

**ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN**  
**BURNAGE, MANCHESTER, M19 1DR (0161) 432 3628**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**20<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**Clergy - Fr Steven Parkinson**

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**THIS WEEK IN CHURCH**

Today - Sunday	Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm
Monday	Eucharistic Service 9.00am
Tuesday	Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday	Mass at 9.00am
Thursday	Mass at 9.00am – School Mass
Friday	Mass at 9.00am
Saturday	Confessions and Exposition 11.00am – 12 noon Mass at 12 noon

**TODAY**

*Grateful thanks for the support given to the parish meeting on Thursday evening. It was such a good turn out and a positive discussion. The minutes are on display in the narthex (back of church) describing topics of discussion and issues raised. Main items from the meeting printed below. I intend to call a quarterly open meeting (ie 4 times a year) when we can reflect on particular and ongoing issues in the life of our faith community. Many thanks for all you do for our parish.*

*Fr Steven*

**Frs Ahern, Egan and William** – Discussed at the parish meeting was the desire to recognise how Fr Ahern, Fr Egan and Fr William helped the parish after the retirement of Fr Keane. It was suggested that for the next Sunday there should be an opportunity to contribute to a gift for them via a retiring collection. This is a particular situation and retiring collections will not be frequent.

**Counting and Cleaning Teams** – An Appeal has been made for another cleaning and counting team to go on the rotas. Counting is at a set time and cleaning can be done at a time to suit the team. Please consider these 'hidden' but such important practical ministries if you are not already involved in the life of the parish.

**Induction of Fr Steven as Parish Priest** – Fr Steven will be formally inducted as parish priest on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October during Mass at 7.30pm. Such a celebration reminds each one of us of our baptismal calling to serve God and each other in our shared and individual Ministries.

**Ministers of the Eucharist** – Please could all Ministers of the Eucharist post into the Presbytery their names and contact details and the same details of anyone to whom they take Holy Communion, simply to ensure our records are up-to-date.

**Over 70's** - It was proposed at the parish meeting that we develop a social group for older parishioners. A suggested name for this group was 'Young at Heart'. Some people volunteered to look at this, any one else who would like to be part of the planning please let Fr Steven know.

**Today is Home Mission Sunday (England and Wales)** - 'They will know Him by the good works that you do.' We all know someone who needs to hear the Good News that God loves and forgives them. Home Mission Sunday provides Catholic parishes, communities, families and individuals the opportunity to reflect, pray and be resourced to share that Good News with the many different people that they encounter every day. This year's theme is 'They will know Him by the good works that you do,' and has been chosen in prayerful response to the content of the Scripture readings for the day and the current economic climate. Parishes and individuals are being invited to consider how they can evangelise by showing their faith through loving support and service of those in need at this time. They are reminded to

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use the opportunities that present themselves to explain the reason for their actions – in response to the love of Christ. (1 Peter 3:15) [www.catholicchurch.org.uk](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**YOUTH SERVICE AND PRAYER VIGIL SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 7.00PM AT SALFORD CATHEDRAL** to coincide with the visit of St Therese of Lisieux's Relics at Salford Cathedral. Any young person (14yrs and above) interested in attending see Ann Tipper or Fr Steven. We will gather at 5.45pm next Saturday in the Parish Hall. (Parental consent is needed for those under 16 years of age).

Enjoy a **Great Variety Night** with Bar & Raffles at **St. Catherine's Community Centre, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm** in aid of Cafod Virtual Village. Tickets £5 from Roger on 07985 196 313.

**CAKE SALE NEXT WEEK** Please help this to once again be a success by baking and buying a cake or two. Bring any cakes along to the Parish Hall on the day of the sale before the 10am Mass. Thank you for your continued support. Fundraising Group.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Weekend 12 noon Mass Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October followed by a LiveSimply lunch with tombola, Fairtrade & Bits & Pieces stalls, continuing after Mass on Sunday.

**PANTOMIME – SNOW WHITE AND 7 DWARFS** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December a deposit of a non refundable deposit of £3 asap. List is open at the back of church or contact Ann Tipper 442 5259.

## OTHER NOTICES

Volunteers needed to help out before, during and after Mass, to help opening and closing the main door, dealing with the offertory collection bags and directing Eucharistic Ministers to parishioners not able to queue. Please see Fr Steven or Bernard Grigaitis if you would like to undertake this role as an apparator.

Catholic Family Care (formerly The Catholic Needlework Guild) – are now accepting donations and new clothing . Please see Eileen or Liam McMahon over the next couple of weeks.

**BAPTISM** - Parents wishing to have their child baptised, please make initial enquiry to Fr Steven after any Mass.

**Offertory Rota** Sunday 10.00am (8) E Connor O Hogan Next Week J Turner, C Turner

**Counting This Week** (1) Mary Moran, Margaret Moran, K Clarke, Judith Naughton, Helen Chance Next week P Hixon, M Thompson, M Rowley, M Saunders, D Atkinson

**Weekday Ministers of the Eucharist** Comfort Mensah, Pat Jones Next Week Liam McMahon, Mary Rowley

**Eucharistic Ministers (6)** Bernadette Kirstein, Bernadette Roan , Bill Picken, Delia Dimitrui, John McCormack, Rebecca Hennigan Next Week Christine Appleton, Imelda Dean, James Hennigan, Kathleen Clarke, Kathin Dinan, Margaret Mining, Mary Black, Stephen Bourke

**Eucharistic Ministers 6.00pm (4a)** Kath Petty, Mary Peel, K Kearnan Next Week Jed Froggatt, Ann Kearnan

**Cleaning this Week (3)** P Jones, J Press, C Corrigan Next week C Kelly, B McGonagle, B Roan, M Barnes

**Tea Coffee Rota (6)** M Saunders, M Allcock, E Bostock Next Week M Thompson, M Seamark, D Dumpleton

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 Parish Bulletin should be either posted through the Presbytery door or emailed to [anniateresa@hotmail.com](mailto:anniateresa@hotmail.com) by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday.