas, please contact Christine Kelly to fix a time.

**Decorating the Church for Christmas;** we are looking for lots of volunteers to help on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> after morning Mass. We have got some walking wounded among the usual team so if you can help especially with the crib that would be wonderful.



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