


**Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday December 11<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>
Liam McMahon	Jed Froggatt	Diane Donald	Lainet Pinto	Tony Kirstein	Teresa McHugh
Margaret Duffy	Rita Froggatt	Liam McMahon	By Ju Joseph		Liam McMahon
Clare Clegg	Ann Kiernan	Tony Black	John Press	<b>Counting Team</b>	
Christine Kelly		<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>		Bridie Close	Pat Kemp
Bernadette Kirstein	<b>Little Church</b>	Dympna Dumpleton	<b>10am Offertory</b>	Brigid Flatley	
John McCormack	To be renewed	Clare Clegg	Christopher, Stephen, & Maureen	Denis Keyworth	<b>Cleaning team</b>
Geraldine Fury		Christine Blackburn		Angela Keyworth	thank you

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

**Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £675 43 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; Christmas Party this week at St Kentigern's.

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

**Items for the Bulletin** can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to [michaelkujac@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelkujac@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

## Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016



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3<sup>rd</sup> Advent MASS 7/ Creed 12; Mass p 88; Eucharistic Prayer 2 (p24)

### ***Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?***



In many ways the readings this Sunday are simply a continuation of last week; Isaiah gives us more details about the work of the Messiah, and Paul invites us to continue to be patient until the Lord's Coming. What is slightly different is the voice of John the Baptist this week: last week in Matthew 3 he was proclaiming with utter confidence that "someone is coming". Now, in Matthew 11, he asks Jesus from prison: "Is it you?" For us, as we listen to these scriptures, we are being

offered something very particular, the prophecies of Isaiah (and indeed the prophet John the Baptist) are pinned down firmly and securely in the person of Jesus, Son of Mary, in fact, Jesus himself, in his reply to John says as much: "I am the Messiah that Isaiah prophesied." Again we are invited to hold the images of the prophecies in our minds until Christmas, when we can look on the child in the manger and say "We know who this is: it is the promised Messiah, God who comes to save us!"

#### "Christingle" Song

Chorus

Christ our light, you taught us to love  
Christ our light You're always with us  
Together we learn \*\* Together we grow \*\*  
Together we walk in Your way

Verse 1

Hearts full of peace, Hands reaching out  
Dreams full of hope, we celebrate as one

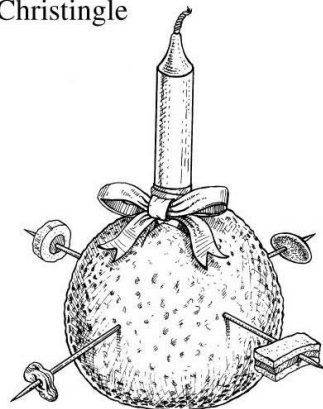
Verse 2

Voices that praise, Ears for Your Word  
Welcoming smiles, we celebrate as one

Verse 3

Family and friends, Here by our side  
Caring for all, we celebrate as one

#### Christingle



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**Pope Francis Tweet:** Jesus gives meaning to my life here on earth and hope for the life to come.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	11 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10 am 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Our Lady of Guadalupe	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> December	St Lucy	6pm 7pm	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	St John of the Cross	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent weekday	9-30am	Mass
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent 2 Weekday	11am 12 noon	Exposition Confessions Mass
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	18 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10 am 6pm	Mass Mass

**Masses this week:** Christmas Masses, Michael, Andrew, Anne and Joseph Neary, Seamus Nelson, Tom Gibbons, Mary Doherty, Kevin Flynn, Karol Kwartnick, Eileen McMahon, Dorothy Croke, Kathleen & Teresa McErlean, Pete & Matt Noone, Brendan Ryan.

**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, Brendan Ryan , 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, 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, 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. Michael 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 Eammon & Martin Sheerin**, 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:** 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. **CAFOD: Just the thing on a cold & frosty morning .... mulled wine & hot mince pies after Mass NEXT SUNDAY for our Connect2: Ethiopia project which has helped to sustain the people of Sebeya through the drought. You can read a message from Abba Solomon, their parish priest on the CAFOD noticeboard.**

**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! Christmas party this week at the cricket club**



**Olive wood** Christmas decorations on sale at the back of the Church for the next 2 Sundays, prices start from 60p.

**Christmas Family candles**, with a beautiful picture of the Holy Family on the front available for £3, all proceeds go towards the Church boiler fund. A marvellous centre piece for your Christmas table.

#### 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.