

# ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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### THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary time</b>	10.00am 6.00pm	
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Of the day</b>	9.00am	Mass
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> January	St. John Bosco	6-700pm 7.00pm	Exposition Mass
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Of the day</b>	9.00am	Mass
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Feast: Presentation of the Lord	9.00am	Mass & Blessing of Candles
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> February First Friday	St Blaise	9.00am	Mass & Blessing of throats
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> February	Mass of Our Lady	11-12 noon 12 noon	Exposition and confessions Mass
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	10.00am 6.00pm	

### Holy Father's Intentions for February:

- Access to water. That all people may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.
- Health Workers. That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions

**M**Y dear people, it was nice to be away but it is oh so good to be back home. I heard this week that British people are the ones who travel the most, gone are the days when a trip to Blackpool, Morecambe or New Brighton was seen as the zenith of all travel ambition. Now it's possible to take a plane anywhere in the world and with cheap airlines it can sometimes be cheaper to fly to Spain than to take the train to London. Having the travel bug is something that is inherently Christian and particularly Catholic, for as Pope Paul VI pointed out we are a pilgrim people, we are all on a journey. Sometimes we become aware that there are many people travelling on our road, then there are times when we seem to be travelling alone. There are moments when we feel the heat of the day and other times when we are afraid of the darkness and shadows, there are times when we seem to have to fight giants and others when the nipping of ants mither us. The great Christian writer John Bunyan caught the idea perfectly in his great work "Pilgrim's Progress" when he tells the tale of "Christian's" journey to God's presence. Chaucer from an earlier age paints a very human, earthy and humorous journey undertaken by the Canterbury pilgrims. No doubt many of you have experienced pilgrimages to Lourdes or Fatima, Rome or Walsingham; our fellow pilgrims can make or break the Pilgrimage. It is true therefore that our pilgrimages of faith through life certainly need the help and support of others, they help make the burden lighter: they can be affirming, challenging, loving, forgiving and very practical, they can help keep our feet on the ground. As we continue our Parish conversation, it is important to recognise that everyone has a voice we all have a stake in our Parish Family, it is not good to presume that because someone else always does a job or takes on a task I don't need to be bothered. It is important for each pilgrim to understand that the responsibility is shared and that responsibility is not "yours" but very much "ours". So be assured there are going to be many new tasks on offer for which I hope you will be ready to respond to. Two essential tasks I need to set up are a Finance Committee, this is demanded by Canon law; the other group is a building and maintenance group who can advise and help manage the plant. Don't be surprised if I ask you, and don't be shy of volunteering. I would like to meet in the next 10 days with all who run groups or initiatives within the Parish, so that I can understand all the nuances, history, and tradition and how they work, so please fix a time ASAP. We will have a Parish meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Hall at 7pm. There is so much good will in this Parish which is reflective of the many fine good people who make up the Parish Family; do not be anxious about change the golden rule is if it is not broken why fix it! At the heart of everything we do is that we want all that makes us St Bernard's to bring us closer to the Lord, as the hymn that reflects Bunyan's work puts it, " He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster, let him in constancy follow the Master. There's no discouragement shall make him once relent his first avowed intent to be a Pilgrim." In the immortal words of John Wayne, "alright pilgrim!" God Bless mjk.

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Jack Divine whose requiem took place last Wednesday, may he rest in peace. +

**Masses received this week:** John Clarke, Richard Caul, Joseph Caul, Ciera Hulbert, Bob Mulverhill, Dec Reilly Fam, Betty Foster, Johnny O'Brien, Sick & Dying, Bert Bacon,

Angeline Kelly, Paul Temple, Sean Sweeney, Pauline Harper, Mary Philbin, Mary Bostock, Sinah Kelly, Eileen O'Grady & Fam, Eugene & Marie Henry & Family, Sean Tobin, Elizabeth Gormley, Patrick Serridge, Sister Medesta, Michael Martin, Winifred Connery, Margaret Walsh, Ann Marinan, Michael Mullaley, Kathleen Hennigan, Kathleen Carey, Miley & Mally Reeve.

**Sick;** please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, John O'Brien, Alan O'Donnell, Fr. Vincent Cavey, Peter Burton, Tullio Biasetti, Lannis Agnew, Pat Preston, Christopher Makin, Clare Keane, Mary Philbin, Ciera Hulbert, Adam Cooke

**The New Mass: next Sunday** 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.

**New Liturgy Sheets:** commencing on Monday we will have liturgy sheets, which will give the entrance antiphon, response, alleluia, communion, thanksgiving prayer, and final hymn for each day. I hope you will find them useful and they will enhance your participation in the Mass.

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

**Getting married this year?** Thank you to all who have been in contact over the last few weeks: the list of those getting married here this year can be seen on the board at the back of Church.

**Special Anniversaries:** If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary during the year, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> 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

**ST GABRIEL'S RC HIGH SCHOOL, Bridge Road, Bury BL9 0TZ 7.30pm - 9.30pm.**  
**THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY** Fr. Denis McBride will give a lecture. Cost £5.00 - including tea and coffee. contact 0161 817 2201

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about our faith **this Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 6-30pm** in the Parish Centre.

**Friday 24th February - Quiz Night - Parish Hall.** Promises to be a great night. How good are you at General Knowledge, Sport, TV, Film, Music etc? Enter a team of 4 - 6 people at £2.00 per person. Prize for winning team and for the best team name, plus

raffle and more. Tickets after 10.00am Mass from Parish Hall/tel Bernadette 0161 442 5965 to reserve your tickets. Proceeds towards New Equipment for the Parish Hall.

**FUND RAISING VARIETY EVENING IN AID OF CORNERSTONE - FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY** - 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.

<b>MINISTRY OF THE WORD - MASS READERS FOR FEBRUARY</b>					
<b>TIME</b>	<b>READER 1</b>	<b>READER 2</b>	<b>PRAYERS</b>		
10.0am	Michael Gomez	James Walsh	Liam McMahon		
6.00pm	Irene Edwards	Janice Banks	By Ju		
If you are unavailable anytime, please arrange a stand in or contact Tony Black 445 1788					
<b>PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS</b>					
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	29 <sup>th</sup> January	11	1	6	5
Next week	5 <sup>th</sup> February	12	2	7	6
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7.00pm
This week	29 <sup>th</sup> January	2a	1	4	3
Next week	5 <sup>th</sup> February	3a	2	1	4
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 <a href="mailto:anniateresa@hotmail.com">anniateresa@hotmail.com</a> 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.

Just a laugh! -A lorry-load of tortoises crashed into a trainload of terrapins, what a turtle disaster

-I said to this train driver "I want to go to Paris". He said "Euro star?" I said, "I've been on telly but I'm no Dean Martin".

-Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. But when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it.