


**Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Eucharistic Ministers 10am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers 6pm</b>	<b>Readers 10am January</b>	<b>Readers 6pm January</b>	<b>Weekday readers This week</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers weekdays</b>
Ted Cross	Carol Cooper	Trevor Richards	Caroline Fahey	Clare Clegg	Imelda Dean
Margaret Duffy	Kathy Petty	James Walsh	Clare Clegg	Bridie Close	Christine Kelly
Margaret Hennigan	Comfort Mensah	Liam McMahon	Carol Cooper	<b>Counting Team</b>	<b>Church Cleaning</b>
Christine Kelly	<b>Little Church</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>		Christine Blackburn	Pat Jones
Bernadette Kirstein	Ann	M Allcock	<b>10am Offertory</b>	Margaret Cox	Imelda Dean
John McCormack	Angela	E Bostock	Kathleen Clarke,	Michael Flatley	Chris Kelly
Pauline Nieri		Mary Saunders	Mary Thompson	Tess Kendrick	John Press
				Jane Kendrick	
				Margaret Arthurs	

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

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £664. 84 Thank you

T	N	A	E	D	V	O	I	E	C	JESUS	JORDAN	JOHN
S	I	D	R	O	J	F	A	R	A	BAPTISM	FITTING	DEMANDS
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E	M	S	I	T	P	A	B	A	S	DOVE	VOICE	SON
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**Items for the Bulletin** can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to [anniteresa@hotmail.com](mailto:anniteresa@hotmail.com) or to [michaelkujacz@hotmail.com](mailto: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

## The Baptism of the Lord Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2014

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The Baptism MASS 7/ Creed 12 Apostles; Sunday P.118 Eucharistic Prayer 2 (p24)  
Hymns 657, 630, 662, 297

Excerpt from Pope Francis's Catechesis on Wednesday last: "Baptism is the Sacrament on which our very faith is founded and which grafts us as a living member onto Christ and his Church. Together with the Eucharist and Confirmation it forms what is known as "Christian initiation", like one great sacramental event configuring us to the Lord and turning us into a living sign of his presence and of his love.



Many of us do not have any memory of the celebration of this Sacrament, and it is obvious why, if we were baptized soon after birth. I have asked this question two or three times already, here, in this square: who among you knows the date of your Baptism, raise your hands. It is important to know the day on which I was immersed in that current of Jesus' salvation. And I will allow myself to give you some

advice... but, more than advice, a task for today. Today, at home, go look, ask about the date of your Baptism and that way you can bear in mind that most beautiful day of Baptism. **To know the date of our Baptism is to know a blessed day.** The danger of not knowing it is losing awareness of what the Lord has done in us, the memory of the gift we have received. Thus, we end up considering it only as an event that took place in the past - and not by our own will but by that of our parents - and, thus, has no impact on the present. Indeed, we must reawaken the memory of our Baptism. We are called to live our Baptism every day, as the current reality of our lives. If we manage to follow Jesus and to remain in the Church, despite our limitations and with our weaknesses and with our sins, it is precisely through the Sacrament that we have become new creatures and are clothed in Christ. It is by the power of Baptism, in fact, that, freed of original sin, we are inserted into Jesus' relation to God the Father; that we are bearers of a new hope, for Baptism gives us this new hope: the hope of going on the path of salvation our whole life long. And this hope nothing and no one can extinguish, for it is a hope that does not disappoint. Remember, hope in the Lord never disappoints. Thanks to Baptism, we are capable of forgiving and of loving even those who offend us and do evil to us. By our Baptism, we recognize in the least and in the poor the face of the Lord who visits us and makes himself close. Baptism helps us to recognize in the face of the needy, the suffering, and also of our neighbour, the face of Jesus. All this is possible thanks to the power of Baptism!" Pope Francis

**Pope Francis Tweet:** May we stop before the Child of Bethlehem and allow the tenderness of God to warm our hearts.

*2014 Year of Our Parish*

## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (January)

*General Intention:* That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.

*Missionary Intention:* That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.

Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> January	The Baptism of the Lord	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass of the day	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass of the day	6-7pm 7pm	Exposition Mass
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass of the day	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass of the day	9-30am	Mass
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> January	St. Anthony	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass of the day	11- 12noon 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup> January	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Holohan who has died: may she rest in the peace of the Lord. +

**Masses received this week:** Special Intentions, Mary Holoran(3), Paul Goggins, Betty Collins, Deborah Corrigan's Int, Jim Lister, In thanksgiving(2), Peter Manoj Pinto, Magdaline Rodrigues, In thanks, Clare, Simon, Grace, Jack Stapleton, Mary Hennelly, Vivian Hartington, Richard Walsh, Luke Duffy, Ann McDonald, Simon Kelly and Clare Mitton

**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, Marcella McNevin, Sheila MacCrimmon, Carolyn Smith, Pat Reid, Kath Rafter, Sally Kenny, Bernadette Maloney, Margaret Keable, Dena O'Meara, Mary Callaghan, Constance Murphy, 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,

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** if you have a child for baptism, please let us know ASAP. Our next meeting for Baptism will be Tuesday February 4th at 7-30pm in the Presbytery: Please note there will be no Baptisms in Lent.

**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 two weeks time.

Today is White Flower Sunday; a Collection will be taken to help the work of SPUC, who work hard to promote life issues. We have seen over the last years how abortion has become another form of contraception; in some countries euthanasia has become a way of life, for young and old alike, and now in Belgium a new law will be soon passed for euthanasia for children! What a world! Pope John Paul II was very right when he spoke of our times as a Civilisation of death! Once a state legalises death in such a way, you are opening all kinds of possibilities for the future when the law can be manipulated to advantage over the weak, the sick and even the poor. We need to be on our guard: if we don't trust politicians now as according to opinion polls, will you trust them over moral and ethical questions in the future!

**Date for your Diary:** There will be a public meeting at **Burnage Community Centre** on **Sat Feb 1** at **2pm**. about the setting up of a **Community Food Bank** here in Burnage. More details to follow soon.

**CAFOD:** Another St. Bernard tradition continues ... CAFOD will be happy to receive your surplus Christmas presents for our next event ... there is a box in the porch for the next few weeks. Many Thanks.

**The Divine Mercy Prayer group** Winter Timetable, meet on Thursday's at 1-30pm, In the Sacristy. New members most welcome.

#### NEWS

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 23<sup>rd</sup> January in the Hall, after morning Mass, We have targeted Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February as a starting day and will review after the first month. We now need people to come and help with setting up a Rota: please come along if you can. Thank you.

**WORKSHOP**, this Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January after morning Mass Morning Prayer in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

**Year of our Parish:** Follow up meeting at 7pm in the Presbytery on this Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Please come along, we need some more members.