



## ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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### TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### REFLECTION

What Jesus teaches in today's Gospel about sinning towards each other rests on the final statement: that Jesus himself abides in the midst of the Church, the community of believers who commit themselves to him and follow his pattern of life. In the Church our communal faith makes us accountable to and for one another. The way we relate to each other in the Church reveals our commitment to Jesus and his living presence amongst us.

Today we begin to use the new words of the Order of the Mass. We can see this change as an inconvenience or we can relish the opportunity to say and listen anew to the words of Holy Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy Eucharist; the source and the summit of the life of the Church, as the Second Vatican Council describes it. As we are reminded in today's Gospel how we support each other communally will affect the fruit that these changes will produce in our personal lives of faith.

Fr. Steven.

#### THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today	4 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00pm	Mass
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	Requiem Mass Sean Dolan RIP
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am	Mass
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> September	12.30pm	Requiem Mass Rita Maher RIP
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> September	11.00am 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition Mass

## **REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS**

**YOUNG AT HEART** - Parish Hall - Mondays - 1.00pm to 3.00pm - the group will reconvene tomorrow - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. All Welcome.

**LEGION OF MARY** - Parish Hall - Tuesdays - 7.45pm.

**DIVINE MERCY** - Sacristy - Thursdays - 7.30pm.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**TWO EVENINGS WITH FR. HENRY WANSBROUGH OSB** - Scripture scholar from Ampleforth Abbey, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, "Why we read the Scriptures at Mass," and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, "The Eucharist in Scripture." St. Gabriel's High School Bury 7.30pm-9.30pm. Booking forms on the notice board at the back of Church or via the Diocesan website [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/)

**38th ANNUAL ROSARY CRUSADE - SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011 - 2.30pm - 4.30pm - PLATT FIELDS PARK** - Special Theme - Peace and Reconciliation - that they all may be one!

**FAREWELL TO FR. WILLIAM TECHIE FROM ST. MARY'S LEVENSHULME** - a farewell celebration will be held for Fr. William on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Mass at 6.30pm followed by a gathering in the Hall. All welcome.

**CAKE SALE - SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER** - This will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10am Mass, there will also be a small section of Gluten free products. Please help this to be a success by baking and buying a cake or two.

**QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 7.00pm - 9.30pm** - Parish Hall. £1.50 per person - teams of 5 people. Please do not worry if you wish to join in but cannot gather a team - just come along. This function is to raise funds for the Youth of the Parish who will be travelling to Lourdes during the October half term holiday.

## **PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY - SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER,**

This event normally takes place in December to coincide with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception as well as the anniversary of the Christian Life Movement but due to inclement weather it has now been moved to the date given above. The procession will depart at 11.00am from St. Edward's and then arrive in Platt Fields.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** - A five day four night pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Fr. Steven, 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2011, staying at the 3★Hotel St George - full board. Price £389, not including luggage. Contact Fr. Steven for booking forms. £150 deposit with full details of passport, the balance is due by the end of October.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

**FRIDAY FASTING AND ABSTINENCE** - as we approach the first anniversary of the Pope's visit, the Bishops are calling us to reinstate Friday as a day of fasting and abstinence, to identify with the Lord's offering on the cross, in solidarity with those in need and to deepen our Catholic identity. For most of us this means refraining from eating meat, those who do not eat meat as part of their diet could make their witness by abstaining from some other food. This witness begins on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

**BAPTISM** - Please make initial enquiry to Fr. Steven following any Sunday Mass. A Baptismal Certificate of one of the parents requesting Baptism for their child is now required.

**MARRIAGE** - Six months notice is required, one of the couple being a baptised Catholic resident in the Parish.

**COLLECTING STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS** - Mrs. Eileen McMahon would be grateful if parishioners would save their used postage stamps for the work of the FMSJ Sisters. When sold the returns from the sale will be used to help finance their work at home and overseas. When cutting the stamps from envelopes please allow  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch space around the stamps.

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS** - Catholics admitted to hospital should let the hospital chaplain know they are there.

**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 Keith Brigham and Sr. Bernadette Boland - tel: 291 2297.

Alternatively ask the ward staff to inform the chaplain; either of these options will ensure that the Chaplain will know you are in hospital.

### PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS

		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	4September	2	6	6	5
Next week	11September	3	1	7	6
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7pm
This week	4September	3a	2	3	2
Next week	11September	1a	3	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](mailto:annieteresa@hotmail.com) by Thursday for inclusion the following Sunday.

### Mass Readers for September

	1	2	Prayers
10.00am	Christine Robinson	Erin Hamilton	Diane Donald
6.00pm	Caroline Fahey	Irene Edwards	By Ju