

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN



15th January 2012

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Peace in the World

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Sunday	15 th January	Second Sunday of Ordinary time	10.00am 6.00pm	
Monday	16 th January	Of the day	9.00am	Service of the Word and Eucharist
Tuesday	17 ^h January	St. Anthony	7.00pm	Service of the Word and Eucharist
Wednesday	18 th January	Of the day Beginning of the Octave for Christian Unity	9.00am	Service of the Word and Eucharist
Thursday	19 th January	St Wulstan	9.00am	Service of the Word and Eucharist
Friday	20 th January	St Sebastian	9.00am	Service of the Word and Eucharist
Saturday	21 th January	St. Agnes	11-12 noon 12 noon	Exposition and confessions Mass
Sunday	22 th January	3 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	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, it is Peace Sunday today and I suppose that there has never been a time when there was not a war going on, or some other form of violence taking place. The difference is that these days we hear about everything as it happens. Even so we must not give up on working for peace, not only in a Global sense but also within our local community and in our families. Blessed indeed are the peacemakers!

One of the characteristics of Parish life is the sense of belonging and feeling at home; the welcome we give can be the invitation to come back. There is a warmth here in Burnage which we need to build on, and even risk bringing on a heat wave! It seems right that we try to involve as many people as possible in the ministries of service that we have and will have. I am very pleased that we have many varied groups and especially with the visits made by our Eucharistic Ministers and members of the Legion of Mary, which tells us that the sick and housebound are not being neglected and that the pulse of the Parish is beating with care and kindness. In the next few weeks I will be meeting with young people from the Parish, and also those who run our groups and programmes, with a view to listening and helping to gain a fuller picture of what we have going on. It will give you the opportunity to make suggestions and share your ideas and at the beginning of February we will have a Parish meeting for feed back and information. Some things that have been mentioned to me over the last few weeks, are things like a Ladies Group, a Choir, something for young people, a prayer group, young mums group, an SVP, a bereavement support team, some of you know my reputation and wondered whether I would start a theatre group!: continuing with pilgrimages and so on! I am willing to listen to all the possibilities and nothing is written in stone. Please God we will have the time and energy to do what is needed and will meet the needs of the Parish not only for today but for tomorrow. I am very grateful to all who do so many things so often and generously, and would be delighted to see a few more coming out of the wood work to play their part too. This I hope will be the beginning of a conversation that will go on for sometime, its productivity level will be seen when our words turn into action. Thanks for reading this, now lets get our thinking caps on. God Bless mj.k.

Masses received this week: Richard Walsh, Paddy McDevitt, Johnnie Kenny, David Hallicki, Special Intention, John Finlan, Richard Walsh, Luke Duffy, Anne McDonald, Francis Richard McLaughlin, Joy Monaghan, Mary Kate Walsh, Sean Tolin, Adam Cooke, Special Intention, Eugene Gallagher.

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.

CHRISTIAN'S TOGETHER IN BURNAGE UNITY WEEK 2012

Monday 16th	7.30pm	St Nicholas', Burnage Lane
Tuesday 17th	7.00am	South Manchester Family Church, Burnage Lane
Wednesday 18th	2.00pm	St. Bernard's Church
Thursday 19th	7.30pm	Christ Church, Parrs Wood Road
Friday 20 th	12 noon	St. Margaret's Church, Burnage Lane
Sunday 22nd	4.00pm	St. Nicholas Church, Burnage Lane

It is always good to share with our fellow Churches, and give a strong witness for the Lord together, do try to come to one of these events if you can

Mass offerings: you are very good at remembering loved ones and other intentions which I can see by the many Masses that come in each week. As you know more Masses come in than I can possibly say, so most are sent off to the Missions or to our retired Priests. The whole idea of the offering was to keep a priest for a day and the least they can accept these days is £5. I know things are tight at the moment for many, but I just thought I should let you know what they say to us. Thanks.

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

The Sacrament of Baptism: Please see note under Forthcoming events.

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

Special Anniversaries: If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary during the year, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th please let Father Know as during the year we will be having a special celebration.

TODAY

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 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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

BAPTISM MEETING TUESDAY 17th JANUARY AT 7.30pm - This meeting will be for parents of children who would like their child(ren) baptised in the near future.

CHRISTMAS FAIR HELPERS - Next **SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY** anyone who helped in any way towards the Christmas Fair are welcome to join us for a thank you social evening in the Parish Hall from 6.30pm. If you are able to attend but not yet given your name please see Bernadette after 10.00am Mass in The Parish Hall or contact 0161 442 5965 for further information.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE there will be a get together in the Parish Hall on **MONDAY 23RD JANUARY AT 7.00PM**, with a view to setting up a young people's group in the Parish Hall. Age group secondary school upwards please. Be cool be there dude!

OTHER NOTICES

APF and Mill Hill Missions (red Boxes): collectors 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	15 th January	9	4	4	3
Next week	22 nd January	10	5	5	4
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7.00pm
This week	15 th January	3a	3	2	1
Next week	22 nd January	1a	4	3	2

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 annieteresa@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.

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