

Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday December 22nd

Eucharistic Ministers 10am	Eucharistic Ministers 6pm	Readers 10am	Readers 6pm	Weekday readers This week	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays
Annie Doherty	Jed Froggatt	Tony Black	Irene Edwards	Pat Jones	Bernie Kirstein
Christine Blackburn	Rita Froggatt	Dominic Richmond	Janice Banks	Tony Kirstein	Liam McMahon
Tony Hennigan	Ann Kiernan	Thomas McCormack	John Press	Counting Team	Church Cleaning
Pauline Hixon	Little Church	Tea & Coffee		K Rowley	Maura Barrens
Patricia Jones	Pat	Rose Duffy	10am Offertory	A Brown	Bridie McMonagle
Tony Masterson	Bridie	C Fahey	Kathleen Clarke	B Moorhouse	Theresa McHugh
William Onzivu		M Fahey	Mary Thompson	Julie Comerford	Imelda Dean
				James Walsh	Chris Kelly

FAMILY FLOWERS: Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church. **New flower list** at the back of Church; 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 £566 Thank you

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Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to anniteresa@hotmail.com or to 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 22nd December 2013



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4th Advent MASS 7/ Creed 12 Apostles; Sunday P.90 Eucharistic Prayer 3 (p28)
Hymns 503, 646, 671, 531

The fourth Sunday of Advent finds Joseph and Mary on the road to Bethlehem, although the baby was due at any time, little did they know what was about to happen to them and how this intimate event would bring about such an incredible change to our World.



The Road to Bethlehem, by Joseph Brlickey, © 2000 Joseph Brlickey

Many people, me included, are on a journey. Life is rich and we don't know where it will lead us. We have our hopes and aspirations, our fears and worries, but still we have to keep going. The journey becomes easier when we place ourselves in the hands of God. Our fears will be less, and we will find ourselves more hopeful. Many give up on God and sadly they sometimes give up on themselves. Christmas reminds us of God's enormous generosity as he gives us his Son to accompany us on our journey. So be encouraged, encourage others, like Mary and Joseph trust in the Lord and all will be well, we may not have all the answers we want, but our foot steps will be sure. Happy Christmas mjk & mj.

Pope Francis Tweet: This is Christian hope: that the future is in God's hands.

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	22 nd December	4th Sunday of Advent	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass
Monday	23 rd December Penitential Service	Mass of Advent St Mary's	9-30am 7-30pm	Mass
Tuesday	24 th December Christmas Eve	Mass of Advent Children's Mass Solemn Mass	9-30am 6pm 8pm	Mass
Wednesday	25 th December	Christmas Day Mass	10-30am	Mass
Thursday	26 th December	Feast: St. Stephen	12 Noon	Mass
Friday	27 th December	Feast: St. John	12 Noon	Mass
Saturday	28 th December	Feast: The Holy Innocents	11- 12noon 12 Noon	Exposition Mass
Sunday	29 th December	The Holy Family	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass

Masses received this week: Special Intention, Sally Kenny, Cassie & Michael Naughton, Agnes Murphy, Owen Tomany & Fam, Josephine Doherty, Mona Walsh, In thanks: young at Heart Club, Francis Martin, Family Christmas Masses, Oriel & Louis Kerr, Pat Cooke, Kelly Family, Bostock Family, Sr. Brigid O'Brien, Philip Garlick, Arthur Kelly, Eileen McMahon, Charlie O'Brien, Celia Maguire, Mary Harrison, Cissie Corrigan, Serridge Family, Diamond Family and Michael Griffin.

Sick; please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Maximus John Paul Payne(baby), Daniel, Martin, Audrey Doona, Michael Doyle, Jacob Bannister, John Doona, Margaret Keable, Cissie Corrigan, Ruth Sivori, 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, Maria Baker, 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,

NEWS

Fr Michael is going home to Nigeria next Sunday and will be away until the beginning of March. Each year he has the obligation to go home and work in his diocesan tribunal for a few months and while he is at home his new Archbishop will be installed. I thank him on all our parts for all his work over the last year here at St. Bernard's and in our Diocese, and wish him a very happy home coming and every blessing and look forward to his coming home to Burnage.



Decorating the Church for Christmas; we are looking for lots of volunteers to help this Monday 23rd 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.

Penitential Service at St. Mary's this Monday at 7-30pm led by Fr. Ian Kelly; there will be 6 priests available for confessions, a good opportunity for a new start.

Eileen Tansey's months mind Mass will be at 12 noon this Thursday.

If you are interested in helping set up the **Thursday Club**, that will operate as a drop in day, there will be a meeting on Thursday 9th January in the Hall, after morning Mass, continental breakfast will be served! Everyone welcome.

Year of our Parish: there will be a planning meeting at 7pm in the Presbytery on Thursday 2nd January. If you have been volunteered, invited or would like to come please do, a glass of wine will help with the planning.

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.

The Divine Mercy Prayer group Winter Timetable, meet on Thursday's at 1-30pm, In the Sacristy. New members most welcome
For a good ready why not pick up the School Newsletter from the back of Church?

CAFOD: We hope you enjoyed your mulled wine & mince pies which raised **£41.17** for **Connect2: Ethiopia**. On the notice board you can read a **Christmas** letter from **Sebeya** with news of the water project which is making excellent progress. Thank you for all your support.

Why not invite someone who has not been to Church for a while to come with you to our Christmas Masses; what a gift you will be giving them!

