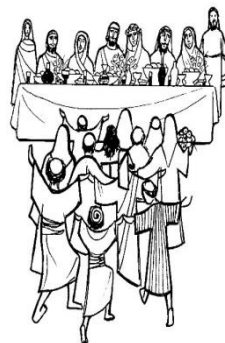




ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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9th October 2011

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Why would invited guests refuse to come to a king's feast? Perhaps they don't realise what an extraordinary offer it is. Perhaps they haven't maintained their side of the relationship with the King. Perhaps they do not wish to sit down with some of the other invited guests. The problem isn't with the King but with the guests who put their own feasts ahead of what the king is offering. Which is the feast that we choose?

Fr. Steven

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today	9 th October	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass
Monday	10 th October	9.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	11 th October	6.00pm 7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Wednesday	12 th October	9.00am	Mass (St Wilfrid)
Thursday	13 th October	9.00am	Mass (St Edward the Confessor)
Friday	14 th October	9.00am	Mass (St Callistus I Pope and Martyr)
Saturday	15 th October	11.00am 12 noon	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition Mass (St. Teresa of Jesus(of Avila)

TODAY

We welcome the children and their families who begin the Sacramental programme preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion, and keep them in our prayers. We recall that for each one of us our journey in faith begins with our Baptism.

CAFOD: Many thanks for **Harvest Fast** envelopes returned **today** and many thanks for your generous support last weekend. The Lunch, Tombola, Raffle & Bricabrac raised an amazing **£363** for our **CAFOD** project. Well done & grateful thanks to all who helped in each and every way. The short film can be viewed again at **CAFOD.org.uk/Your Kingdom Come** or on **YouTube**.

CHRISTMAS BUCKET DRAW TICKETS go on sale next Sunday 16th October please help this to be a success by buying a ticket or two. If you can help sell tickets before or after Mass please put your name on the list at the back of Church.

Dates for your diary.

26th October Meeting for the Christmas Fair 7. 30pm Parish Hall.

30th October Gift SIFT SUNDAY.

13th November BOTTLE SUNDAY.

3rd December CHRISTMAS FAIR

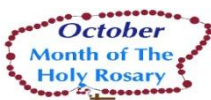
REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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?

THE BARLOW RC HIGH SCHOOL - Open Mornings Thursday 13th and Friday 14th October 2011. Call 0161 445 8053 to arrange an appointment or email admin@barlowrc.manchester.sch.uk

RCIA/Journey in Faith: For those interested in becoming Catholic or finding out more about the Catholic Faith. The next meeting is on Thursday 13th October at 2.00pm.

EVENINGS WITH FR. HENRY WANSBROUGH OSB - Second of two evenings - Wednesday 12th October, "The Eucharist in Scripture." St. Gabriel's High School Bury 7.30pm-9.30pm. Booking forms on the notice board at the back of Church or via the Diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/

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.

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.



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 £389, 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

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.

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.

MASS READERS FOR OCTOBER

Time	Reader One	Reader Two	Prayers
10.00am	George Hughes	Audrey King	Tony Black
6.00pm	Andrew Smith	John Press	Shelagh Bridge

If unavailable please contact Tony Black

PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS

		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	9 th October	7	5	4	3
Next week	16 th October	8	New Group 1	5	4
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7pm
This week	9 th October	2a	2	4	2
Next week	16 th October	3a	3	1	3

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.

Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am; please note that as from next Sunday we will operate with the 5 new groups. There are lists at the back of church with the new groupings.

(New Group 1: Christine Appleton, Mary Black, Stephen Bourke, Kathleen Clarke, Imelda Dean, Kath Dinan, Angela Close, Margaret Mining).