


## Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>

Eucharistic Ministers 10am	Eucharistic Ministers 6pm	Readers 10am November	Readers 6pm November	Weekday readers This week	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays
Annie Doherty	Teresa McHugh	Diane Donald	Lainet Pinto	Clare Clegg	Imelda Dean
Stephen Bourke	Kathy Petty	Liam McMahon	By Ju Joseph		Christine Kelly
Clare Clegg	Comfort Mensah	Tony Black	John Press	<b>Counting Team</b>	
Imelda Dean		<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>		Ged Allcock	
Christine Blackburn	<b>Little Church</b>	CAFOD GROUP	<b>10am Offertory</b>	Olive Hogan	
Tony Masterson	To be renewed		Bridie Close & Kathleen Dinan	Liam McMahon	<b>Cleaning team</b>
Olive Hogan				Yvonne Tapodi	This week Please

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

**Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £653 34p Thank you**

H	T	R	I	B	D	R	E	A	R	BETROTHED	CHILD	HUSBAND
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M	E	I	M	P	T	N	V	S	V	SON	PROPHET	HOME
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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 [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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016



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STAY WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY

4<sup>th</sup> Advent MASS 7/ Creed 12; Mass p 90; Eucharistic Prayer 2 (p24)

### *Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David*



Here we enter a new stage of Advent: having spent so much time on the Second Coming, now we look back, to remember the details of the Lord's First Coming. Today we focus on the characters of Mary and Joseph, and hear of the circumstances surrounding the conception of the child Jesus, and the reaction of Joseph. This mystery springs from the House of David, and so we lead into the Gospel by hearing of the promise that the Messiah would come from that line. The link between the First

Reading and the Gospel is quite explicit today, since Matthew actually quotes Isaiah. Joseph, descendant of King David, is invited to take his place in the great story of God's relationship with the Chosen people. There is great sense of a timeless mystery reaching its focal point, as that which was "promised long ago" (Second Reading) now takes flesh in the womb of Mary.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers needed to decorate the Christmas trees and Church next Saturday after the 9-30am Mass: will you come? The more the merrier, refreshments available to keep you going. Readers needed and Eucharistic Ministers for Masses next weekend please.



**Pope Francis Tweet:** Forgiveness is the most visible sign of the Father's love, which Jesus sought to reveal by his entire life.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	18 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning Mass Evening Mass	10 am 6pm	Mass Mass
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent II weekday	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent II weekday	6pm 7pm	<b>***Exposition &amp; Confessions*** Mass</b>
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> December	Advent II weekday (St Peter Canisius)	9-30am	Mass
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Advent II weekday	9-30am <b>*6-7pm*</b>	Mass <b>***Exposition &amp; Confessions***</b>
Friday <b>End of Term Mass</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Advent II weekday (St John of Kenty)	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent II weekday	9-30am***	Mass
CHRISTMAS EVE	24 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Mass Solemn Mass	6pm 8pm	With Tableaux
CHRISTMAS DAY	25 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning Mass	10 am	Mass

**Masses this week:** Christmas Masses, Ulton Burke, Kathleen McGloine, Anna Lawless, Anthony Coombes, Rachel Atkinson, Michelle O'Sullivan, Theresa Kenrick, Brendan Boylan & family, Sr. Ann's Ints, Sheila O'Boyle, Denise Robinson, McGinty, Margaret Hemmings, Pat Serridge jnr, Pat Serridge snr, Nicola Moorhouse, Bridget & Hanna Maher, Mary Moran, Sean, Melanie & Cillian Tapodi, Annie & Michael Joe Devane, Teresa Killeen, Kevin Flynn, Eileen McHale, Michael & David Teehan, Nora Goldrick, Rose & John Hegerty.

**Sick;** please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Aiden, M. Pedro, Joshua, Daniel, Kath, Declan Blackburn, Tess Kenrick, Chris Meecham, Nicola Moorhouse, Henry Dorrian, Mary Boylan, Eddie Hogan, Brendan Ryan, Fr Jim Culkin, 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, Fr. Joe Wareing SJ, 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 Connolly 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



**With Christmas in mind; Confessions this Tuesday and Thursday** during Exposition, 6-7pm; The Lord is waiting for you?



**Our Lady's Lamp burns for Celia & Alf**, 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.



**Christmas Tableau - Christmas Eve at 6pm Children's Mass;** There will be a practice for the tableau today immediately after the 10am Mass. All children are welcome to take part as angels or shepherds. Please meet at the font.

**The Drop** in now closed - will reopen on Thursday 5th January

**The Young at Heart** now closed - will reopen on Monday 9th January

**The Toddlers group** now closed - will reopen on Tuesday 10th January

Mulled wine



**CAFOD:** Just the thing on a cold & frosty morning .... mulled wine & hot mince pies after Mass **THIS 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; will be open at our usual times and venues on 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December). opening times are: Tuesday 12.30pm-2.30pm St Nicholas Church Hall, Kingsway, Burnage M19 1PL and Friday 3pm-5pm St Bernard's Church Hall, Burnage Lane, M19 1DR

**Olive wood** Christmas decorations on sale at the back of the Church this Sunday, 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.