



ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today	18 th December	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	19 th December	9.00am	Mass
Tuesday	20 th December	1-45pm 6.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	School Carol Concert Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Advent Confessions</i> Mass
Wednesday	21 st December	9.30am	School Mass
Thursday	22 nd December	9.00am	Mass
Friday	23 rd December	9.00am 6-7pm	Mass <i>Exposition & Confessions</i>
Saturday	24 th December	9.00am	Mass (Church will close after Mass to allow for Christmas preparations)
Saturday	Christmas Eve	6-00pm	Family Mass
Saturday	Christmas Eve	8-00pm	Traditional Sung Mass
Sunday	Christmas Day	10.00am	Mass of Christmas
Monday	St. Stephen's day	12 noon	Mass

TODAY

Just the thing on a cold and frosty morning - **TODAY** our **CAFOD** group are serving **Mulled Wine & Hot Mince Pies** after Mass, in support of our **Ethiopian Project**. Thank You.

The Christmas Pudding has still not been claimed this will be raffled again after 10.00am Mass today.

Items for the news letter should be with us for Wednesday please this week.

Journey in faith: if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about our faith we will recommence our sessions in the New Year, watch the news letter for details.

'COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS'



Christmas provides a great opportunity for us to reach out to others, and to invite them and welcome them to our Churches, so here is a simple idea.

'LIGHT A CANDLEPRAY AND INVITE'

During the season of Advent, lets use the candle stand in front of Our Lady to light candles for those you would like to see come back to a more regular practice of their faith.

Masses received this week; Tony Grobicki, Jim Towey, Lesley Newey, Hudson Davies, Fr. Steven's int, Mary & Paddy, Mohan Family, O'Donnell Family, Shelagh Lea, Joan McDonald, Mary Moran, Special Intention, Mrs Brown, Lily O'Brien, Mickey Welsh, Pat Groake, Mary O'Grady, Josie Heggarty, Michael O'Grady, Bridie Frehill, Nano Regan, Close Family, Marcella Nevin, Christmas Masses, Elizabeth Proctor, Fergus Sutton, Teresa Killeen, Tom Claffey, Patrick & Ellen Condon, Kathleen Judge, Gus Regan, Denis Glynn, Mary Moran.

Sick; please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Alan O'Donnell, Michael Haggarty, Peter Burton, Tullio Biasetti, Lannis Agnew.

Holy Father's Intentions for December; General: Peace among all peoples. That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect. Missionary: That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

My dear people, well just a week to go to the big day, a week that gives us the opportunity to make all the preparations to help make our Celebration a great success. The Church presents to us today the faithfulness of the Blessed Virgin. Her honesty and integrity shine through: her willingness to accept God's will in her life is an example that echoes through the centuries. Her yes to God makes up for all the times that the only reply he heard was no! That is why it is a good idea in all your preparations to take time, for a few minutes with the Lord so that you can say yes to him. That would be the best present you could give the Lord this Christmas, no need for expensive wrapping paper and ribbon, no need for the return ticket if it does not fit, no need to hide it under the tree because all the other presents are bigger than yours. You

see wrapping your "yes" up in your love makes it the best gift you can give God. That may mean we need to make a fresh start, we might need to change our outlook, we may need to be more committed, it means we may have to set new priorities in our life. The Sacrament of Baptism, leads to Confirmation, Confirmation leads to Reconciliation and this brings us to the gift of the Eucharist, where the Jesus of the manger comes to us in the bread of life in Holy Communion. Get yourself ready, take the opportunity to make the gift you give to the Lord this year the very best that you can give, be reconciled with each other, where there is difference be bold and be the true messenger of Christmas Peace, and if you need to be at peace with yourself and God, do the right thing get to Confession, and blow the old year away ready for the adventure of the new year ahead. God Bless mjk

PS. Please note confession times this week, extra session on Friday evening non next Saturday.

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

Getting married next year? Now is the time to contact Fr. Michael to make arrangements: please ring for an appointment. Thanks

CAFOD: Now's the time to order your goats, piglets & bicycles etc for Christmas, the World Gifts which transform lives. Simply order by post, by phone or online - details on the CAFOD notice board & leaflets in the porch.

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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

PARISH CHRISTMAS BUFFET MEAL - 19th December 7.00pm - 9.30pm £5 per person

OTHER NOTICES

APF and Mill Hill Missions (red Boxes): collectors books and calendars are now ready for picking up in the Parish Hall.



Almanacs now on sale £3.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS If anyone is available during the week and could take Fr Michael to visit their sick please let him know to make arrangements.

PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS

		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	18 th December	5	New Group 5	7	6
Next week	25 th December	6	New Group 1	1	7
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7.00pm
This week	18 th December	3a	3	2	2
Next week	25 th December	No 6.00pm Mass	4	3	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 anniteresa@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.

Fancy a chuckle?

-The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a Vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.

-A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time.