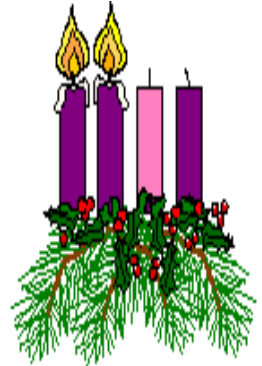


ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today	4 th December	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	5 th December	9.00am	Mass
Tuesday	6 th December	6.00pm 7.00pm 6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass : St. Nicholas <i>Advent Confessions</i>
Wednesday	7 th December	9.00am	St. Ambrose
Thursday	8 th December	9.00am	Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception
Friday	9 th December	9.00am	Mass
Saturday	10 th December	11.00am 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition Mass : St. John Roberts

'COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS'



Christmas provides a great opportunity for us to reach out to others, and to invite them and welcome them to our Churches, so here is a simple idea.

'LIGHT A CANDLE,PRAY AND INVITE'

During the season of Advent, lets use the candle stand in front of Our Lady to light candles for those you would like to see come back to a more regular practice of their faith.

Masses received this week; Francis Davies, Seamus & Mary Nelson, Mrs Igoe, Tony Grobicki, Imelda McKendry, Jimmy & Eileen Swarbrick, Walter Bostock, Nula & Wilf Slade, Theresa & Terry Mitchell, Maureen & Kevin Mitchell, Patrick Treanor, Rose & Maureen Donlon, Marie Wylie, Michael Neary, Andrew Neary, Betty Kelly

Sick: please commend to your prayers the sick of the Parish especially, Michael Haggarty, Peter Burton, Lannis Agnew, Fr. Ahern's sister.

My dear people, I found this quote from the writings of St. Bernard this week, "Brothers and sisters, God reveals to you, as he did to the children, what is hidden from the learned and wise: the true ways of salvation. Meditate on them with the greatest attention. Steep yourselves in the meaning of these Advent days. And above all, pay heed to him who is approaching: think whence he comes and whither it is he advances; consider his purpose in coming, the ripeness of the times, the route he may choose for his approach. Such speculation cannot but be good. Our curiosity is far from being an idle one. The Universal Church would not celebrate this Advent time with such solemnity of devotion did it not contain within it some mystery."

This mystery is the love and compassion of God for us, such a love that he gives us his only Son to be our Saviour. Once again we are preparing to celebrate this mystery of faith, will you be ready or will you allow yourself to be distracted? In your home among all your celebration will there be room for Jesus? Getting ready for a big event means that we have to ensure that everything is in place; last minute things can be a pain! So here is a challenge for you: when did you last get to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? If you think you don't need it, then that is usually a sign that you do! Nearer to Christmas our local Parishes will be having a joint Penitential Service, in the mean time on the Tuesday's of Advent during Exposition I will be in the box ready on stand by duty. If it's been a few weeks, months or even years, don't worry give it a go. New starts are great and can be challenging, so often the peace of mind that we crave for can be won by just being honest with ourselves and sharing it with the Lord, who gives a peace the world cannot give. Happy Advent. mjk.

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

Getting married next year? Now is the time to contact Fr. Michael to make arrangements: please ring for an appointment. Thanks

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

- **YOUNG AT HEART** - Parish Hall - Mondays - 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- **LEGION OF MARY** - Parish Hall - Tuesdays - 7.45pm
- **DIVINE MERCY** - Sacristy - Thursdays - 7.30pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTIAN'S TOGETHER IN BURNAGE: will be carol singing at Tesco's on Saturday 10th December 12 noon till 2pm. If you have a littler time your presence and your voice would be most welcome.

CHRISTMAS MEAL (formerly arranged by SVP) - SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER - 12.45pm Christmas Lunch

PARISH CHRISTMAS BUFFET MEAL- 19th December 7.00pm - 9.30pm £5 per person

Jack and the Beanstalk 17th December - Balance is now due £12.75. Theatre goers should be at St Bernard's for 6.30pm

OTHER NOTICES

APOLOGIES to parishioners who did not get a copy of the bulletin last week, there is a new machine in the office but we had not 'got to grips with it', and there was a confusion, so for that reason here is a reprint of Fr. Steven's message. For those of you are able to access the internet all Sunday Parish Bulletins are accessible from the St. Bernard's website at <http://stbernards-burnage.homeip.net>.

"Moving is never easy and there were a few days living out of boxes after I arrived at Wardley Hall! I don't enjoy packing or unpacking, but the box that was a real joy to unpack was the one containing the lovely gifts, cards, letters and assurances of prayer that you kindly sent with me, from St. Bernard's.

Many thanks to you all from the bottom of my heart. The great generosity of the presentation you gave me, is typical of the goodness with which I will always so fondly remember you, the people of St. Bernard's. You will remain in my thoughts and held in prayer, as I hope to remain in yours, as we all continue our journey in faith with the Lord.

Every best wish and thanks to Fr. Michael and to you all."

Fr. Steven Parkinson

APF and Mill Hill Missions (red Boxes): collectors books and calendars are now ready for picking up in the Parish Hall.



Almanacs now on sale £3.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS If anyone is available during the week and could take Fr Michael to visit their sick please let him know to make arrangements.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD - MASS READERS FOR DECEMBER					
MASS TIME		READER 1	READER 2	PRAYERS	
10.00am		Diane Donald	Christine Robinson	George Hughes	
6.00pm		By Ju	Caroline Fahy	John Press	
If you are unavailable anytime, please arrange a stand-in, or contact Tony Black					
PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS					
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	4 th December	3	New Group 3	5	4
Next week	11 th December	4	New Group 4	6	5
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7.00pm
This week	4 th December	1a	1	4	5
Next week	11 December	2a	2	1	1
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 by Thursday for inclusion the following Sunday.					

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SUNDAY 10.00am; See list at the back of church
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. Bringham and Sr Bernadette - tel: 291 2297

Alternatively ask the ward staff to inform the Chaplain.

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