

ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31 JANUARY 2010

CLERGY FR. STEVEN PARKINSON

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today Sunday	Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm
Monday 1 st February	Eucharistic Service at 9.00am
Tuesday 2 nd February	Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday 3 rd February	Mass at 9.00am
Thursday 4 th February	School Mass at 9.00am
Friday 5 th February	Mass at 9.00am
Saturday 6 th February	Confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11am – 12 noon Mass at 12 noon

TODAY

Following on from last Sunday's Gospel we see that as long as Jesus announces glad tidings the crowd responds positively. But when Jesus challenges their narrowness with examples of Elijah and Elisha reaching out to Gentiles they become uncomfortable and angry. Whilst the Gospel is not always comfortable, it is always Good News, but it calls us to move beyond where we are now.

The Gospel is only Good News if we try to live it. Tuesday is the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple, Candlemas. The church traditionally blesses candles which remind us of the light of Christmas reaching into the whole year. By bringing to life the challenge of Gospel, we bring this light of Christ to one another and to those around us.

CAFOD Many thanks for your generous gift of surplus Christmas presents which will be very useful for our next event, **CAFOD Family Fast** Weekend 26th – 28th February.

Haiti Appeal Thanks to your great generosity we were able to give £2,000 to CAFOD towards the Haiti Appeal. Well done.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Divine Mercy Meetings Thursdays 7.30pm.

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Next Friday 5th February - Race Night at 7.00pm. This event is to help the youth of the parish to go to Lourdes. Please support them by buying a ticket for £1.50 available in the Parish Hall after morning Mass. Name a horse for £3 and win a prize if it wins the race. All good fun and the chance to support the parish youth.

Cake Sale Sunday 7th February in the Parish Hall once again to help the youth of the parish to go to Lourdes. Please support them by either baking a cake or buy a cake or two after Mass. Please bring cakes along to the Parish Hall before the 10.00am Mass. Thank you for your continued support.

Parish Ministries Day A quiet day open to anyone who serves the parish community in any way will be held on Saturday 6th March 9.45am – 3.30pm at the Marist Convent on Nell Lane. There will quiet time for individual prayer, some input and reflection. A soup lunch will be provided. Numbers are limited to 35. Suggested donation £3. Anyone interested, please write your name and contact details on an envelope containing your donation and put it through the presbytery letterbox. Nearer the time car shares will be organised if needed.

OTHER NOTICES

Lenten evening on the Gospel of Luke Tuesday 23rd February 7.30pm – 9.30pm at St. Gabriel's High School Bury with Fr. Denis McBride Csr. £5 donation. Booking forms(helpful but not essential!) available at the back of church.

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

Items for the Parish Bulletin should be either posted through the Presbytery door or emailed to annieteresa@hotmail.com by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday.

Ministry of the Word: Mass Readers for February			
	1	2	Prayers
10am.	Tony Black	Eileen Tansey	Liam McMahon
6pm.	John Press	Caroline Fahy	John Featherstone

If you are unavailable, please arrange a stand-in or contact for 10am Tony Black 445 1788 or for 6pm John Featherstone 432 0501.

All rotas are now printed in full on the Parish Ministries Board.

PARISH MINISTRIES				
	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee
This week 31.1.10	3	1	6	7
Next week 7. 2.10	4	2	7	1
	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday evening
This week 31.1.10	1	4	4	5
Next week 7.2.10	2	5	1	1

Last Sunday