Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday December 6th

Eucharistic Ministers 10am	Eucharistic Ministers 6pm	Readers 10am December	Readers 6pm December	Weekday readers This week	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays
Annie Doherty	Santosh Pinto	Trevor Richards	Audrey Stedford	Clare Clegg	Comfort Mensah
Stephen Bourke	Kathy Petty	Yvonne Tapodi	Lainet Pinto		Barbara Philips
Kathleen Clarke	Comfort Mensah	Diane Donald	Carol Cooper	Counting Team	
Imelda Dean		Tea & Coffee		Ann Masterson	Berni Roan
Christine Blackburn	Little Church	Angela Lord	10am Offertory	Kath Thompson	Noreen Linton
Tony Masterson	Jackie, Bernie & Christine	Sandra McCormack	Olive Hogan	Jackie Turner	Cleaning team
Olive Hogan		Bernadette Moorhouse	K Welsh,	Jessica Turner	Thank you

**FAMILY FLOWERS:** Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church. Flower list is at the back of Church:

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £698 34p Thank you

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**The Divine Mercy prayer Group** will now meet on the First Thursday of the month 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.

Irish Dancing lessons, held every Wednesday Evening in Burnage Community Centre at 6-30pm, Girls and boys over 4 years of age, most welcome. Enquires to John Morgan on 07900002105

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

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015

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"STAY WITH US, LORD, ON OUR JOURNEY."

2<sup>nd</sup> Advent MASS 7/ Creed 12; Mass p 84 Eucharistic Prayer 3 (p28)

Again we hear about the coming Day of ChristD, and meet the character of John the Baptist. Just as once before he Dprepared the way for the coming of Christ, so today he does the same for us. Our hearts should be open to his voice, as he calls us to repentance, and asks us to make the way straight for the coming of our Lord. The



imagery of this Sunday is particularly rich: the dominant image is of a vast population moving together - the return from exile in the first reading, the going and coming of the sowers in the psalm, the community of the Church preparing together in Paul's letter. We prepare for the coming of the Lord as His people - a community who cooperate to make the  $\Box$ processional way  $\Box$  of the Holy One - flattening the hills of opposition and ridicule, filling in the valleys of doubt and despair, so that  $\Box$ all mankind shall see the salvation of God.  $\Box$ 



## TUESDAY 8<sup>™</sup> DECEMBER SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

HOLY MASS AT 7PM

THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR OF MERCY WHY NOT MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT AND COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THIS GREAT CELEBRATION?

Next Sunday we will be celebrating Christingle, with boys and girls from the school as we arrive at the Third Sunday of Advent.

Francis tweet: The Jubilee Year of Mercy reminds us that God is waiting for us with open arms, just like the father of the prodigal son.



#### THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (December)

**Universal**: Experiencing God's mercy: That all my experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving **Evangelization**: Families: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

Second Sunday of Advent	6 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> December	St. Ambrose	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday Opening of the year of mercy	8 <sup>th</sup> December	Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception	6pm 7pm	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass of Advent	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass of Advent [St. John Roberts]	9-30am	Mass
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass of Advent	9-30 am	Mass
Saturday ( Our Lady of Guadalupe)	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Exposition & Confessions Of Advent	11am 12 noon	Mass
Third Sunday of Advent	13 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass Evening Mass	10am 6pm	Mass Mass

<sup>+</sup> I offer our prayers and sympathy to Liam on the death of Eileen McMahon aged 89, may she sing with the angels. +

Masses this week: Holy Souls, Eileen McMahon, Judith Naughton, Peter Denerley, Christmas Masses, Karol Kwartnik, Agnes Parker, Joan McDonald, Patrick & Lucy Marron, Walter Bostock, Annette Irvine, Vera Higgins, Mary Fenton, Maura & John Wilkinson, Liz Ryan, Bill[Paddy] Ryan, Judith Naughton, Ann O'Donnell & Family, Paddy & Mary Ferry, Michael & Andrew Neary, Sheila MacCrimmon, Sean Brennan.

Sick; please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, M. Pedro, Joshua, Daniel, Mary Dunne, Eduardo Starkey, Jeff Brocklbank, Sean Collins, Ann Donnelly, Dougie Donohue, Josephine Gilligan Paul Byrne, Eddie Hogan, Sr. Amadeus Bulger, John Kujacz, Mary Grobicki, Eugene Davis, Joan Kennedy, Tommy Bowan, Mary Featherstone, Patricia Rundle, Lucy Murphy, Craig Greenwood, Louis Kitt, Angela Hussey, Kathleen Connolly, Fr. Michael Hoare, Yvonne Peace, Imelda Parkinson, Melito Dufficey, Jeff Callaghan, Paddy Hegarty, Sheila O'Donnell, Amelia Sacarello, Harry Hallows, Gillian Hale, Agnes Halligan, Steven Moorhouse, Pat Jones, Mary Gallagher, Mary Edwards, Samantha Mulligan, Pat Preston, Debbie Griffin, Thomas McLoughlin, Mags Chadwick, Betty Wilson, Eileen McCormack, Brenda Gleeson, Elle-Rose Blackhall, Caoimhe Grealish, Mary Barrens, Michael Doyle, Bob Cook, Micky Duffy, Jacob Bannister, Aoife McLaughlin, Janet Roberts, Kathleen Curley, Clare Bainbridge, Carolyn Smith, Pat Reid, Simon McDermott, Julie Ann Keeney, Stephen Gatley, Kath Rafter, Margaret Keable, Constance Murphy, Maria Baker, Betty Foster, Dorothy Hampsey, Martin & Michael Rock, Louis Kerr, Delia Connelly and Colin Pearson.

AVOID THE CHRISTMAS RUSH!!!!!!! SPECIAL SALE FOR THE NEXT THREE WEEKS!!!!!!!

Extra Confessions on Tuesday night 6-7pm: then come and snuggle up with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Pick up yours packs after Mass and return them to the presbytery: our next Baptism meeting Tuesday  $5^{th}$  January in the House at 7-30pm.



Our Lady's Lamp burns for Nina Gibbons intentions thank you. There is a new list at the back of the Church if you would like to be involved on any particular week. Suggested offering £5

CAFOD - Make a World of Difference - give a goat, a cow, piglets or Footballs, etc this Christmas! You receive a beautiful card for your friend or family & lives are transformed in poor communities. You can order online, by post, by phone or through our CAFOD group: Details on the notice board.

#### Christmas Fair 2015

A big thank you to all who braved such atrocious weather conditions last Saturday to attend the fair and to those who supported us in all ways - your help and generosity is second to none. We raised just over £4300 in what can only be classed as a great team effort. Sale

Why not grab a bargain or two after today's morning mass in the Parish Hall when you will be able to buy Manchester United football shirts, shorts etc at rock bottom prices and will make great stocking fillers. Stock is limited and only available in men's sizes: Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large. This will be a one sale so don't miss out.

BURNAGE FOODBANK: Many thanks to everyone who gave food to the Burnage Tesco Collection this weekend & a big Thank You to all the volunteers involved. Thanks also to Bud Garden Centre on Omer Drive who are donating food & drink profits to the Foodbank at their Christmas Event Today, 3-7pm with choirs/music/BBQ/mulled wine etc - why not pop in?

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?

Christmas Meal on Monday  $21^{\rm st}$  December at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Look at the menu and make your choice £6-50p

**HOSPITAL**: Either as a patient or relative, to see the Catholic Chaplain you have to let the ward sister know, but if you are in MRI, St Mary's, Children's, Eye Hospital, Trafford or Christies, give Fr David or Canon David a ring on 0161 276 4247(office) or 0161 224 1895 (home) you can always leave a message, make sure you give the name of the ward and bed number if known. Please keep them and their work in your prayers.