

ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Laetare Sunday)

3rd April 2011



Today Sunday 3 rd	10.00am & 6.00pm	Mass
Monday 4 th	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 5 th	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Wednesday 6 th	9.00am	Mass
Thursday 7 th	9.00am	School Mass
Friday 8 th	6.30am	MASS (Mass at : St. Mary's 10.00am, St. Catherine's Noon)
	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Saturday 9 th	11.00am - 12 Noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00 Noon	Mass

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's gospel is an encounter between Jesus and his opponents about a blind man's statement of fact, "I was blind and now I see." The man restored to sight comes to recognise Jesus in his life, believes in him and worships him. Worship does not necessarily lead to belief but belief, getting to know what God is like, realising what God offers us in Jesus always leads to worship. This gospel story today of healing encounter, belief and worship defines the invitation we are given in Lent, to grow in our knowledge of Christ, to let go of our sins that separate us from God, to reach out to others in his name and accept the new life he calls us to. Today is known as Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday, as at this stage on our Lenten journey we anticipate the new life of Easter.

Fr. Steven

TODAY

HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY!

Today we thank God for the vocation of motherhood. Each one of us prays for our own mother and we remember those others in our life who have at times shown us maternal care and guidance. We ask for the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, the mother of Our Lord and mother of the Church.

CAKE SALE. Please come along to the Parish Hall after 10.00am Mass and buy a cake or two.
New boxes of **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are ready for collection at the back of church.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

LEGION OF MARY - Parish Hall Tuesdays 7.45pm.

DIVINE MERCY MEETINGS - Sacristy Thursday 7.30pm.

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LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION - with individual Confessions, Thursday 14th April 7.30pm.

INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT - continues on Wednesday evenings in Lent: next sessions 6th April and 13th April, at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Fr. Steven will offer these reflections on the main themes of the Old Testament to aid in our understanding of Scripture. Bring along a Bible. The next session will look at the Creation account in Genesis. Each session will be "self-contained" and doesn't depend on having attended the previous one.

SUNDAY 15TH MAY IS THE PLANT SALE - Please start taking and potting those cuttings and seeds.

WALSINGHAM, England's National Shrine - Year of Jubilee 2011, celebrating the 950th Anniversary of the Foundation of Our Lady's Shrine and Our Lady's Apparition to Richeldis in 1061. Why not join us on the **Diocesan Pilgrimage on 7th May**. Price £20. Please contact Mrs Pat Jones 431 0759.

ST. BERNARD'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY: CONCERT - as part of our thanksgiving and celebrations to mark the 70th Anniversary of the foundation of St. Bernard's parish, Manchester Chorale will join us for a celebratory concert on Saturday 21st May at 7.30pm. This marks the beginning of the week of the anniversary. Tickets are £5 and available after Mass on Sundays or from Ann on 0161 442 5259.

ANNIVERSARY MASS - a thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Friday 27th May at 7.30pm, the 70th anniversary weekend of the parish.

OTHER NOTICES

RACE NIGHT - Thanks to all those who helped make the race night such a success, those who organised it, helped on the evening, bought horses, donated prizes and came along on the night. It raised £374 towards the decoration of the Church.

Next Sunday handmade Easter Chicks will be on sale to support the Little Sisters of the Poor and their work at St. Joseph's home, Plymouth Grove.

Ministry of the Word Mass Readers for April

	1	2	Prayers
10.00am	Pat Jones	Joan Kennedy	Christine Robinson
6.00pm	Andrew Smith	By Ju	Tony Addyman



for donations of £10, £30 and £20 towards the redecoration of the church.

BAPTISM - Please make initial enquiry to Fr. Steven following any Sunday Mass.

PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS						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 email anniteresa@hotmail.com by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee	
This week	03/04/11	4	2	5	5	
Next week	10/04/11	5	3	6	6	
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday evening	
This week	03/04/11	2a	5	1	5	
Next week	10/04/11	3a	1	2	1	