

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
Marie Fahey	Jed Froggatt	Christine Robinson	Lainet Pinto	Christine Kelly	Bernie Kirstein
Bernard Grigaitis	Rita Froggatt	Tony Black	Shelagh Bridge	Liam McMahon	Tony Kirstein
Tony Hennigan	Ann Kiernan	Pat Jones	Carol Cooper	Counting Team	
Pauline Hixon	Little Church	Tea & Coffee		<i>Christine Blackburn</i>	<i>Jane Kendrick</i>
Denis Keyworth	Ann & Angela	CAFOD TEAM	10am Offertory	<i>Margaret Cox</i>	<i>Margaret Arthurs</i>
Liam McMahon			volunteers	<i>Michael Flatley</i>	Cleaning team
William Onzivu				<i>Tess Kendrick</i>	End of month

FAMILY FLOWERS: Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church.
flower list at the back of Church. Can you help raise funds for our Christmas display?

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £629 92 Thank you

S	E	Y	H	A	J	I	L	E	A	JOHN	WITNESS	LIGHT
E	L	W	N	O	H	I	L	S	T	LEVITES	ELIJAH	PROPHET
S	E	N	H	A	G	R	E	I	S	ISAIAH	PHARISEES	BAPTISE
S	V	N	A	H	H	E	W	T	S	WATER	BETHANY	JORDAN
T	I	O	T	R	S	T	O	P	E			
S	T	J	C	I	E	A	E	A	N			
E	E	T	R	E	S	W	E	B	T			
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P	R	O	P	H	E	T	I	H	A			



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

3rd Sunday of Advent

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Sunday 14th December 2014



Parish Priest & Dean Mgr. Michael J Kujacz

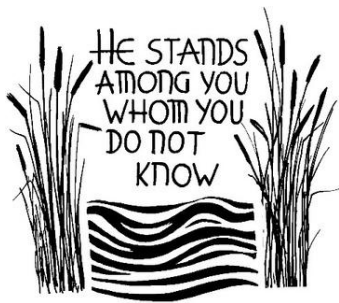
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3rd Advent MASS 7/ Creed 11; Sunday P. 87 Eucharistic Prayer 3 (p28)

Hymns 541, 316, 743, 279



So who is coming? This Sunday's readings help to answer that question. John the Baptist is asked about the coming of the Messiah - is it him? He affirms his role as ²a witness to speak for the light², by pointing to the one who stands among the crowd unknown to them who is coming after him. This idea is present in the First Reading, where Isaiah proclaims what the ²anointed one² (²Messiah² in Hebrew) will do, and the joy that this will bring. It is interesting that the Psalm appointed for this Sunday is the Magnificat

- Mary's song of praise at the announcement that the Messiah would be born of her - in which she sings of the works of the coming Messiah. Paul then reminds us that we are still waiting patiently: ²God has called you, and he will not fail you.² This is why, on this ²Gaudete² Sunday, we as God's people rejoice in his care, made visible in his promises, fulfilled in Jesus.

You will note our Jessie Tree has been taking shape during the week; the children gave us a lovely time during the week, telling stories and poems and singing. Each of the hangings symbolises a story, if you are with your children or grandchildren today, go forward to the tree and get them to explain the symbol they helped to create, you will be amazed about what they learned.

At the Cathedral on Monday last, we witnessed the enthronement of our New Bishop John Arnold. It was a wonderful occasion with well chosen beautiful music. It was undoubtedly the begin of a new era in the life of the Diocese and Bishop John spoke very well to all branches of the Diocesan vine. The phrase he wanted to be at the heart of everything, was a prayer he encouraged us to pray often through the day, which is perfect and especially in these days of Advent, **"Stay with us Lord, on our journey!"** May we pray this prayer with joy and hope in our hearts. God Bless mjk



Francis tweet: The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us.

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.

3 rd Sunday of Advent	14 th December	Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	
Monday	15 th December	Mass of Advent	9-30pm	Mass
Tuesday	16 th December	Mass of Advent	6pm 7pm	Exposition, confessions & Mass
Wednesday	17 th December	Mass of Advent	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	18 th December	Mass of Advent II	9-30am	Mass
Friday	19 th December Funeral Service	Mass of Advent II Janina Micinski	9-30am 12 noon	Mass
Saturday	20 th December	Mass of Advent II	11- 12noon 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
4 th Sunday of Advent	21 st December	Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	

+I offer our prayers and sympathy to the families and friends of Janina Micinski who has died aged 94 and of Karol Kwartnik who died tragically this week, may they sing with the angels this Christmas+

Masses this week: Gerald, Bridget Fahey, Special intentions, John Cross, Dan Tynan, Joan & Chris Doyle, Mary Moran, Pauline & Peter Whitehead, Olive O'Rourke, Charles Hodgkins, Sian Bowcott, Patrick & Eileen Carden, Eileen McMahon, Kathleen Sweeney, Sean, Noreen & Eugene Nash, John Connors and Thomas Green.

Sick; please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Daniel, Bridget, Martin, Sarah, Pat Jones, Pat Preston, Fr. Pat Early, Debbie Griffin, Louis Kitt, Thomas McLoughlin, Pat Kemp, Eileen McCormack, Elle-Rose Blackhall, Joan Kennedy, Richard Kujacz, Caoimhe Grealish, Mary Barrens, Agnes Halligan, 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, 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 in memory of Mary Moran, 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



Just the thing on a cold & frosty morning ... **TODAY** our **CAFOD** group are serving **Mulled Wine & Hot Mince Pies** after Mass all in support of our **Ethiopian** project in the village of **Sebeya**. Thank you for your support.

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



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, THIS Friday 19th December coach & ticket £14. **TIME TO PLEASE PAY.** Thank you



CHRISTMAS MASSES: Christmas Eve Morning Mass at 9am
Christmas Eve 6pm with children's involvement and tableaux; 8pm Solemn Mass of Christmas. Christmas Day 10am Mass

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.

Just a thought! I know that parking around the Church can be difficult, please do try your best not to block people in, recently our Eucharistic ministers have not been able to leave to take Holy Communion to the sick after Mass. Try your best, thank you.

Decorating the Church: we will be decorating the church on Christmas Eve Morning after the 9am Mass, if you can come along and help it would be much appreciated; this year we have got two trees to dress, "so many hands make light work".



Carol singing in Burnage; Churches together are meeting in our Hall at 7pm this Wednesday night, and then going out to sing, why not join them? There is hot soup!