

ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN
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Clergy - Fr Steven Parkinson

Third Sunday in Lent

7th March 2010

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today Sunday	Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction 4.00pm (see below)
Monday 8 th March	Eucharistic Service 9.00am
Tuesday 9 th March	Requiem Mass at 7.00pm for John Joseph McHugh RIP
Wednesday 10 th March	Mass at 9.00am
Thursday 11 th March	Mass 9.00am
Friday 12 th March	Mass at 6.30am (Mass also at St Mary's and St Catherine's both at 12 noon)
Saturday 13 th March	Confessions and Exposition 11.00am – 12 noon Mass at 12 noon

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Repentance is one of the themes of our Lenten journey. Jesus in the Gospel refers to two local recent events to remind people of how fragile life is. We not only see that on the news on television but we also know it at times in the circumstances of our own lives.

There are times when we have to change direction in life, and in our lives of faith we are constantly invited to turn to God and let Him in, this is the meaning of repentance. Today's readings teach that repentance brings salvation and new and real freedom. This idea is emphasised in the parable, where the tree is not condemned immediately but given a chance to change and produce fruit. This is what God is like; He can take what is almost dead in us and coax it to new life. Lent is the time to let the new life God offers take hold of us.

Fr. Steven

TODAY

ST BERNARD'S YOUTH TO LOURDES (SBYTL) Today We welcome Gerard Markland

(composer of some of our great modern Hymns such as "Do not be afraid," and "I will be with you"), and friends supporting St. Bernard's Youth to Lourdes. They will lead Stations of the Cross, which will conclude with Benediction. A collection will be taken for the Lourdes Fund. Also today there will be a box at the back of church for paperback books, CD's and DVD's. We aim to have a stall in the Parish Hall in a few weeks to resell these unwanted items for SBYTL in July. Many thanks.

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RECENT BAPTISMS - We welcome Orlajh Markey, Morgan Wright and Olivia White who have recently been Baptised.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

DIVINE MERCY MEETINGS Thursday 7.30pm

CTIB LENT STUDIES - This week on Thursday 11th March in St Bernard's Church.

LOURDES BY COACH - Joining the Diocesan pilgrimage 29th July/8th August - no overnight driving. 1 night in Orleans - 7 nights in Lourdes - 1 night in Nevers, visiting St Bernadette and 1 night in Paris. Fr. Steven will join us for the Lourdes part of the Pilgrimage, 8 seats remain on the coach - contact Ann Tipper if you wish 442 5259.

HOLY ISLAND - Parish Pilgrimage Saturday 8th May to Sunday 9th May. Fr Steven will be leading this pilgrimage. Full details on the church notice board. Please note only 45 seats on the coach and NO SINGLE ROOMS. Contact Ann Tipper.

Baptism - Parents wishing to have their child baptised, please make initial enquiry to Fr Steven following any Sunday Mass.

OTHER NOTICES

GIFT AID If you contribute to the Parish and pay tax to the Inland Revenue on earnings, pension or savings, you can enable the Parish to reclaim money from the Inland Revenue by signing up to the Gift Aid scheme. It will not cost you anything more than the contribution you have already made but will then benefit the Parish by the tax relief that will be paid to the parish. If interested, please take one of the pink information leaflets at the back of church or see Bernard Grigaitis, the Parish Organiser. Thanks to everyone who is already on the scheme.

JOB ADVERT Catholic Children's Rescue Society - Waking Night Staff (Young Women and Their Babies) See Noticeboard at the back of church.

PARISH MINISTRIES					
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee
This week	07.03.10	8	6	4	5
Next week	14.03.10	9	1	5	6
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday evening
This week	07.03.10	3	4	1	5
Next week	14.03.10	1	5	2	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 annieteresa@hotmail.com by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday

Last Sunday 1135

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