



ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

25th March 2012

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"Day of prayer for candidates for the Sacraments"

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Hymns: 254, 362, 697, 234

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THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Sunday	25 th March	Third Sunday of Lent Stations of the Cross	10.00am 6.00pm 4.00pm	Mass
Monday	26 th March Rosary	Solemnity; The Annunciation of the Lord	9.00am	*Mass
Tuesday	27 th March	Mass of Lent	6.00-7.00pm 7.00pm	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Wednesday	28 th March Rosary	Mass of Lent	9.00am 9.45am	Mass
Thursday	29 th March Rosary		9.00am	Mass
Friday	30 th March Rosary	Early Mass of Lent End of Term Mass "An hour with the Lord"	6.30am 9-30am 6.30-7.30pm	Mass Exposition and confessions
Saturday	31 st March	Mass of Lent Nuptial: Patrick Breheny & Tara Barrens	12 noon 11.00-12 noon 1-30pm	Mass Exposition and confessions Mass
Sunday	25 th March HOLY WEEK	PALM SUNDAY Stations of the Cross	10.00am 6.00pm 4.00pm	Mass

Holy Father's Intentions for March:

- Contribution of Women. That the whole world may recognise the contribution of women to the development of society.
- Persecuted Christians. That the Holy Spirit may grant perseverance to those who suffer discrimination, or death for the name of Christ, particularly in Asia.

MY dear people, we enter into Old Passiontide today, and our thoughts begin to lead us through the build up of all the events of Holy Week. Lent is passing very quickly, and you may not have succeeded all the time with your special tasks, why not then make an extra special effort during these next two weeks. You could make Holy Week itself almost like a weeks retreat, walking closely with Jesus as the drama of his sacrifice for our redemption unfolds. Many Catholics have never attended the great Triduum celebrations, can I invite you to be a part of them, don't turn these precious days just into a holiday, but rather make them a personal challenge.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, we will begin 10am Mass with the traditional Procession of Palms. Holy Thursday will find us gathering in "the Upper Room" with the Lord on this great night of remembrance at 7pm, and having the opportunity to watch with Lord for a while, staying awake to his call. Good Friday brings us to the foot of the Cross at 3pm, the reading of St. John's Passion says it all and the great prayers of intercession of the Church, challenge us to work in so many ways for the Kingdom. Our Vigil and First Mass of Easter, where candidates will be received into the Church draws us together at 8pm on Saturday Night; and our Celebration of the Great day is affirmed in our hearts with our Family Mass on Easter Day at 10am. There will be other events taking place which will be in next weeks Newsletter. Without doubt so much to be part of, will you take the opportunity to play your part? I hope so! In the meantime lets redouble our efforts over the next few weeks, along with the Prodigal Son, recognise your weaknesses and failures, seek God's incredible forgiveness so that you can experience his compassion which leads us from failure to success, from weakness to strength. God Bless mjk.

Masses received this week: Sr. Aloysius & Sr Joseph's int, Cath Martin, In hon. St. Joseph, Paddy Faughnan, Keegan Fam, Croin Deegan, Michael Chemney, Swiss Victims & Families, Anthony Nolan, Maureen Barber, Emily Kelly, Michael Teehan, David Teehan, Gabriel Windsor, Special Int. Connor Mallon, Theresa & Patrick Cannon, Mother's day Remembrance, Michael & Nora Lyons, Anthony & Agnes McDermott, Mary Payne.

Sick; please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Mary Beehan, John O'Brien, Alan O'Donnell, Fr. Vincent Cavey, Tullio Biasetti, Theresa Nutter, Verity Fairclough, Brian Nuttall, Monica Charnock, Anthony Callaghan, Pat Preston, Marguerita Jones, Nora Adams, Adam Cooke, Antonio Puro, Sr. Susan Whitehead, Kitty McIntyre, John Walsh, Peggy & Colie Flaherty, Jim Barrrens, Martin Flatley.

I am very grateful to the Ladies who agreed to set up a steering group last Monday an action meeting is planned after Easter.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 30th July - 7th August; full details at the back of Church: I would be delighted to hear from you of any nominees you may suggest going on the pilgrimage from the Parish. Dean Connelly from St Kentigan's is leading a Deanery Group, please contact him for details.

Lenten Alms: the box to collect your sacrifices is in front of the picture of the Prodigal Son, and this year will go towards the work of Cornerstone and the Morning Star Hostel.



LENT 2012: BIBLE STUDY continues this Wednesday 28th March and then in the Parish Hall. Commencing at 7.30pm; this year they will be led by Pastor John Owen: last week, it's been a real delight.

The Sacrament of Baptism: if you have a child for baptism, please let us know ASAP, so we can make the usual arrangements. Our next meeting for Baptism will Tuesday 3rd April in the Presbytery at 7.30pm.

Getting married this year? If you are planning to get married next year and have not seen Father yet, please give him a call.

Special Anniversaries: If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary during the year, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th please let Father know as during the year we will be having a special celebration.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: new boxes of envelopes are ready for collection at the back of Church today: Please collect as soon as possible. The claim for **Gift Aid** offertory contributions will be going in shortly: anyone with any queries, please contact Bernard the coordinator as soon as possible. The scheme welcomes new members anytime; it costs nothing extra on your Tax and is a valuable aid to the Parish

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.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about our faith Thursday March 29th 2-3pm in the Presbytery.

DIARY DATES Race Night Friday 27th April, (Cake Sale Sunday 15th April Plant Sale Sunday 27th May both these dates to be confirmed), Tickets on sale next Sunday in the Parish Hall for the Race Night; Adults £1.00. Children 50p or ring Bernadette 0161 442 5965. Tickets are limited so buy or reserve yours. Please start potting your seeds and taking cuttings and help our Plant Sale be the best yet. Thank you all for your continued support.

APF & Mill Hill Missions (Red Boxes) collectors book ready for collection - Parish Hall.

Easter Chicks on sale today after Mass to support the work of the Little Sisters of the poor.

DIOCESE OF SALFORD, the charitable arm of the diocese, is looking for runners to join Team Caritas in the Great Manchester 10K Run on 20th May. If you're interested in helping raise vital funds for disadvantaged people in your diocese, please contact Mary, the Fundraising Officer, on 0161 817 2252 or fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk

The Barlow RC High School is launching a competition to name their Sports Centre Facilities. The winner will receive two tickets to a future Manchester City Football Game at the Etihad Stadium. The closing date is Friday 30th March and entries should be emailed to k.carr@barlowrc.manchester.sch.uk

MINISTRY OF THE WORD - MASS READERS FOR APRIL					
TIME	READER 1	READER 2	PRAYERS		
10.00am	Tony Black	Diane Donald	Yvonne Tapodi		
6.00pm	Tony Addyman	Irene Edwards	Andrew Smith		
If you are unavailable anytime, please arrange a stand in or contact Tony Black 445 1788					
PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS					
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	18 th March	6	3	6	5
Next week	25 th March	7	4	7	6
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7.00pm
This week	18 th March	3a	4	3	5
Next week	25 th March	1a	1	4	2
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.					

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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 Saji Kuriakose and Sr Bernadette - tel: 291 2297

Alternatively ask the ward staff to inform the Chaplain.

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