



ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Sunday	22 nd January	Third Sunday of Ordinary time	10.00am 6.00pm	
Monday	23 rd January	Of the day	9.00am	Mass
Tuesday	24 th January	St. Francis de Sales	6-700pm 7.00pm	Exposition Mass
Wednesday	25 th January	Feast: The Conversion of St Paul	9.00am	Mass
Thursday	26 th January	Ss. Timothy & Titus	9.00am	Mass
Friday	27 th January	St Angela Merici	9.00am	Mass
Saturday	28 th January	St. Thomas Aquinas	11-12 noon 12 noon	Exposition and confessions Mass
Sunday	29 ^h January	4 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	10.00am 6.00pm	

Holy Father's Intentions for January:

- That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.
- That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

MY dear people, well have you had your thinking caps on this week, have you begun the conversation? Are you full of ideas, or is this a reminder to get you going. A few years ago a report identified that a good Parish can be characterized by the following: a warm welcome which gives a sense of belonging, good liturgy (not over the top), and a practical homily (please remember the priest can run into a spell of poor form!). I think we have 9 baptisms planned for the next few weeks, and this Wednesday we start our Journey in Faith programme again and a number of people have indicated they would like to become Catholics, I do need however a few people to help me run the course and I would like each candidate to have a prayer friend to walk with them. We will take a look at the Sacramental Programme for our Children and review it at the end of the present year, with a view to making it more dynamic and again prayer friends for each child would be wonderful, we will also need more catechists. Now in all these cases you are saying I couldn't do that, but you can and we will help you and train you so you have the confidence you need. You notice that at the heart of this part of the conversation are "prayer friends", why? I don't think we can begin any of these initiatives unless we wrap them up in prayer. This will help us to focus on why we are doing these things and ensure that God gets the glory. Don't be frightened, to be sure we will try things that don't work, as long as we give them a go and are willing to admit it did not work out we can move on. There is nothing like adventure and being daring in the name of the Lord. Even when the sheep go rock climbing without the gear, the Good Shepherd will come looking for him. And that is something else we need to look at, how do we bring back the strays? People who once sat alongside us, young people who get easily bored, those who have just drifted away, those who feel hurt by the Church. What do you think? What ideas have you got, are you willing to commit to a prayer project that entrusts them to the Lord? And so the conversation goes on: in the end we will have to set up our priorities and set to. You can do it, we can do it, in the words of President Obama, "yes we can". God Bless mjk.

Masses received this week;

Sick; please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Alan O'Donnell, Fr. Vincent Cavey, Peter Burton, Tullio Biasetti, Lannis Agnew, Christopher Makin, Clare Keane.

The New Mass: we seem to have settled down well with it and are getting used to the changes. Do keep using the cards or leaflets for mass to ensure you make the correct responses; we have not got the confidence yet with the "Mystery of Faith" response but it is coming. I have to say from my own point of view it's been like learning to say Mass all over again and learning how to get the breathing right with the new prayers and translation: we'll get there in end. Shortly the Mass leaflets will be replaced by a Mass book which will cover half the year, in the long term this will be cheaper and also more dignified. Each week on the front page of the News letter you will find the page number for the day.

CHRISTIAN'S TOGETHER	IN BURNAGE	UNITY WEEK 2012
Today Sunday 22nd	4pm	St. Nicholas Church Burnage Lane

It is always good to share with our fellow Churches, and give a strong witness for the Lord together, do try to come to this event if you can

The Sacrament of Baptism: if you have a child for baptism, please let us know ASAP, so we can make the usual arrangements.

Special Anniversaries: If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary during the year, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th please let Father Know as during the year we will be having a special celebration.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

- **YOUNG AT HEART** - Mondays - Parish Hall 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- **LEGION OF MARY** - Parish Hall - Tuesdays - 7.45pm
- **DIVINE MERCY** - Sacristy - Thursdays - 7.30pm.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE: there will be a get together in the Parish Hall **THIS MONDAY 23RD JANUARY AT 7PM**, with a view to setting up a young people's group in the Parish Hall. Age group secondary school upwards please. Be cool be there dude!

TWO TALKS IN ST GABRIEL'S RC HIGH SCHOOL, Bridge Road, Bury BL9 OTZ
7.30pm - 9.30pm. Cost £5.00 - including tea and coffee. contact 0161 817 2201

- 1) **TUESDAY 24th JANUARY - A SURVIVOR'S STORY** Mayer a survivor of the Holocaust will tell his story
- 2) **THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY** Fr. Denis McBride will give a lecture.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about our faith we will recommence **this Wednesday 25th January at 7.00pm** in the Parish Centre.

THE ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP will meet at 8.00pm on **WEDNESDAY 26TH JANUARY** at 14, Astor Road, Burnage. Everyone is welcome.

URGENT; Getting married next year? Now is the time to contact Fr. Michael to make arrangements: please ring for an appointment. **Please note** the Deanery preparation course which is obligatory begins on 29th January. Please pick up application forms from Fr. Michael after Mass. Thanks

FUND RAISING VARIETY EVENING IN AID OF CORNERSTONE - FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY in St Alphonsus Centre, Powell Street, Off Ayres Road, Old Trafford. Bar and Raffles. Jazz, Bagpiper, poetry with a difference and one act play. 7.30pm - till late
 Tickets from Fr Pat Deegan 226 1730.

OTHER NOTICES

Diocese of Salford Almanacs on sale at £3 at the back of church.

CAFOD - There was a generous response to our request for your surplus Christmas gifts for our next fund-raising event. In this simple way we share our blessings with our brothers & sisters in Ethiopia. Many Thanks & God Bless.

PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS

		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	22 nd January	10	5	5	4
Next week	29 th January	11	1	6	5
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7.00pm
This week	22 January	1a	4	3	2
Next week	29 th January	2a	1	4	3

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.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

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.

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