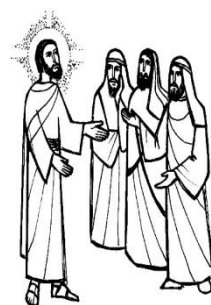




ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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23rd October 2011

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL REFLECTION

There's no point in claiming to love God and then treating others without respect or dignity or justice. This can be a great challenge to our faith; obviously it is easy for us to love those who love us, but sometimes there are situations when people make it difficult for us to extend such qualities to them. There are also situations we encounter which need to be challenged.

Jesus in today's Gospel urges us to let our relationship with God give us a sense of perspective within which we live our lives. Our love for God will be seen in our willingness to serve Him in each other, this is how God already loves us in Jesus, and acts towards us. God's love for us sets the standard, and even when we have to face tough choices and respond generously, God is never outdone in generosity.

Fr. Steven

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today	23rd October	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	24 th October	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	25 th October	6.00pm 7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Wednesday	26 th October	9.00am	Mass
Thursday	27 th October	9.00am	Mass
Friday	28 th October	9.00am	Mass (Ss Simon & Jude)
Saturday	29 th October	11.00am 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition Mass

TODAY

CASH IN THE BUCKET ticket sales in our first week reached just under £200. What a great start! Sales will continue this week. Feel free to take some tickets home with you to sell amongst your family and friends. Sales will continue until the day of the Christmas Fair on Sat 3rd December. The next Christmas Fair meeting will take place on Weds 26th Oct at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please come along - new ideas are always welcome. Help our Fair to be a success once again.

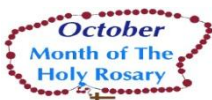
REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS on weekday evenings CONTINUE TOMORROW at 7.00pm. This year we will be praying particularly for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. Will **YOU** come and join us?

RCIA/Journey in Faith: For those interested in becoming Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic Faith. The next meeting is on Thursday 27th October at 2.00pm in Church.

LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 25th - 29th OCTOBER PETITIONS AND CANDLES. There is a box at the back of church for the next few weeks. We will pray for you, please pray for us.

26th OCTOBER 7.30pm MEETING IN THE PARISH HALL for anyone who can help in any way make the fair a success. Come along and bring in some new ideas.

ST MARY'S PARISH CENTRE LEVENSHULME SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2011
Brenda Harkin Fundraising Night 7.30 - Midnight. Full Licenced Bar. Entertainment, Kevin Prendergast, The Last Drop, J.I.B, Disco plus Special Guests, Over 18 only. Come early !

30th OCTOBER - CHRISTMAS FAIR GIFT SUNDAY.

PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION - on Saturday 5th November at the Marist Centre on Nell Lane 9.45am - 3.30pm. Quiet time and some input and reflection. Suggested donation £3. If you would like to attend please post an envelope containing your donation, with your name and contact details written on it through the Presbytery letterbox.

13TH NOVEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAIR BOTTLE SUNDAY.



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 20st the Feast of Christ the King with a Holy Hour at 3.00pm.

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. Contact Fr. Steven for booking forms. £150 deposit with full details of passport, the balance is due by the end of October

3RD DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS FAIR.

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 to Fr. Steven following any Sunday Mass. A Baptismal Certificate of one of the parents requesting Baptism for their child is now required.

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

BOOKSTALL - now available children's prayer books - beautifully illustrated step by step guide to the Mass, (including texts from the new translation) and C.T.S. Simple Prayer Books.



Sr Jenny FMSJ sends her sincere thanks for the wonderful response to the appeal for used postage stamps and asks that you remember the Missions

during the Christmas period and collect any stamps you receive and give them to Eileen McMahon so that she can forward them to Sister Jenny.

Another thank you for your kind donations of £348.55 for CAFOD's Fast Day last week.

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.

PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS

		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	23 rd October	9	New Group 2	6	5
Next week	30 th October	10	New Group 3	7	6
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7.00pm
This week	23 rd October	1a	4	2	4
Next week	30 th October	2a	5	3	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 annieteresa@hotmail.com by Thursday for inclusion the following Sunday.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SUNDAY 10.00am; please note we are operating new a new rota with the 5 new groups. See listing 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