

ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN
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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

29th November 2009

Clergy - Fr Steven Parkinson

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

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

TODAY

As usual, the great Season of Advent begins, not by talking about Christmas, but about the Second Coming. We've had this theme already for the past two weeks, but there is a slight change of emphasis in the Scripture readings offered for this Sunday: here the tone is positive: it is the "promise" of what is to come that we contemplate. Even in the Gospel, though it talks of the dreadful signs that mark the end times, we hear of a promise - "liberation". For this we should stand erect and hold our heads high. The central theme is that we welcome the coming of a person - Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, and this is what links this Sunday to the coming feast of his birth: we are now preparing to celebrate how he once came: may these preparations also help us to prepare for him when he comes again.

PROLONGED EXPOSITION (QUARANT'ORE)

CHRISTMAS FAIR nearly there! Christmas Fair this Saturday 5th December - doors open at 12.30pm . Helpers please report Friday to the Parish Hall from 4.00pm for transfer of goods and tables to the School Hall. Anyone baking cakes please bring along Friday after 5pm to the School Hall or on Saturday morning before 12 noon. All new Saturday helpers please check in with Bernadette in the school hall between 10.00am and 11.00am. Don't forget your raffle tickets all raffles draws to take place in School Hall at 3.00pm. **A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

JOURNEY IN FAITH/RCIA -For those interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, perhaps with a view to becoming a Catholic, or for those who would like to come back to Church or reflect about their faith. Next meeting Tuesday 1st December at 7.00pm in the presbytery (Priest's House).

Divine Mercy Meeting on Thursday 7.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration Friday 4th December at 8.30pm - 3.30am in the Marist Centre, Nell Lane. Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00am - 3.30am. Refreshments available. Anyone welcome for all or part of the night.

This year's SVP Christmas Party (Over 60's) will be held on Saturday 12th December after the 12 noon Mass list at the back of church.

Barlow High School have party for Senior Citizens party will be held on Thursday 17th December start

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time 1.15pm. There will be a list at the back of church for 15 people.

PARISH CHRISTMAS MEAL in the Parish Hall, on Monday 21st December 7.00pm – 9.30pm. Tickets are £5 and need to be purchased in advance and contact Pat Jones or Bridie Close.

OTHER NOTICES

CAFOD – Make a World of Difference – give your friend a goat, chicken or piglet for Christmas. Your friend receives a beautiful card and the poor communities have their lives transformed. Cafod world leaflets in the porch and will explain how it all works.

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

All rotas are now printed in full on the **Parish Ministries Board**. The printed list for each individual will be available at the back of church in an envelope.

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

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 anniteresa@hotmail.com by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday.

Last Sunday