



ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL REFLECTION

After so many previous confrontations with the Pharisees and Scribes, Jesus now directly challenges them by pointing to a problem within the community, that they "preach but do not practice." Jesus teaches that who we are is defined by how we are with God and each other. How we are, reveals most truly who we are. We are to be learners of the one true Teacher, all children of the "one Father in Heaven," humble servants of Christ and each other.

This is his call to us wherever we are. I move on soon to work as Private Secretary to Bishop Brain. Please keep me in your prayers. This lovely parish of St. Bernard's and you, its generous and faithful people, will be in my prayers. Together we pray for and prepare to welcome the new Parish Priest, Mgr. Michael Kujacz, who will be here for the weekend of the 13th November.

Fr. Steven

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today	30 th October	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	31 st October	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	1 st November	9.30pm 7.00pm	Mass All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass
Wednesday	2 nd November	9.00am	Mass All Souls (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)
Thursday	3 rd November	9.00am	Mass
Friday	4 th November	9.00am	Mass (St. Charles Borromeo)
Saturday	5 th November	11.00am 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition Mass

TODAY

Today is gift Sunday. Thank you to everyone who has donated a gift for the fair. We will leave the box at the back of church for another week.

The cash in the bucket sales are going well we now have reached over £300. Remember the more you put in the more you win.

Sunday 13th November is Bottle Sunday please bring along a bottle, big or small and help this years fair be a success. All proceeds from the fair will go towards the upkeep of our beautiful church.

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

30th OCTOBER - CHRISTMAS FAIR GIFT SUNDAY.

PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION - on Saturday 5th November. I am sorry that due to my changing circumstances I am now unable to lead the Day of Recollection. Donations paid will be available for return in the Sacristy after Mass. Fr. Steven.

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. 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. 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. Please allow a good sized birder around the stamp when cutting them from the envelope.

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	30 th October	10	New Group 3	7	6
Next week	6 th November	11	New Group 4	8	7
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7.00pm
This week	30 th October	2a	5	3	5
Next week	6 th November	3a	1	4	1

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; 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

Ministry of the Word: Readers for November

	1	2	Prayers
10.00am	Pat Jones	Liam McMahon	James Walsh
6.00pm	Janice Banks	Tony Addyman	Irene Edwards

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