Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday December 28th

Eucharistic Ministers 10am	Eucharistic Ministers 6pm	Readers 10am December	Readers 6pm December	Weekday readers This week	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays
Ted Cross	Jed Froggatt	Christine Robinson	Lainet Pinto	John Press	Comfort Mensah
Margaret Duffy	Rita Froggatt	Tony Black	Shelagh Bridge	Liam McMahon	Barbara Philips
Margaret Hennigan	Ann Kiernan	Pat Jones	Carol Cooper	Counting Team	
Christine Kelly	Little Church	Tea & Coffee		Ged Allcock	
Bernadette Kirstein	Geraldine & Pat	M Allcock	10am Offertory	Olive Hogan	
John McCormack		E Bostock	volunteers	Liam McMahon	Cleaning team
Geraldine Fury		Mary Saunders		Yvonne Tapodi	End of month

FAMILY FLOWERS: Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church.

Flower list is at the back of Church. Flowers from Leech & Latham Families.

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £690 55p

Christmas collection £1660 Thank you very much

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Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to <a href="michaelkujacz@hotmail.com">michaelkujacz@hotmail.com</a> <a href="michaelkujacz@hotmail.com">michaelkujacz@hotmail.com</a>

The Divine Mercy prayer Group are meeting together on Thursday's at 1-30pm in the Church; why not join them?

**TODDLERS GROUP**. The group is open. 9.30am --11.30am every Tuesday; Further enquiries to Anne 431 7212.

Our Monday Club, "young at heart" is open and always delighted to have new people from the Parish and our local community.

## ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## HOLY FAMILY

## Sunday 28th December 2014

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Holy Family MASS 7/ Creed 11; Sunday P. 105 Eucharistic Prayer 3 (p28)



As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect: when we consider the more Odramatic events of the Christmas and Easter story, it can seem so far removed from us. And yet, as today's Gospel reminds us (especially in the shorter version), there were also the so-called 'Thidden years' - the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things. During that time, we hear how Jesus grew and matured, and in the glimpse of that family life we see our example. The family is a basic unit of our Christian society, despite coming under threat nowadays. Our celebration of this feast, and the Word of God we proclaim, announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children. Whatever the changing details of each age,

honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures and places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Thank you to all who came along and helped prepare the Church for our Christmas Celebrations, I think you will agree they have done a wonderful job. May I also thank you for your Greetings and presents, they were very much appreciated and somewhat overwhelming. Thank you.

Don't forget our Mass on New Year's day which honours Our Blessed Lady, I do hope that many of you will come a get the New Year off to a good start by sharing in our Family Prayer on that Day. Please continue to have a Happy Christmas. God Bless mjk

**Francis tweet**; If Jesus is to become the centre of our life, we need to spend time in his presence, before the Tabernacle.



## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (December)

**Universal**: That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

For Evangelization: That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

Holy Family	28 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> December	St Thomas Becket	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> December	6 <sup>th</sup> Christmas	6pm 7pm	Exposition, Mass
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup> December	7 <sup>th</sup> Christmas (St. Sylvester)	9-30am	Mass
Thursday New Year	1 <sup>st</sup> January	Mary, Mother of God	12 noon	Mass
First Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Ss. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Holy Name of Jesus	11am 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
The Epiphany	4 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass Evening Mass	10am 6-00pm	Mass

Masses this week: Special intentions, John Cross, Christmas Masses [10], Anne Rose Moore, James Roy Moore, Margaret & George Leech, George, Joe Billington, Arthur Kelly, Bernadette O'Shea, Eileen McMahon, Gropp Melville, Denise Robinson, Sean, Melanie & Cillian Tapodi, John Carroll, Paul Tierney, Mary & John Phillips, Noreen Fitzpatrick, Ned Fitzpatrick, Celia Maguire, Allott Summors, Bridge, Hanna Maher, Annie Devane, Cissie Corrigan, Michael & Annie Jordan, Martina & Margaret Commerford, Margaret & Mary Doyle, Pat Jones, Mr. Grant, Nora Goldrick, Mary Masterson, In thanksgiving, Magdalaine Rodrigues, Peter Monoj Pinto, Bertie Glynn, Nora Breslin, Michael Breslin, In thanksgiving: William Froqatt, John Connors, Donough Whelan and Thomas Green.

Sick; please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Daniel, Bridget, Martin, Sarah, Pat Jones, Pat Preston, Fr. Pat Early, Debbie Griffin, Louis Kitt, Michael Breslin, Thomas McLoughlin, Mags Chadwick, Pat Kemp, Eileen McCormack, Elle-Rose Blackhall, Joan Kennedy, Richard Kujacz, Caoimhe Grealish, Mary Barrens, Agnes Halligan, Michael Doyle, Eileen McMahon, Bob Cook, Micky Duffy, Jacob Bannister, Eddie & Olive Hogan, Janet Roberts, Kathleen Curley, Fr. Michael Hoare, Mary & John Featherstone, John Doona, Margaret Keable, Ruth Sivori, Clare Bainbridge, Breda Gallagher, Dr Sean Doohan, Sheila MacCrimmon, Carolyn Smith, Pat Reid, Simon McDermott, Julie Ann Keeney, Stephen Gatley, Kath Rafter, Margaret

Keable, Constance Murphy, Maria Baker, Denny McGuigan, Betty Foster, Steven Moorhouse, Dorothy Hampsey, Martin & Michael Rock, Louis Kerr, Delia Connelly and Colin Pearson.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Pick up yours packs after Mass and return them to the presbytery: our next Baptism meeting is Tuesday  $6^{th}$  January in the House.



Our Lady's Lamp burns this week for George Hughes, Thank you. There is a list at the back of the Church if you would like to be involved on any particular week. Suggested offering £5

CAFOD: We hope you enjoyed your mulled wine which raised £80.50 for Sebeya, Ethiopia .. & on the notice board you can see a Christmas message from Abba Solomon or hear it on YouTube. Our DEC Appeal for the Ebola crisis raised £271 so many thanks for your great generosity. God Bless you all.

DROP IN THURSDAY after Mass in the Parish Hall open till 3pm, Good conversation, games, newspapers, constant tea and coffee, and toast. Homemade soup and bread and homemade & treats at 12-30pm,

lovely warm atmosphere: don't be shy come and join our regulars become one yourself! This event is for all our Parishioners and members of our local community why not pop in and show your support?

RE-OPENS 8TH JANUARY

Holy Land money due in the next two weeks, £685, less £50 if you have paid your hotel deposit. Please see Ann Tipper. TIME TO PLEASE PAY. Thank you

Parish & South Manchester Pilgrimage to Lourdes Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. Cost is £565, See notice at the back of the Church for details.

Getting married this year? The application forms for the Deanery Preparation course at St. Kentigern's are now available from Father, the course begins the last weekend of January.

If you get a chance "The Little House of Horrors" at the Royal Exchange, Manchester is real fun and a terrific experience.

THESE ARE "ACTUAL" QUOTES TAKEN FROM AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS.

- "Since my last report, this employee has reached rock-bottom and has started to dig."
- "This employee is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definite won't be."
- "He would be out of his depth in a parking lot puddle."
- "This young lady has delusions of adequacy."
- "He sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."
- "This employee should go far, and the sooner he starts the better."