

# ST BERNARD'S, BURNAGE, MANCHESTER, M19 1DR

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22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

30<sup>th</sup> August 2009

## Welcome to Fr Steven Parkinson

Clergy:

Fr Steven Parkinson

Retired Clergy:

Fr Pat Keane

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### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - " Keeping Up Appearances

Ever driven along the motorway on a Sunday afternoon abiding by all the roadwork restrictions even though the road works have long been and gone? Our society is riddled with rules and traditions that we feel we must abide by even if the essence of that rule is long redundant. We have become a society motivated by what other people think of us. We live our lives according to rules that our parents and grandparents have taught us, not because we necessarily agree with the rules, but because we don't want to cause offence or be seen to be politically incorrect. Our caution spills over into our religious lives too. Often we can put on our Sunday best and go through the motions of being a Christian with no greater thought than the impression we're making.

In today's gospel Jesus voices exasperation with rules that are burdensome and relatively unimportant when there is so much more we could be concerned with.

In biblical days there were a great many traditions and rules on the proper way to prepare food. There were rituals regarding the washing of hands, pots, and bowls. In today's gospel Jesus shocks the Pharisees by suggesting that their man made laws are irrelevant. Without actually throwing the rulebook out of the window, he suggests that we concern ourselves with matters of greater importance, what really matters is what comes from our hearts. "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person," he tells them, "but the things that come out from within are what defile."

The person who goes to church on Sunday and appears to be doing all the right things, is not necessarily a good person if he or she doesn't do good deeds during the rest of the week. Similarly, the person who breaks man made laws is not necessarily a bad person. A truly evil deed starts with an evil thought from the heart, which is acted upon. What really matters is intent.

### THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today Sunday	Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm
Monday - Friday	Mass at 9.00am
Saturday	Confessions and Exposition 11.00 - 12 noon
	Mass at 12 noon

### TODAY

**CAKE SALE** cancelled, bulletin already printed last week sorry for any inconvenience caused.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**- If you can spare a little time to help the Gardening Group who tend to the church greenery, please contact Ted Cross or Mary Saunders or just come along at about 7.00pm to help.

**DIVINE MERCY MEETING every Thursday**, 7.30. All welcome.

**SALFORD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL (The Lancashire Shrine of Our Lady)**

**SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER** – Led by Canon Anthony McBride. Mass 2.00pm in St Mary's Church.

Following Mass in a Eucharistic Procession, quietly praying the Mysteries of Light of the Holy Rosary, we will walk along the ancient route to the Shrine where, after a short reflection, there will be an opportunity for quiet prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, time for Confessions, ending with Benediction. Refreshments will be served at 4.00pm

**36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ROSARY CRUSADE – SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 2.30pm – 4.30pm PLATT FIELDS** – special theme peace and reconciliation that they all may be one! Guest Preacher, Organised by the Legion of Mary.

**VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX – SALFORD CATHEDRAL FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**

## **ST BERNARD'S, BURNAGE, MANCHESTER, M19 1DR**

**SEPTEMBER** – The visit of the Relics of St Therese of Lisieux is a wonderful opportunity for us to renew our faith and learn about her very radical approach to following Christ. She always wanted to be a missionary and that is what she is doing now! Therese Martin lived and died a young person (she died aged 24). Her life both here on earth and in eternity as a special meaning from which we can learn about Christ's call to discipleship. No matter what our age is in years, our following of Christ is ever young and ever simple. It is the challenge to do 'ordinary things extraordinary well!' for love of Christ.

**BAPTISM MEETING** for Parents wishing to have their child baptised is on **Wednesday 23 September** 7.30pm in the presbytery, contact Janice 286 5673 or Annie 445 4754.

**SAVE THE DATES** 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair

### **OTHER NOTICES**

**Christian Gap Year** - "There is a vast range of gap year possibilities available today with many Christian organizations offering a whole variety of jobs in a variety of countries all over the world." These days there are many Christian Gap Year opportunities, which give young people a chance to express their faith in a number of ways. These may involve administration, youth work, evangelism, working with children, working in the community, working in school or teaching English in foreign countries. Finding Christian Gap Year opportunities - There are a number of secular websites who deal with gap year opportunities for a variety of other organisations, but what about Christian Gap Year opportunities? Fortunately, there are a few resources out there that provide this 'umbrella' service. 'Year for God' and 'OSCAR' are two of these and are both good places to start your search.

**Christian Aid Ending Poverty** - Christian Aid has launched a new attack on poverty. Here's what we have to do. Halt climate change. End corrupt government. Improve access to education and health services. Curb tax dodging by multinationals. Make internal trade rules fair. Increase aid to poor countries. People have created poverty so people can end it. Christian Aid has lots of ideas for us all to get involved. To learn how you can help make it happen visit [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

**Offertory Rota** Sunday 10.00am (5) F Duffy, G Hughes Next week Gallagher Family

**Counting This Week** (10) M Flatley, M Cox, T Kendrick, M Arthurs, J Kenrick, C Blackburn Next Week B Close, B Flatley, S Kenny, D and A Keyworth, P Kemp

**Weekday Ministers of the Eucharist** Pat Jones, Liam McMahon Next Week Mary Rowley, Ted Cross

**Eucharistic Ministers (3)** Bernard Grigatis, Denis Keyworth, Mary Gurney, Olive Hogan, Tara Collins, Liam McMahon Next Week Ann Richards, Denise Hamilton, Mary Saunders, Mary Rowley, Peggy Malynn, Barbara Phillips, Terry O'Neill, Tony Kirstein.

**Eucharistic Ministers 6.00pm (1a)** Jed Froggatt, Rita Froggatt Ann Kearnan. Next week Ann Tipper, Damien Stenson, Comfort Mensah

**Cleaning this Week (4)** C Kelly, B McGonagle, B Roan M Barnes Next week P Jones, J Press, C Corrigan

**Tea Coffee Rota** (3) P Jones, C Oakley B Close Next Week B Moorhouse, Angela Lord, Sandra McCormack

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. Full list of Mass Intentions received during the week on notice-board.