

ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(World Communications Day)

16th May 2010

This Week in Church

Today Mass at **10.00am & 6.00pm**

Monday 17th May

Eucharistic Service at 9.00am

Tuesday 18th May

Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday 19th May

Mass at 9.00am

Thursday 20th May

School Mass at 9.30am

Friday 21th May

Mass at 9.00am

Saturday 22th May

Sacrament of Reconciliation

and Exposition 11.00am-12 Noon

Mass at 12 Noon



Gospel Reflection

When we face loss in our lives we realise how painful separation and absence can be. Jesus' disappearance from sight is not an absence, which his followers fear it will be, but rather a new kind of presence. In the time after his Ascension to the Father, Jesus' followers are commissioned to "preach in his name to all nations." What are we called to preach? That nothing, not even suffering and death separates us from God, and that new life and forgiveness is there for all who call on the Lord's name. His Ascension leads to the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, given so that we can be his people here and now. He is not absent, he is risen for all people, for all time and with us in the power of the Spirit. This is the very presence of God with us.

Fr. Steven

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

During the month of May the Holy Rosary will be prayed in Church each weekday evening. On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7.00pm, and Tuesday before Mass at 6.30pm. Let us ask for the help of Our Lady's prayers for the Church for healing and renewal.

YOUNG AT HEART – Parish Hall Mondays 1.00pm - 3.00pm

LEGION OF MARY – Parish Hall Tuesdays 7.45pm

WEDNESDAY 19th MAY – Thanksgiving Mass at St Mary's, Levenshulme, 8.00pm
Celebrant Fr Pat Clarke CSSP. Refreshments in the Hall after Mass.

DIVINE MERCY MEETINGS – Sacristy Thursdays 7.30pm

FRIDAYS IN MAY. As suggested in the letter from our Bishops, they have asked that we use the Fridays of May to offer prayers for victims of abuse and to pray for healing and renewal in the Church. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after Mass on Friday until 1.00pm.

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Christians together in Burnage: next Sunday 23rd May 4.00pm, Joint Service here at St. Bernard's to mark a week of prayer for Pentecost.

Weekday Services: Monday 24th May Christ Church, Burnage 10.30am, Tuesday 25th South Manchester Family Church, Burnage Lane 7.00am, Wednesday 26th May here at St Bernard's 2.00pm, Thursday 27th May St Nicholas' Church 7.30pm, Friday 28th May St Margaret's 12 noon.

PAPAL VISIT: Pope Benedict XVI will be visiting the United Kingdom from 16th -19th September. Each diocese is asked to contribute to the cost of the visit. At the recent Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, the Bishops asked that a collection be taken in every parish on Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May. This will be in the form of a retiring collection next Sunday.

Next Sunday is the **Plant sale**. Please help this sale to be a success by donating or buying a plant or two. Anyone donating plants please bring to Parish Hall before the 10.00am Mass. Thank you for your continuous support.

LOURDES YOUTH FUNDRAISING EVENT here at St Bernard's – Come and enjoy yourself on the evening of 11 June. 7.00pm until 10.00pm – A Parish Dance. All styles of music. £2.00 per ticket - £2.50 on the door. Everyone welcome!

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE – SEEDS OF HOPE JUNE 11th – 13th June 2010 at Liverpool Hope University Many speakers including Fr Pat Deegan (Our Lady's Moss Side) and Delia Smith. Archbishop Patrick Kelly will celebrate Mass on Saturday. To register call 07543 800 812 for more information visit www.northernatholic.co.uk

On **FRIDAY 25TH JUNE AT 7.00PM** Bishop Brain will join us with the clergy of the Diocese and offer a **DIOCESAN REQUIEM MASS FOR FR. KEANE HERE AT ST. BERNARD'S**.

A DAY IN THE LAKES SATURDAY 26th June 8.00am – 6.00pm £12 per seat. List open at the back of church, next week or contact Ann Tipper or Mrs Pat Jones.

OTHER NOTICES

SAFETY IN THE CAR PARK: Please be mindful of the numbers of people coming and going after Mass on Sunday, and of the numbers of children around outside now the weather is improving. There is a lot of traffic on a little site!

BAPTISM - Please make initial enquiry to Fr. Steven following any Sunday Mass.

PARISH MINISTRIES					
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee
This week	16/05/10	6	4	1	1
Next week	23/05/10	7	5	2	2
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday evening
This week	16/05/10	1	4	3	5
Next week	23/05/10	2	5	4	1

Please Note: Signed Mass cards (Sympathy and Special Intention) can be obtained from Bridie Close, 44 Shawbrook Road, during the week: On Sundays they can be obtained at the Bookstall situated at back of church, or the Piety Stall situated in parish hall. Items for the Bulletin should be either posted through the Presbytery door or emailed to anniteresa@hotmail.com please type St Bernard's (in subject line) by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday.
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