

# ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

9<sup>th</sup> January 2011



Today Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am & 6.00pm	Mass
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Mass
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am -12 Noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12 Noon	Mass

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel there is a tension between John and Jesus; it is a tension between lesser and greater, between John's ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation and Jesus the very one who wins our forgiveness, between the herald and the beloved Son, between a sinful man and the one who is sinless, for nothing separates Jesus from the Father. Despite the tension John does what Jesus asks. As followers of Jesus there can be tension for us in sometimes struggling to do what the Lord asks of us, we can be anxious or even feel unworthy. Both reactions are answered by accepting God's love for us, which is all we need to overcome anything that gets in the way between us and God. In giving ourselves over to Jesus the tension is resolved, the power of the Holy Spirit is with us and God's presence is again felt in the world. Let's pray for the grace to open ourselves up to Jesus and to do God's will.

Fr. Steven

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**YOUNG AT HEART** - will begin again this week, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall 1.00-3.00pm.

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

**DIVINE MERCY MEETINGS** - Sacristy Thursday 7.30pm.

# S T B E R N A R D ' S P A R I S H B U L L E T I N

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY- CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN BURNAGE (CTIB)			
MONDAY	17/01/11	10.30am	Christ Church, Burnage Lane
TUESDAY	18/01/11	7.00pm	South Manchester Family Church, Burnage Lane*
WEDNESDAY	19/01/11	2.00pm	St Bernard's
THURSDAY	20/01/11	7.30pm	St Nicholas' Church, Kingsway
FRIDAY	21/01/11	12 noon	St Margaret's Church, Burnage Lane*
SATURDAY	22/01/11	8.30am	Christ Church, Parrs Wood Road*
SUNDAY	23/01/11	4.00pm	Christ Church, Parrs Wood Road
All meetings* will be followed by light refreshments (*breakfast/lunch)			

These are opportunities to meet and pray with our fellow Christians in our local community, witnessing to our shared faith. All are very welcome to come along.

## OTHER NOTICES

**FLOWER ROTA** - Can you join our group of flower arrangers? We are hoping to have the rota over a six week period. No experience necessary. You would always work with someone else. If you would like to help, please give your name and contact phone number to Fr. Steven. Thank you.

**BAPTISM** - Please make initial enquiry to Fr. Steven following any Sunday Mass.

**Thank you** - for a donation of £50 towards the decoration of the Church.

PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS						gned 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 email <a href="mailto:annieteresa@hotmail.com">annieteresa@hotmail.com</a> by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee	
This week	09/01/11	4	2	7	7	
Next week	16/01/11	5	3	1	1	
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday evening	
This week	09/01/11	2a	3	1	3	
Next week	16/01/11	3a	4	2	4	