

Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday December 21st

Eucharistic Ministers 10am	Eucharistic Ministers 6pm	Readers 10am December	Readers 6pm December	Weekday readers This week	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays
Tony Kirstein	Carol Cooper	Christine Robinson	Lainet Pinto	Clare Close	Christine Kelly
Terry O'Neill	Kathy Petty	Tony Black	Shelagh Bridge	Bridie Close	Imelda Dean
Barbara Philips	Comfort Mensah	Pat Jones	Carol Cooper	Counting Team	
Ann Richards	Little Church	Tea & Coffee		<i>Bridie Close</i>	<i>Angela Keyworth</i>
Jacqueline Turner	Jackie, Bernie Christine	Angela Lord	10am Offertory	<i>Brigid Flatley</i>	<i>Pat Kemp</i>
Berni Roan		Sandra McCormack	volunteers	<i>Denis Keyworth</i>	Cleaning team
Christine Kelly		Bernadette Moorhouse			End of month

FAMILY FLOWERS: Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church. **Flower list** is at the back of Church. Flowers for Mary Moran's Family Intentions & from Olive and Eddie Hogan.

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £589 24 Thank you

G	A	B	R	H	E	S	U	O	H	ANGEL	GABRIEL	JOSEPH
A	J	O	S	T	N	O	S	T	A	MARY	REJOICE	SON
B	A	R	R	E	N	N	E	M	N	LORD	JESUS	CHILD
R	C	E	E	R	D	B	D	A	D	ELIZABETH	BARREN	HANDMAID
I	O	C	J	A	A	I	A	Y	M			
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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

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday 21st December 2014

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4th Advent MASS 7/ Creed 11; Sunday P. 87 Eucharistic Prayer 3 (p28)

Hymns 541, 316, 743, 279



Here we enter a new stage of Advent: having spent so much time on the Second Coming, now we look back, to remember the details of the Lord's First Coming. Today we focus on the character of Mary, and hear of the angel Gabriel being sent to her, to invite her to take her part in the mystery of the Incarnation, ¹the revelation of the mystery kept secret for endless ages². This mystery springs from the House of David, and so we lead into the Gospel by hearing of the establishing of that house. An interesting idea is that the first reading talks of David wishing to build a house for the Lord; through the prophet he is told not of the house that he would build, but the House which is his line: eventually, in Mary (betrothed to Joseph) the House of David does itself become the house of the Lord, the womb wherein he has

a dwelling place.

This year you will see that over the main door of the Church we are putting a small Crib, thank you to Tony and his team for their hard work. I hope you will agree with me that it is about time we had a crib on show in Burnage. Please God it will survive during the season! Of course we just want to show passer bys the reason for the season, and hope that it will be an invitation to come and celebrate with us the birth of the Jesus, the Son of God. If walking by, or driving by point it out to people, use it as an aid to remind them that God loves them. Perhaps you could follow the example of our new bishop and say his prayer as you pass by, "Stay with us, Lord, on our journey."

If you are going away for Christmas, I wish you safe travels and to every one of you, every Blessing to you and yours, and all you share your Christmas with. God Bless mjk



Francis tweet: Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.

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.

4 th Sunday of Advent	21 st December	Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	
Monday	22 nd December	Requiem: Karol Kwartnik	10am	Mass
Tuesday	23 rd December	Mass of Advent	6pm 7pm	Exposition, confessions & Mass
Wednesday	24 th December	Mass of Advent	*9am *	Mass
Christmas Eve Thursday	25th December	Family Mass Solemn Mass CHRISTMAS DAY	6pm 8pm 10AM	Mass 
Friday	26 th December	St Stephen	12 noon	Mass
Saturday	27 th December	St. John	12 Noon	Mass
Holy Family	28 th December	Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	

Masses this week: Special intentions, John Cross, Kath's Birthday, Christmas Masses, Michael & David Teehan, Paddy Lyons, Debbie Griffin, Paul Hanaziewskyi, Eileen McCormack, Jean Hibbert, Cissie Corrigan, Michael Breen, Pat Jones, Betty Foster, Wacław Grobicki, Young at Heart intentions.

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, Mags Chadwick, Pat Kemp, Eileen McCormack, Elle-Rose Blackhall, Joan Kennedy, Richard Kujacz, Caoimhe Grealish, Mary Barrrens, 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 Savori, 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



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".

CAFOD: We hope you enjoyed your mulled wine which raised £80.50 for **Sebeya, Ethiopia** .. & on the notice board you can see a **Christmas message** from **Abba Solomon** or hear it on **YouTube**. Our **DEC Appeal** for the **Ebola crisis** raised £271 so many thanks for your great generosity. God Bless you all.

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

Burnage Food Bank; will be open on Friday 26th December from 3-5pm at St Bernard's Parish Rooms and on Tuesday 30th December from 12-2pm at Christ Church Parrs Wood Road, Church 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?



RE-OPENS 8TH JANUARY

Holy Land money due in the next two weeks, £685, less £50 if you have paid your hotel deposit. Please see Ann Tipper. **TIME TO PLEASE PAY.** Thank you

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.

Tonight: at St Margaret's, **Carols by Candlelight** at 6-30pm: All Welcome.

Mrs. Pat Jones, thanks he friends here at St. Bernard's for their wonderful prayers, support and kindness during her illness and wishes you all a Happy Christmas and New Year: Mass will be offered for your intentions.