



ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel invites us to be prepared for the unexpected. The five wise bridesmaids can well afford to sleep because they are prepared, having plenty of oil in their lamps to enable them to do what they have to do. The five foolish ones sleep too, but they are not prepared and are caught unawares. Jesus is warning us that how we live in the here and now is an important readying for the end of our days or the end of time.

Whilst it came as very unexpected to me, to be asked to move on, I know that there is much oil in the lamp of St. Bernard's Parish! It has been a privilege to serve St. Bernard's as Parish Priest, your support, kindness, encouragement, and faithfulness has been much appreciated. Your commitment to the life and work of the parish, I am sure, will stand you all in good stead for the years to come and the changing times that the Church lives in. Please keep me in your prayers, as I will keep you in mine.

I offer my good wishes and a warm welcome to Mgr. Michael Kujacz. God Bless you all.

Fr. Steven

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today	6 th November	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	7 th November	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	8 th November	7.00pm	Mass
Wednesday	9 th November	9.00am	Mass (The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)
Thursday	10 th November	9.00am	Mass (St. Leo the Great)
Friday	11 th November	9.00am	Mass (St. Martin of Tours)
Saturday	12 th November	11.00am 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition Mass (St. Josaphat)

TODAY

The box is still at the back of church for anyone who still wishes to donate a gift for the Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who has already donated a gift.

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

Next Sunday 13th November is **BOTTLE SUNDAY** please bring a bottle - any size big or small and help this year's Fair be once again a great success.

CASH IN THE BUCKET SALES HAVE NOW REACHED OVER £450 REMEMBER THE MORE YOU PUT IN THE MORE YOU WIN.

The next meeting for the fair will be Wednesday 16th November in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm.



QUARANT' ORE - 18th - 20th NOVEMBER QUARANTE ORE (EXTENDED EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT) will take place on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th November. It begins on Friday 18th after Mass at 9.00am and concludes on Sunday 20th the Feast of Christ the

King with a Holy Hour at 3.00pm. Candles to be lit for special intentions to burn during Quarant Ore will be on sale soon.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - A five day four night pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Fr. Steven, 5th - 9th December 2011, staying at the 3★Hotel St George - full board. Price £419, not including luggage. £150 deposit with full details of passport, the balance is due by the end of October

3RD DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAIR.

**CHRISTMAS MEAL (1)- YOUNG AT HEART - SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER -
12.45pm** Christmas Lunch

CHRISTMAS MEAL (2) - CHRISTMAS BUFFET - 7.00pm - 9.30pm £5 per person

TRIP TO THE PANTO - ARE YOU COMING? Jack and the Beanstalk - 17th December
at Stockport Plaza, seats in the Stalls and Coach £12.75. Deposit £8. List open at the
back of church.

OTHER NOTICES

FRIDAY FASTING AND ABSTINENCE -The Bishops are calling us to reinstate Friday
as a day of fasting and abstinence, to identify with the Lord's offering on the cross, in
solidarity with those in need and to deepen our Catholic identity. For most of us this
means refraining from eating meat, those who do not eat meat as part of their diet could
make their witness by abstaining from some other food.

BAPTISM - Please make initial enquiry at Sunday Mass.

MARRIAGE - Six months notice is required, one of the couple being a baptised Catholic
resident in the Parish.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: Readers for November			
MASS TIME	READER 1	READER 2	Prayers
10.00am	Pat Jones	Liam McMahon	James Walsh
6.00pm	Janice Banks	Tony Addyman	Irene Edwards

PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS

		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	6 th November	11	New Group 4	1	7
Next week	13 th November	12	New Group 5	2	1
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7.00pm
This week	6 th November	3a	1	4	1
Next week	13 November	1a	2	5	2

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 annieteresa@hotmail.com by Thursday for inclusion the following Sunday.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SUNDAY 10.00am; new rotas below

New Group 1: Christine Appleton, Mary Black, Stephen Bourke, Kathleen Clarke, Imelda Dean, Kath Dinan,, Margaret Mining, Ann Tipper

New Group 2: Annie Doherty, Pauline Hixon, William Onzivu, Christine Blackburn, Patricia Jones, Jacqueline Turner, Tony Hennigan, Tony Masterson

New Group 3: Marie Fahey, Olive Hogan, Jenni Bird, Bernard Grigaitis, Denis Keyworth, Mary Saunders, Mary Gurney, Liam McMahon

New Group 4: D. Dimitrui, Terry O'Neill, Catherine Bourke, Denise Hamilton, Barbara Philips, Connor Turner, Tony Kirstein, Ann Richards

New Group 5: Ted Cross, Christine Kelly, Pauline Nieri, Margaret Duffy, Bernadette Kirstein, Berni Roan, Margaret Hennigan, John McCormack

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS - Catholics admitted to hospital should let the hospital chaplain know they are there.

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.