

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Sunday	8 th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	10.00am 6.00pm	Feast Day Mass Feast Day Mass
Monday	9 th January	The Baptism of the Lord	9.00am	Mass
Tuesday	10 th January		7.00pm	Mass
Wednesday	11 th January		9.00am	Service of the Word and Eucharist
Thursday	12 th January	St Aelred of Rievaulx	9.00am	Service of the Word and Eucharist
Friday	13 th January	St Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church	9.00am	Service of the Word and Eucharist
Saturday	14 th January	Of the day	11-12noon 12 noon	Exposition and Confessions Mass
Sunday	15 th January	Peace Day	10.00am 6.00pm	

Holy Father's Intentions for January:

- That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.
- That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

MY dear people, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, the coming of the wise men: so let me once again wish you a Happy Christmas! Many countries celebrate Christmas today, in Spain it is the day when presents are exchanged. In a way it's a pity that in our Country, there is little celebration, because here is the opportunity to join with the wise men and offer our gifts to the Lord. What will you give him? Each of us is blessed with so much, many of our gifts have matured over the years, and we also discover from time to time new gifts. We can be the people, who help others shine, who are the source of affirmation, who can bring out the best in others. This is in itself a wonderful gift, and so often if we are honest it is reciprocated. One of the gifts that we can give which is very precious is the gift of our time. We never seem to have enough time, there is always something to do, places to go and jobs to be done. But I would say part of loving ourselves is recognising that we need time for ourselves, a little bit of space that is indeed precious. In that time we could even find a little time for God. Once you learn to give yourself time and space, it becomes much more easier to share a little of it with others, it no longer becomes a chore but rather a gift that you can share. It is amazing how a small gift of time given to someone can make a real difference. As Pope John Paul II said "You start off doing something for them, then you realise that they are doing far more for you". Over the next few weeks we will be looking at our gifts and needs and time, in respect of service in the Parish. I am amazed how many gifts and kindness I have already spotted and think it would be wonderful to build on such solid foundations, to make sure that all that we have which is so precious to us is something that we can hand over safely to the next generation. Our willingness and desire may very well be the gifts we present to the Lord today. "Wise men came looking for the Lord, wise men still do today!" God Bless mj.k.

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Pat Mary Gallagher who has died aged 79, whose Mass and cremation took place Friday last; May she rest in peace +

Masses received this week; Maureen Lyons, Katherine Gleeson, Robert Wafer, Kathleen Maye, Evie Mitton, Eddie Marron, Bridie & Luke Marron, Annie & William Mitton, Winnie & Joe Outram, Winnie Outram, In Hon of Our Lady, Special Intention, James Moore, Anne Moore, Edward Moore, Moore Family, Johnnie Kenny, David Hallicki, Paddy McDevitt.

Sick: please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Alan O'Donnell, Fr. Vincent Cavey, Peter Burton, Tullio Biasetti, Lannis Agnew, Christopher Makin, Clare Keane.

Journey in faith: if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about our faith we will recommence **Wednesday 25th January at 7pm** in the Parish Centre.

The Sacrament of Baptism: if you have a child for baptism, please let us know ASAP, so we can make the usual arrangements, the next Baptism Sunday will be 29th January. Thanks.

URGENT: Getting married next year? Now is the time to contact Fr. Michael to make arrangements: please ring for an appointment. **Please note** the Deanery preparation course which is obligatory begins on 29th January. Please pick up application forms from Fr. Michael after Mass. Thanks

TODAY

WHITE FLOWER: Today a retiring collection will be taken to help the work of SPUC, which works for the protection of unborn children. Please be generous. Thanks.

CAFOD: Let us continue to share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need and the **CAFOD** box is out in support of our **Ethiopian Project** and another St. Bernard tradition continues**CAFOD** will be happy to receive your surplus Christmas presents for our next event there will be a box in the porch for the next few weeks. Many Thanks.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

- **YOUNG AT HEART** - restarts tomorrow and is on every Monday in the Parish Hall 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- **LEGION OF MARY** - Parish Hall - Tuesdays - 7.45pm
- **DIVINE MERCY** - Sacristy - Thursdays - 7.30pm , resumes this Thursday.

OTHER NOTICES

APF and Mill Hill Missions (red Boxes): Collector's books and calendars are in the Parish Hall.

Diocese of Salford Almanacs now on sale £3.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD MASS READERS FOR JANUARY			
	Reader 1	Reader 2	Prayers
10.00am	Tony Black	Trevor Richards	Audrey Stedford
6.00pm	Shelagh Bridge	Andrew Smith	Tony Addyman
If you unavailable anytime, please arrange a stand-in or contact Tony Black 445 1788			

PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS

		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	8 th January	8	3	3	2
Next week	15 th January	9	4	4	3
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7.00pm
This week	8 th January	2a	2	1	5
Next week	15 th January	3a	3	2	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 anniateresa@hotmail.com by Thursday for inclusion the following Sunday.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

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.

Fancy a Chuckle?

- ♦ A jump-lead walks into a bar. The barman says "I'll serve you, but don't start anything"
- ♦ The other day I sent my girlfriend a huge pile of snow. I rang her up, I said "Did you get my drift?"
- ♦ I cleaned the attic with the wife the other day. Now I can't get the cobwebs out of her hair.
- ♦ A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

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