

Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday March 23rd

Eucharistic Ministers 10am	Eucharistic Ministers 6pm	Readers 10am March	Readers 6pm March	Weekday readers This week	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays
Ted Cross	Carol Cooper	Audrey Stedford	Janice Banks	Christine Kelly	Beirne Kirstein
Margaret Duffy	Kathy Petty	Tony Black	Irene Edwards	John Press	Tony Kirstein
Margaret Hennigan	Comfort Mensah	Pat Jones	By Ju Joseph	Counting Team	Church Cleaning
Christine Kelly	Little Church	Tea & Coffee		Ann Masterson	Ann Masterson
Bernadette Kirstein	Di & Anne	M Allcock	10am Offertory	Kath Thompson	Noreen Linton
John McCormack		E Bostock	Olive Hogan	Jackie Turner	Martin Walsh
Pauline Nieri		Mary Saunders	Cissie Corrigan	Jessica Turner	Bernie Kirstein
				Berni Roan	Clare Clegg
				Noreen Linton	

FAMILY FLOWERS: Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church. **New flower list** at the back of Church; Ged & Rita Froggatt, in memory Annie Froggatt
Thank you

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £ 527 45p. Thank you

E	L	T	H	U	S	B	A	D	N	SAMARITAN	SYCHAR	JACOB
S	E	L	L	E	W	O	M	A	N	JOSEPH	WELL	WOMAN
W	Y	L	E	B	L	E	T	H	E	WATER	DRINK	JEW
A	E	C	W	O	I	I	J	P	T	BUCKET	CATTLE	HUSBAND
T	E	A	H	C	R	N	Y	E	E			
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Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to anniteresa@hotmail.com or to 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

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 23rd March 2014

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3rd Lent MASS 7/ Creed 12 Apostles; Sunday P.158 Eucharistic Prayer 3 (p28)

Hymns 234, 585, 527, 525, 700



The woman at the well which we hear about today, is a fitting reminder of how Jesus searches out the marginalized and the outsider. He does not concern himself with the pettiness of others self importance and in fact goes straight to the heart of a situation. He is prepared to receive and more than ready to give, and as a result not only is the woman converted

but the whole of her town is.

Perhaps there is a good reminder to us here? At times we think we are indistructable, that we need no help. Regularly in television soap operas, you see people who go into a sulk or a stop and think they need no one elses help. It usually means both in fiction and in reality that the subject sinks into the mire and finds themselves hoplessly lost, in despair a screaming for help!

Jesus shows us today that he is the living water who can refresh, wash us clean and enable us to make a new start. Lent is just that, new beginnings, why don't you give yourself a treat, put a full stop in your life, turn the page you are on now, and begin a brand new chapter? Why don't you try and invite a family member or someone you know to take Jesus' offer and drink the water of life that is being offered?

Understand all this may take time and you discover that perseverance in prayer is essential, but in the end with great confidence in the Lord, we will succeed. We have to learn that sometimes the results are not instant, but we remember "One man sows the seed and another reaps the harvest". Each one of us is a player in the Lenten story; each one of us can stand at the side of the road and shout "Hosanna!" And sometimes we shout or even whisper "Crucify him!" Jesus is the only one who is constant and never changes: he is the one who calls us to new life; he shares with us the Water of Life, like the woman at the well, will you share the Good News with others? Will you drink of the Water yourself? God Bless mjk

Pope Francis Tweet; Christian love is loving without counting the cost. This is the lesson of the Good Samaritan; this is the lesson of Jesus.

2014 Year of Our Parish

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (March)

Universal: That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.

For Evangelization: That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.

+ Don't Forget 10 minute Stations of the Cross each week day after Mass +

Sunday	23 rd March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	10.00am 6.00pm 4.00pm	Mass
	Stations	Of the Cross		
Monday	24 th March	Mass of Lent	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	25 th March	Solemnity: The Annunciation	6-7pm 7pm	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Wednesday	26 th March	Mass of Lent	9-30am	Mass
		Lectio Divina	7pm	Parish Hall.
Thursday	27 th March	Requiem; Julia Cullen	10am	Mass
Friday	28 th March	Mass of Lent	6-30am	Mass
		(St. Mary's)	(12 Noon)	Mass
Saturday	29 th March	Mass of Lent	11- 12noon 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Sunday Mother's Day	30 th March	4 th Sunday of Lent	10.00am 6.00pm 4.00pm	Mass
	Stations	Of the Cross		

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Julia Cullen who has died aged 69. May she rest in the peace of the Lord. +

Masses received this week: Special Intentions, Sally Kenny, Tom Ginty, In Hon of St. Joseph, Charles O'Brien, Bina Egan, Donal MacCrimmon, Mary Sexton, John Egan, Jim Lister, Cath & Bill Martin and Packie Farnan.

Sick; please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Maximus John Paul Payne(baby), Daniel, Martin, Sarah, Fr. Pat Early, Audrey Doona, Michael Doyle, Jacob Bannister, Janet Roberts, Simon Kelly, John Doona, Margaret Keable, Mary Duffy, John Cross, Cissie Corrigan, Ruth Sivori, Pat Preston, Clare Bainbridge, Malcolm Scott, Sheila MacCrimmon, Carolyn Smith, Louis Sivori, Pat Reid, Simon McDermott, Julie Ann Keeney, Stephen Gatley, Kath Rafter, 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: Pick up yours forms after Mass and return them at our next Baptism meeting on Tuesday April 1st at 7-30pm in the Presbytery. Next Baptisms Easter Time.



Our Lady's Lamp burns this week in memory of Phillips Family and World Peace and the Edwards Family. There is a list at the back of the Church if you would like to be involved on any particular week. Suggested offering £5

NEW PLAN GIVING ENVELOPES; these are now ready for collection from the back of Church, I am very grateful to all who use them as a weekly reminder about supporting the Church, and allowing us also to claim gift aid. It would be wonderful if more of you took the opportunity to use them and in using them gave a minimum gift to the Church of say £2. If you can please consider joining the scheme, remember what you give allows us to make a claim from Government and does not cost you anything. Thank you mjk

Our Lenten alms box is in the Sanctuary, proceeds of our Lenten alms will be sent to Katie Richard's project in Peru, so not only will we be helping the poor, but channeling it through one of our own!

St. Pio Prayer Group will meet at 8pm **this** Monday 24th (not Wednesday) at 14, Astor Road, Burnage. A warm welcome awaits you.

Missio (Red boxes). Collector's books are now ready for picking up in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your support.

CAFOD: CAFOD: Many thanks for Lent Fast envelopes returned last Sunday. Join us **now** in the Parish Hall for Tombola, Books & Bric-a-Brac etc all in support of our parish **CAFOD Connect2Ethiopia** project.

TODDLER GROUP. We now have places available at the Toddler Group Tuesday 9.30am - 11.30am. Bring your child/ children along have some adult company while your child makes new friends. Only £1-50 each session per family. Tel Bernadette 442 5965 for more information.

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

DROP IN THURSDAY after Mass in the Parish Hall, Good conversation, games, newspapers, constant tea and coffee, and toast. Homemade soup and bread at 12-30pm, heating and warm atmosphere, films; till 2-30pm. Young, middle, not so old, and golden oldies most welcome. Let people know and come along yourselves. Thank you to our great team of dedicated helpers

