


**Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Eucharistic Ministers 10am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers 6pm</b>	<b>Readers 10am November</b>	<b>Readers 6pm November</b>	<b>Weekday readers This week</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers weekdays</b>
Tony Kirstein	Fiona McGarvey	Diane Donald	Lainet Pinto	Christine Kelly	Comfort Mensah
Terry O'Neill	Teresa McHugh	Liam McMahon	By Ju Joseph		Barbara Philips
Barbara Philips	Comfort Mensah	Tony Black	John Press	<b>Counting Team</b>	
Ann Richards		<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>		Christine Blackburn	Jane Kendrick
Jacqueline Turner	<b>Little Church</b>	M Allcock	<b>10am Offertory</b>	Margaret Cox	Margaret Arthurs
Berni Roan	To be renewed	E Bostock	Christopher, Stephen, & Maureen	Michael Flatley	<b>Cleaning team</b>
Christine Kelly		Mary Saunders		Tess Kendrick	thank you

**FAMILY FLOWERS:** Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church, in memory of Tom Beirne thank you.

**Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £654 55p Thank you**

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**The Divine Mercy prayer Group** meets on the First and Third Wednesday of the month in the Church at 1pm; why not join them?

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

**Young at Heart,** open every Monday 11-30pm

**Hospital Chaplain + Christies** number 0161 224 1895- Wythenshaw 0161 291 2297

**Items for the Bulletin** can be left at the **Presbytery** or emailed to [michaelkujacz@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelkujacz@hotmail.com) by **Wednesday evening** for inclusion Newsletter. **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 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016



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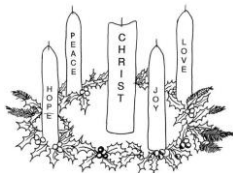
STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

2<sup>nd</sup> Advent MASS 7/ Creed 12; Mass p 85: Eucharistic Prayer 3 (p28)

### ***Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand***

Throughout the first three weeks of Advent our focus is very clearly on the End of Time, and the Second Coming of the Lord - not on the run up to Christmas (that only comes in the last week). If we view Advent as a Season preparing for Christmas these readings will make little sense - and neither will the figure of John the Baptist who appears today: if it was about the preparation for Christmas, then John the Baptist, preaching after Jesus was born, becomes a confusing figure: his role is to preach to us, as he did of old, and to prepare us for the (second) coming of the Lord. Everything gets more specific today: what is being preached

is not an event, but a person: Isaiah promises him, John welcomes him, Paul invites us to imitate him. We have here a thumbnail portrait of the Messiah, useful to refer to when we get to Christmas and he is revealed as a child in a manger!



### ADVENT SERVICE

Prayers, readings, meditation and music

In the Parish Hall

Thursday next 8<sup>th</sup> December: The Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception

At 7-30 until 8-45pm with mulled wine and mince pies

Next Sunday children from our School will be helping with the liturgy as we celebrate once again, "Christingle". Children will be meeting in the hall beforehand to make the Christingles: So come and join our special celebration.



**Pope Francis Tweet:** I call on all people of goodwill to take action against human trafficking and new forms of slavery.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (December)

**Universal:** End to child-soldiers: That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

**Evangelization:** Europe: That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	4 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10 am 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Weekday [St. Nicholas]  Reception	6pm  7pm 7-30pm	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> December	Requiem; Kevin Flynn [St Ambrose]	10am	Mass
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> December	Solemnity; The Immaculate Conception	9-30am	Mass
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Weekday [St Juan Diego]	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Weekday [St John Roberts]	11am  12 noon	Exposition Confessions Mass
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	11 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10 am 6pm	Mass Mass

**Masses this week:** Holy Souls, Pat Egan, Eileen McMahon, Cathy Hocter, Cathy Carr, Fr Michael Ross, Sean Brennan, Baby D, Oliver Murphy, Madeline Lacey, George Mansell, Iris Wilson, Christy Walsh.

**Sick;** please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Aiden, M. Pedro, Joshua, Daniel, Kath, Declan Blackburn, Chris Meecham, Henry Dorrian, Mary Boylan, Eddie Hogan, Ged Moran, Steven Moorhouse, Jack Kyriacou, John Kujacz, Bessie Proctor, Michael O'Keefe, Keith Carty, Thomas Kelly, Breda Gallagher, Christine Kelly, Ann Masterson, Fr. Peter Coyle, James Robinson, Patricia Rundle, Mary O'Neill, Canon Kevin O'Connor, Noah Buble, Caroline Lister, Brenda Gleeson, June McGowan, Mgr. Ron Hishon, Maura Kavanagh, Bridie Heneghan, Patrick Tynan, Eamon Fahey, Mary Dunne, Pat Preston, Paula, David Boylan, Johnny Kenny, Ann Donnelly, Dougie Donohue, Margaret Barlow, Eileen McHale, Mary Grobicki, Louis Kitt, Kathleen Connolly, Fr. Michael Hoare, Yvonne Peace, Imelda Parkinson, Fr William Fallon, Amelia Sacarello, Harry Hallows, Agnes Halligan, Canon Jack Rigby, Betty Wilson, Elle-Rose Blackhall, Bob Cook, Micky Duffy, Joe Parlon, Aoife McLaughlin, Janet Roberts, Kathleen Curley, Clare Bainbridge, Anna Lawless, Rachel Atkinson, Anthony Coombes, Pat Reid, Constance Murphy, Betty Foster, Martin & Michael Rock, Delia Connelly and Colin Pearson.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** 6 months' notice must be given, if you are planning a wedding for next year please see Fr. Michael. Marriage Course info: [marriage.stjosephsmanchester.co.uk](http://marriage.stjosephsmanchester.co.uk)

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** next meeting **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January\*\*\*** in the Presbytery at 7-30pm

**Missio, (red boxes):** collectors' books are now ready for collection in the Parish Hall, after Mass today.



**With Christmas in mind; this Wednesday** in the Parish Hall, Fr. John will lead Lectio Divina on the Advent Sunday readings. Lectio Divina is a shared meditation and reflection on the readings: **7-15pm** start 8-45pm finish. All most welcome. ....as with previous years there will be **Confessions on Tuesday** during Exposition, why not take the opportunity to get yourselves ready for the great day? Our Christmas Mass times will as usual, Christmas Eve 6pm (with tableaux) and 8pm (Solemn) and Christmas morning 10am.



**Our Lady's Lamp** burns for **Eileen McMahon**, 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.

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Thank you to Clare and the team who ran this course; hopefully there will be more in the New Year. And thank you to those who came along.

**CAFOD:** Now is the time to order your **World Gifts** ... the goats, bees, piglets or trees ... the Christmas presents that transform lives. **Please take a booklet today** which explains how simple it is to order online, by phone or by post.

### Christmas Fair 2016



Thank you to everyone who helped in any way, and all those who supported this magnificent event last week, through your donations, raffle ticket buying and turning up on the day: through your efforts we raised £5300 which was just what the doctor ordered to help with our Parish running costs.

Thank you to you all.

**BURNAGE FOODBANK** provides emergency food for local people in crisis, whether on benefits or in work. For more information, take a leaflet from the porch, see [www.burnagefoodbank.org.uk](http://www.burnagefoodbank.org.uk) or tel: 07936698546.



**DROP IN OPEN THIS THURSDAY; COME ONE, COME ALL, AND WELCOME! Breakfast, soup, tea and coffee & good company.**



### Pilgrimage Corner



**Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima** to join the 100 years' celebration; Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> till Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Staying in Hotel Regina on full board. Cost £499, single room sup, £150. How to book, £150 deposit and a photo copy of your passport details. Please note booking after 26<sup>th</sup> November could mean your flight price will increase! Please contact Ann Tipper on 01614425259.

**Walsingham;** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May-Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, £157, two nights half board, joining up with the Diocesan Pilgrimage.

**Carfin:** National Marian shrine in Scotland, overnight 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June, bed and breakfast, £85.

Contact Ann Tipper on 442 5259 leave a message on the answer phone.

