



ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today	27 th November	10.00am 6.00pm 7.00pm	Mass Mass Reception of John Heffernan (56) RIP
Monday	28 th November	10.00am	Requiem Mass
Tuesday	29 th November	6.00pm 7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Wednesday	30 th November	9.00am	Mass: Feast St. Andrew
Thursday	1 st December	10.00am 6-30pm	Requiem Mass : Noel Daly (59) First Confessions service
Friday	2 nd December	9.00am	Mass
Saturday	3 rd December	11.00am 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition Mass : St. Francis Xavier

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the families and friends of, John Heffernan and Noel Daly who have died recently: may they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.+

Masses received this week; John Keighron, Patrick & Margaret Keighron, Clare Hare (94 Birth), James, Anne, & Edward Moore, Kirsten Fam., Dec Padre Pio Group members, and Legion of Mary members, William Sutherland, Tony Grobicki, Billy Elmes, Lorcan Phelan, Kathleen Cassidy, Jimmy & Elsie O'Hanlon, Joseph Caul, Pat Grant, Lannis Agnew(sick), Elizabeth Blackburn, Call Reilly, Kathleen Hyland, Joan Kavanagh, Tom Gibbons, Sean Brennan, Holy Souls, Sick person, Joe Deignan, Michael Haggarty, Paddy Gallagher, John & Sarah Gorman, Annie Hogan. **Sick**; please commend to your prayers the sick of the Parish especially, Michael Haggarty, Peter Burton, Lannis Agnew, Fr. Ahern's sister.

Next Sunday evening Fr. Ahern will say the evening Mass and I will be leading a Holy Hour at St. Mary's at the same time.

The Sacrament of Baptism: if you have a child for baptism, please let us know ASAP, so we can make the usual arrangements. Thanks.

Getting married next year? Now is the time to contact Fr. Michael to make arrangements: please ring for an appointment. Thanks

Small adjustments: If you would like lately dead and those with anniversaries mentioned at Mass, (names from the Mass list will automatically be added) please let us know by Friday, then we can ensure that they will be mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer. Likewise if you have names of sick people please do the same then they can be prayed for in the bidding prayers. Finally you will find at the back of the Church an Intentions book, for you to write your prayers and intentions; this will be brought up at the offertory of the Mass and the book placed on the altar. Thank you

My dear people here is a good idea from the Diocesan Department of Evangelisation, which may be a good project to take on for Advent: I recommend it to you.

'COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS'

Christmas provides a great opportunity for us to reach out to others, and to invite them and welcome them to our Churches, so here is a simple idea.

'LIGHT A CANDLE,PRAY AND INVITE'

During the season of Advent, lets use the candle stand in front of Our Lady to light candles for those you would like to see come back to a more regular practice of their faith. Please pray regularly for the person you choose, and then to invite them also to come back to church for Christmas. Research shows that many people would come to Church if only they were invited to come by someone who will come with them. So, try your best to invite someone (who doesn't usually come to Church) to come with you to Church this Christmas. For someone who has been away from Church for some time, it usually makes it a little easier for them to come back if they come with someone they know.

A prayer

Loving God, create in us an ever-growing faith, with hearts open and centred in you. **Awaken** within us the fire of your Spirit, so that your love may fill us more fully, and flow throughout our lives. **Increase** within us a desire to reach out, to invite and to share, to welcome and accept. **Awaken** the faith of all your children, especially those who have grown distant from you, those ready to hear an invitation to the love you alone can bring. **Awaken** us, loving God, to see the fullness of your grace and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope Benedict calls for a 'Year of Faith'.

On 16th October, Pope Benedict called for 'a Year of Faith'. The Year will begin on 11 October 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the second Vatican Council, and will come to an end on 24 November 2013, Feast of Christ the King. Its

aim "is to give renewed energy to the Church's mission to lead men and women out of the desert in which they so often find themselves, and towards the place of life, towards friendship with Christ Who gives us life in all its fullness". The Year will likewise be an opportunity "to strengthen our faith in Christ and joyfully to announce Him to the men and women of our time", the Pope said. Pope Benedict went on to say: "In order to be effective evangelisation needs the strength of the Spirit, which enlivens the message and infuses the person who bears it with the 'full conviction' of which St. Paul speaks. The Pope hopes that the Year of Faith and the Synod on the New Evangelisation (2012) will provide a time of reflection and rediscovery of the faith. mjk

TODAY

"Moving is never easy and there were a few days living out of boxes after I arrived at Wardley Hall! I don't enjoy packing or unpacking, but the box that was a real joy to unpack was the one containing the lovely gifts, cards, letters and assurances of prayer that you kindly sent with me, from St. Bernard's.

Many thanks to you all from the bottom of my heart. The great generosity of the presentation you gave me, is typical of the goodness with which I will always so fondly remember you, the people of St. Bernard's. You will remain in my thoughts and held in prayer, as I hope to remain in yours, as we all continue our journey in faith with the Lord.

Every best wish and thanks to Fr. Michael and to you all."

Fr. Steven Parkinson

Next **SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER IS THE CHRISTMAS FAIR** doors open at 12.30pm. Please help this be a success by supporting it and bring along your friends. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday and hope the weather is kind to us.

- Anyone helping set up on Friday please come along from 4.00pm to the Parish Hall.
- Anyone baking cakes please bring to Parish Hall or School Hall from 4.00pm Friday or bring along as early as possible on Saturday thank you.
- Stallholders/helpers please come along from 9.30am on Saturday.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

- **YOUNG AT HEART** - Parish Hall - Mondays - 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- **LEGION OF MARY** - Parish Hall - Tuesdays - 7.45pm
- **DIVINE MERCY** - Sacristy - Thursdays - 7.30pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The showing of the Miraculous Medal video will take place on Monday at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

The St. Pio prayer group will meet at 8 o'clock on Wednesday November 30th at 14, Astor Road, Burnage. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS MEAL (formerly arranged by SVP) - SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER - 12.45pm Christmas Lunch

PARISH CHRISTMAS BUFFET MEAL- 19th December 7.00pm - 9.30pm £5 per person

Jack and the Beanstalk 17th December - Balance is now due £12.75. Theatre goers should be at St Bernard's for 6.30pm

OTHER NOTICES

APF and Mill Hill Missions (red Boxes): collectors books and calendars are now ready for picking up in the Parish Hall.

DIocese of  **SALFORD** Almanacs now on sale £3.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD - MASS READERS FOR DECEMBER					
MASS TIME		READER 1	READER 2	PRAYERS	
10.00am		Diane Donald	Christine Robinson	George Hughes	
6.00pm		By Ju	Caroline Fahy	John Press	
If you are unavailable anytime, please arrange a stand-in, or contact Tony Black					
PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS					
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	27 th November	2	New Group 2	4	3
Next week	4 th December	3	New Group 3	5	4
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7.00pm
This week	27 th November	3a	4	3	4
Next week	4 th December	1a	1	4	5
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). Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to anniteresa@hotmail.com by Thursday for inclusion the following Sunday.					

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SUNDAY 10.00am; See list at the back of church
HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

Manchester Royal Infirmary - Fr. D. Egan tel: 276 4247 (MRI) and 224 1895 (home).

The Christie - Fr. M. O'Brien - tel: 446 3097

Wythenshawe Hospital - Fr K. Brigham and Sr Bernadette - tel: 291 2297

Alternatively ask the ward staff to inform the Chaplain.